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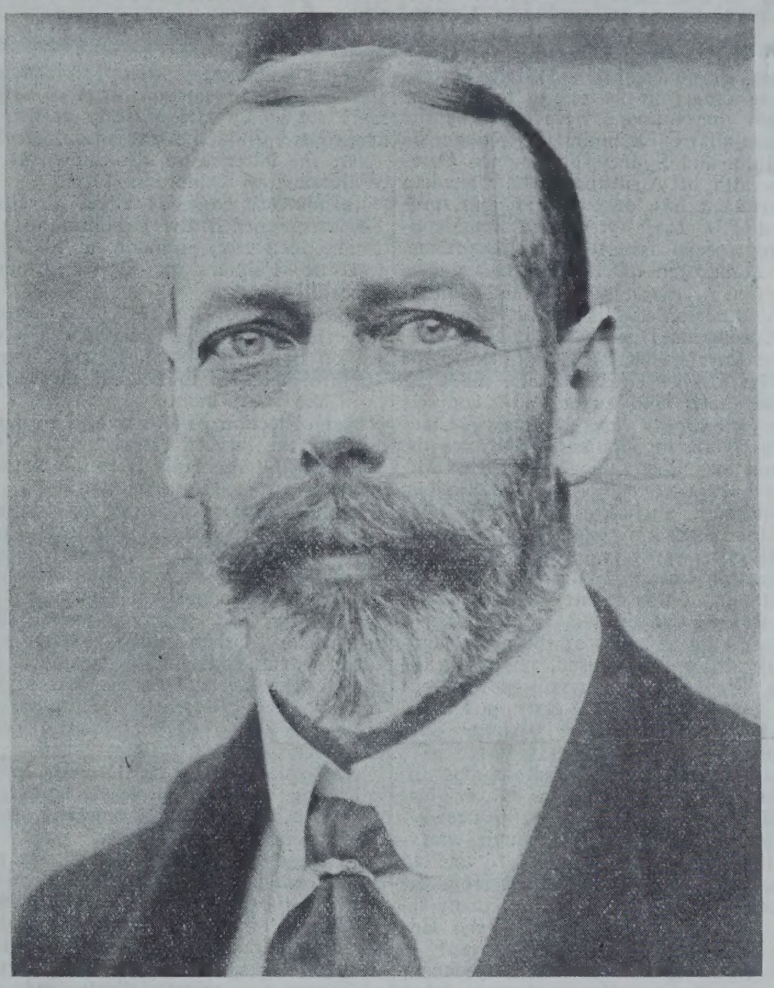

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The Royal collection is confined to the postal issues of Great Britain, the British Dominions and Egypt, and it contains some exceedingly rare specimens. Chief among these, in popular esteem, are the 1d and 2d "Post Office" Mauritius, the latter an unused copy—the finest known—acquired at auction in January in 1904, and the former a used copy obtained shortly afterwards from the collection of the Earl of Kintore. In the other issues of the stamps of this country, specimens are shown, used and unused, from the earliest to the latest states of the plate, notably three fine 2d unused, one with the error "Penoe," and an unused block of five, containing the same error, purchased in 1910. All other issues are practically complete.

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For four years prior to his accession to the Throne His Majesty was President of the Royal Philatelic Society, whose meetings he attended on more than one occasion, notably on March 4, 1904, when he read a paper in person upon Edwardian issues. King George has been instrumental in placing much official information at the disposal of collectors, thereby greatly facilitating the study of stamp production and postal history.

Subsequently a portion of the Royal collection has been displayed before the Royal Philatelic Society annually, at the first meeting of the session.

In May, 1921, His Majesty gave gracious consent to the inscribing of his name at the head of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists instituted by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

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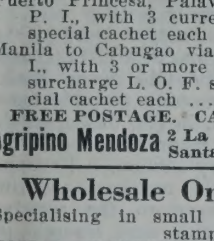

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

CANAL ZONE POSTAL REPORT, 1927-28

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Of the twelve Post Offices in operation in the Canal Zone on June 30, 1927 (all except Gamboa transacting Money Order business), that at Culebra (opened June 24, 1904) was closed on Sept. 30, 1927, when the Army post at Camp Gaillard (served by this office) was abandoned. Service for the few remaining residents on the west side of the Canal was furnished by the Pedro Miguel office until their removal from that area.

Receipts for the year were $181,922.78 (as against $181,589.04 in 1926-27), exceeding gross expenditure by $1,234.31 (in 1927 there was a deficit of $223.25), indicating that the service is self-sustaining despite the fact that approximately 60% of all mail handled locally is dispatched under official frank, from which the Bureau of Posts derives no revenues, but must bear the burden of transportation and other changes. If the cost of handling official mail were charged against the divisions concerned, the surplus of receipts over expenditure would approximate $40,000.00.

The sale of U. S. postage stamps and post cards overprinted "Canal Zone" was continued, but stamped envelopes were manufactured by the Panama Canal Press. It is proposed to discontinue the use of such overprinted postage stamps eventually and provide a distinctive series of Canal Zone postage stamps and other stamped paper. During the latter part of the year (May, 1928), orders were placed for the engraving and printing of two distinctive stamps for this service, i.e., 1c and 2c denominations, which will bear the likeness of Gen. Gorgas and Gen. Goethals, respectively.

During the year 113,485 Money Orders were issued ($2,412,104.17) with fees amounting to $10,522.91, and 37,929 ($1,081,599.59) were paid.

In the registry division, 234,858 letters and parcels were handled, of which 40,504 were official and accepted without registration fee.

During the year, a total of 3,876 dispatches of mail were made from Cristobal to the U. S. and various foreign exchange Post Offices, and 4,437 were received. At Balboa 1,785 dispatches were made, and 1,020 received.

The routing of mail to and from the U. S. via Key West and Habana continued to show gratifying results. On account of the increase in the number of letters mailed locally for conveyance by the U. S. air mail routes, special dispatches were made up to New Orleans to connect with the air route from Pilottown to New Orleans, and thence with the New Orleans to New York (via Atlanta) air mail route, which opened on May 1, 1928.

When the route is established to Miami and Key West, special air mail sacks will be made up and routed via Habana. (The Atlanta-Jacksonville-Miami air service was inaugurated December 1, 1928, and that from Miami to Habana on Sept. 15, 1928—the service north from Habana to Miami is scheduled for opening during December, 1928.)

A supply of 2c stamped envelopes (sizes 6 and 9) was printed during the year (and issued May 21, 1928) for use in connection with air mail letters, and have proven popular with Post Office patrons. (Additional Canal Zone stamps must of course be attached to these 2c air stamped envelopes to make up the proper postage; i.e., 10c per half ounce until July 31, 1928; since August 1, 1928, 5c for the first ounce, and 10c for subsequent ounces.

It is expected that the air mail route to Panama from Key West via Habana and Central American ports will be placed in operation during the coming year.

Postage stamps valued at $120,936.60 were sold during the year, compared with $116,472.66 and $113,657.74 in the two previous years.

The census taken in June, 1928, disclosed a civilian population of 28,002, and a military population of 9,510, a total of 37,512.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, three consignments of U. S. postage stamps and cards were overprinted "Canal Zone" and dispatched from Washington—

Sept. 27, 1927,	2,130,000 stamps	$74,100
Dec. 1, 1927,	297,800 stamps	14,626
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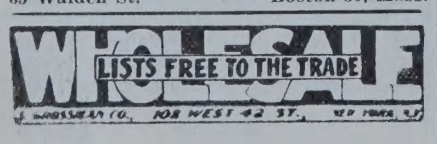

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Review of Report of the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 1928

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the year ending June 30, 1928, has just come to hand. While the report is always of interest to the philatelic fraternity, this year there will be more details read with interest by the stamp collector, than ever before. In the first place, statement is made that the Director has prepared a mimeographed circular giving a brief history of the Bureau, and the description of the manufacture of postage stamps. A copy of this may be had upon request. During the year in question 147,652,421 sheets of postage stamps were turned out, including not only the regular issues, but commemoratives as well. Dies were engraved for the new Valley Forge 2-cent, the 5-cent Air Mail, the Special-Handling 10-cent, 15-cent and 20-cent, in addition to seven varieties of Philippine postage due stamps.

A change in the procedure of chroming rotary steel plates, which improved the wearing qualities, was effected. It was found by a comparison of wearing qualities that case-hardened rotary plates were unfit for further use after the printing of 42,000 impressions, while chromed plates showed little signs of wear until they reached 60,000 impressions. As a consequence an electrolytic alkaline stripping solution, which removes the chromium from the rotary steel plates without causing the metal to etch after 60,000 impressions have been taken, was effected. The plate is then rechromed and another 60,000 impressions printed. This operation can be repeated indefinitely. A number of sets of plates at press have printed more than a million impressions.

We are further informed that during the year a quality of paper of a softer and more absorbent type was adopted, which afforded better facilities for the drying of ink. This change practically eliminates off-setting. The change in the paper, however, has been so slight that it has not been noted philatelically, although the violet-ray lamp would possibly show a difference.

The regular stamp which was issued in the smallest quantity was the $5 blue and black of which 53,010 were delivered to postmasters. Of the lower denominations the 25c is the one issued in the smallest number, deliveries having amounted to 13,557,900. There were nearly twenty million of the 14c, nearly forty million of the 11c, and somewhat over seventy-seven million of the 9c. Deliveries of the Vermont and Burgoyne stamps are of interest because they possibly include all printed. Of the former there was 39,974,900, and of the latter 25,628,450. Of the postage due stamps, a surprising thing is the fact that of the 10c just about one-half million were issued, while of all other denominations two million or more were distributed. There were large deliveries of the 30c, so that the perforated 11 variety will soon be quite common.

The Bureau delivered 2,427,800 stamps to the Canal Zone, and nearly fifty-three million stamps to the Philippines. The postage due stamps are not likely to be rare, as quantities in excess of 250,000 were issued in each case. Only 11,300 of the 10 peso were shipped to the Islands, while among the lower denominations the 26 centavos seems to be the more desirable with about one-half million issued. One stamp that I note in the lot, which has not been seen, is the 2 centavos in booklet form. It will be quite common, for 2,400,000 stamps were so issued.

Among the revenue stamps, the issue of 1916 Wine varieties are mentioned. As this law was repealed some months earlier, delivery of these varieties cannot be accounted for. Around one-half million of "Future Delivery" stamps were issued, while over thirty-two million of the "Stock Transfer" stamps were distributed, so that it looks as if in the near future, there will be a reversal of present conditions, where the Stock Transfer seem to be the scarcer. Nearly sixty million Playing Card varieties appeared, of which five-sixths were in precancelled condition. A little less than three million Narcotic stamps were delivered to the Treasury Department. This year's report does not separate the denominations of the revenue stamps, so that only the figures in their entirety are available.

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—Annual Christmas Party of the Rhode Island Society.

By WILMARTH H. COLWELL.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, the Rhode Island Philatelic Society held its Annual Christmas Party. Some thirty members gathered in the society rooms in the annex of the Old Stone Bank, Providence. Our meeting place is most cozy and delightful, in one of our city's fine old colonial mansions. Here we held a complimentary auction. All stamps were donated by the members and the proceeds turned over to the society. Some very fine stamps were brought in and the society realized about $200 from the sale. Old U. S., early Canada, Argentine and Confederate States were among the choice items that went under the hammer. A grab bag was in evidence and many fine presents it contained, brought in by the members. Everyone was in an unusually happy frame of mind and good fellowship reigned supreme the whole evening. Shortly before midnight we sat down to a table loaded with appealing refreshments and did justice to the well chosen supply.

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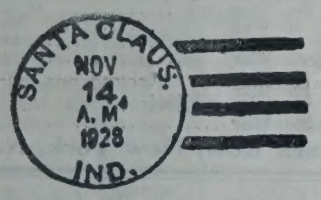
To say that Santa Claus may be seen on a sweltering day in July as well as in snowy December may sound fictitious to those who do not know that a small town in southern Indiana exists as perpetual honor for the gift-giving saint.



Santa Claus has about 100 inhabitants. It is four miles east of Lincoln City, Ind., in Spencer County, twelve miles from the Ohio River.

But the real "Santa Claus" of Santa Claus is James F. Martin, for twenty-six years postmaster and grocer in the town. Every year Mr. Martin gets many stamped letters from children who address mail simply to "Santa Claus." Mail clerks, knowing of the town, route the letters thus addressed to Mr. Martin. These letters come not only from the United States and Canada, but many of them are forwarded from foreign countries.

The Postmaster reads all letters he receives from children and, if he has time, answers them. During the Christmas season parents wishing to make the Yuletide more realistic often mail boxes of addressed and stamped letters to the Santa Claus Post Office to have them posted with the official "Santa Claus" postmark. Many persons interested in unusual stamp cancellations write to the Postmaster, asking him to cancel stamps on enclosed envelopes and return them by mail.

Ask him how he likes his job and he will say, "Oh, it's not so bad"—with reservations.

He does find something interesting about the job of playing Santa Claus if his period of service is taken as an indication. Mr. Martin has had charge of the Santa Claus Post Office for the last twenty-six years, having succeeded his father in that capacity.

The town Santa Claus was first christened Santa Fé, when it was founded in 1846. One Thomas Smith, a surveyor, was called upon to plot the place, originally composed of seventeen town lots. Seventy-six years before that, Shadrack Hall had built a tannery in that locality, but it was not until Smith came along that the village was developed.

Semi Postal Stamps

The use of semi postal stamps to assist some worthy cause or organization like the International Red Cross Society is on the increase. Few collectors begrudge this additional expense where the stamps are of nominal value. Only in a few cases as Liberia and North Borneo, where the Government collected $5 or $10 and the Red Cross Society 2 or 4 cents per stamp can they be called speculative issues.

Set No.		
A 443	**Austria** 1922, Musicians Issue, 2½k to 100k, ₴831 to 837, complete	$ 1.00
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A 460	**Austria** 1926, Nibelungen Issue, 3g+2g, to 40g+10g, ₴852 to 857, complete	.50
B 453	**Belgium** 1914 Red Cross, 5c to 20c, ₴261 to 263, complete	.25
B 454	**Belgium** 1914 Red Cross, 5c to 20c, ₴264 to 266, complete	.75
B 489	**Belgium** 1925, Tuberculosis Issue, 15c+5c to 1fr+10c, ₴289 to 291 complete	.35
B 437	**Belgium** 1926, Tuberculosis Set, 5c+5c to 5fr+1fr, ₴295 to 299 complete	1.00
B 569	**Belgium** 1927, Caritas, 25c+10c to 5fr+1fr, ₴300 to 304 complete	.60
C 458	**China** 1920 Flood Issue, 1c on 2c to 5c on 6c, ₴351 to 353, complete	.20
C 417	**Congo** 1918, Red Cross, 5c to 50c, ₴201 to 206, 6 varieties	.50
C 637	**Czechoslovakia** 1920 Red Cross, 40h+20h to 125h+25h, ₴770 to 772 complete	.30
E 426	**Estonia** 1920, Charity, 35p+10p to 2m+15p, ₴251 to 254, complete	.15
E 433	**Estonia** 1921-22 Red Cross, 3½m, 7m, perf. and imperf., 4 varieties	.25
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G 445	**Germany** 1926, Arms Type, 5pf+5pf to 50pf+50pf, ₴489 to 492 complete	.65
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Alfred Lichtenstein showed three original Post Office Mauritius on covers, and the various reprints that have been made at different times from the plate that was found in the bank in London some twenty years ago. He gave a very interesting account of these reprints.

Percy de Worms, Asst. Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, who is spending a few months in the United States, gave a very interesting account of the formation of the Royal Society with many details of the earliest days of Philately in Great Britain, which was very much appreciated.

Charles Curie, Vice-President of the Club, gave a very interesting talk on the advantages of a general collection, and was considered to have made an extremely good case and to have shown many important reasons in favor of general collecting featured by a portion of his own magnificent collection.

I gave a little talk and display on Afghanistan from the great collection of Sir David Masson, which I have recently purchased.

R. C. Bach gave an interesting talk on the Packet Boat Cancellations of various countries.

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By GEO. H. JAEGER.

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1572	2c Brown	.50	.24
1573	3c Brown	.30	.10
1574	6c Brown	.20	.14
1575	7c Brown	1.50	1.10
1576	10c Brown	.60	.27
1577	12c Brown	.50	.25
1578	15c Brown	.45	.25
1579	24c Brown	9.00	2.60
1580	30c Brown	.80	.40
1581	90c Brown	3.20	.85
	Complete set	16.50	6.00
	War Dept.		
1582	1c Rose (specimen .70)	4.75	.34
1583	2c Rose	4.25	.48
1584	3c Rose	5.00	.25
1585	6c Rose	11.00	.38
1586	7c Rose	2.00	—
1587	10c Rose	.65	.35
1588	12c Rose	4.75	.50
1589	15c Rose	.20	.20
1590	24c Rose	.30	.35
1591	30c Rose	.40	.25
1592	90c Rose	1.00	1.00
	Complete set	29.75	5.50
	1879. Soft Porous Paper		
1595	3c Agriculture	—	3.00
1598	2c Interior	.13	.12
1599	3c Interior	.12	.09
1600	6c Interior	.14	.15
1601	10c Interior	1.10	—
1602	12c Interior	.90	—
1603	15c Interior	2.75	—
1604	24c Interior	37.50	—
1607	3c Justice	2.40	2.50
1608	6c Justice	3.85	4.50
1610	3c Post Office	.20	.12
1620	3c Treasury	1.00	.25
1621	6c Treasury	1.10	.60
1622	10c Treasury	—	1.50
1625	30c Treasury	17.50	4.50
1626	90c Treasury	16.75	5.25
1627	1c War	.08	.10
1628	2c War	.13	.10
1629	3c War	.10	.08
1630	6c War	.08	.08
1631	10c War	.50	.40
1632	12c War	.25	.32
1634	30c War	1.40	—

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE, 40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

In announcing rates covering the postage necessary for the despatch of mail via FAM No. 6 and No. 7, the Miami Post Office gave out the figure as 5c for the first ounce and 10c for each succeeding ounce, their bulletin being dated December 12th. This is apparently an error, for the new rates are given in the *Postal Bulletin* of December 21st, as follows: FAM No. 6, Miami to Havana, 5c per *half ounce.* Miami to Santo Domingo and San Juan, P. R., 10c per *half ounce, in addition to the regular postage fee.* Return rates to the U. S. are the same. No stop will be made at Port-au-Prince on the initial flights. The rate for FAM No. 7, is 5c per *half ounce,* Miami to Nassau. No return trip of FAM No. 7 is announced in the *Bulletin,* as the Bahamas Government have probably made their own arrangements with the contractor.

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FAM No. 5, Miami to Cristobal, C. Z., will begin operations on January 11th, and succeeding trips will be made on the 1st and 15th of each month. Mail will only be carried between the terminal points, Miami and Cristobal, all mail addressed for points beyond Cristobal being forwarded by regular service. The rate between Miami and Cristobal is given as 25c per *half ounce,* in addition to regular postage for point of destination. The return trip from Cristobal will occur on January 19th, and on the 7th and 22nd of each succeeding month.

In connection with the foregoing, it would seem the confusion that has existed with regard to rates could be greatly lessened and the public announcement made in ample time to permit covers being sent ahead of these flights to distant points, fully prepaid and sufficient reserve postage in the hands of the postmasters to insure proper return of all covers. As it appears now, there will be any number of covers, belonging to collectors, held up for insufficient postage, either before the flight or at their final destination, due to conflicting bulletins pertaining to rates, landing points, etc.

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Mr. A. N. Brown writes in stating that collectors who have covers awaiting the First Speed Boat "Flight," at San Francisco and other points, should not be pestering the Chamber of Commerce with demands for information regarding their covers. "Nothing definite is known and the service will not take place for 60 days or more. Collectors must have patience and remember that much of the cachets and despatching of air covers is thru the extreme courtesy of public bodies, and great care should be exercised to treat these bodies with the proper spirit." A word to the wise collector will be sufficient!

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Mr. J. P. Penning reports that a total of 3,848 covers received the December 17th cachet applied by the contractor of CAM No. 11, divided as follows: McKeesport 1,259, Youngstown 1,007, Pittsburgh 801, and Homestead 691. The Pittsburgh P. O. finally accepted mail bearing the contractor's cachet. Mr. Penning also reports that quite a number of covers were received too late to be given the cachet and service. Unless otherwise advised and return postage sent him, he will hold these covers for despatch on the First Night, Flight of CAM No. 11, which will occur around

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39	$1.25	$ .65
42	2.00	1.00
43	2.50	1.25
44	12.00	6.00
45	10.00	5.00
46	15.00	8.00
47	75.00	40.00
51	1.75	.90
52	1.25	.65
52-A	12.00	6.00
53	2.50	1.25
54	8.00	4.00
55	13.50	7.00
57	75.00	40.00

GOLD COAST

22	$3.00	$1.75
22-A	5.00	2.50
23	12.00	6.00
25	12.00	8.00
28	1.00	.50
31	2.50	1.25
32	2.00	1.00
33	6.00	3.00
34	10.00	5.00
37	2.50	1.25
41	1.75	.90
42	1.75	.90
43	1.50	.75
44	1.25	.65
45	4.50	2.25
46	5.00	2.50
47	7.00	3.75
48	17.50	10.00
52	2.50	1.25
53	1.00	.50
54	2.00	1.00
55	8.00	4.00
62	1.25	.65
63	1.50	.90
64	4.00	2.00
65	12.00	6.00
73-A	1.50	.75
76	2.00	1.00
76-A	10.00	5.00
77	2.00	1.30
77-A	3.00	1.50
78	3.50	2.00
78-A	9.00	4.50
79	7.50	4.00
79-A	6.00	3.60
80	9.00	6.40
82	4.00	2.25

GRENADA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
41	$3.00	$1.50
43	1.00	.50
44	1.25	.65
45	2.00	1.00
46	2.00	1.00
50	1.50	.75
51	1.00	.50
53	1.50	.75
54	2.50	1.25
55	5.00	2.50
56	7.50	4.00
57	12.00	6.00
58	1.25	.65
59	1.25	.65
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66	8.00	4.00
67	20.00	10.00
71	3.00	1.50
73	4.00	2.00
74	1.00	.50
75	3.00	1.50
76	6.00	3.00
77	3.00	1.50
78	10.00	5.00
86	2.25	1.25
87	5.00	2.25
88	10.00	5.00
88-A	10.00	5.00
90	1.50	.75
99	1.00	.50
103	1.50	.75

HONG KONG

68	$1.00	$ .50
69	3.00	1.50
70	2.00	1.00
71	7.50	4.00
72	8.00	4.00
73	10.00	5.00
74	17.50	9.00
84	1.00	.50
85	3.00	1.50
86	10.00	5.00
87	7.50	4.00
88	10.00	5.00
89	20.00	10.00
94	1.00	.50
96	1.00	.50
97	6.00	3.00
110	1.50	.75
111	7.00	1.00
112	4.50	2.25
113	5.00	3.00
114	10.00	5.00
115	12.00	7.50
117	1.25	.65
118	7.50	4.25

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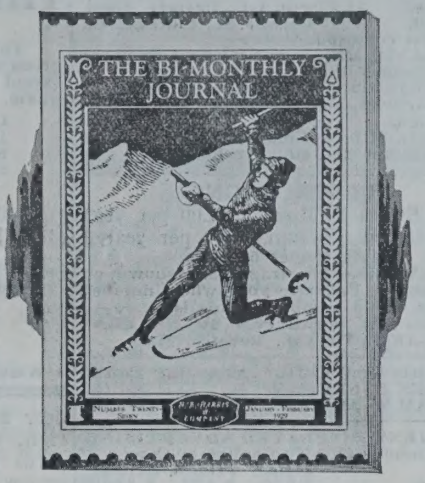

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The Silver Anniversary cachets, applied by contractors, Chambers of Commerce and other organizations to mail despatched on December 17th, make a most delightful addition to the souvenir section of one's collection. Up to this writing, the following cities have applied special cachets, through the organizations classified by these letters—"C", contractor—"B", Chamber of Commerce—"A", Legion Post—"S", local stamp club. Chicago (?), Cleveland—B, Cincinnati—B, Colorado Springs—B, Dayton—B, Hartford (?), Springfield, Ill.—B, Peoria—B, St. Louis—C, Ogden—A, North Platte (?), Northville, Mich.—B, Homestead, Pa.—C, McKeesport—C, Youngstown—C, Pittsburgh—C, Albany—C, Buffalo—C, Davenport—S. On December 18th, Bellefonte, Pa.—B, Toledo—S. There are probably many others that I have no record of.

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St. Tammany Gulf Airways, Inc., have announced through the columns of "Air Transport," that service between New Orleans and Houston will be inaugurated on or about January 23rd. This route will be the first link of the service to the Mexican border, via New Orleans, and will give Boston and New York a direct service to Central America, when the full routes are in operation. As New Orleans and Houston are reasonably close together, via air, there will probably not be any intermediate landing points.

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Mangum, Okla., Municipal Airport is fast nearing completion, and Muskogee, Okla. has just voted $195,000 for the construction of one. Bartlesville, Okla., is making a bid to be included in the Air Mail route. These three points may be worth watching. De Kalb, Ill., is reported to be ready for an official opening about Feb. 1st.

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At the annual election of officers of the American Air Mail Society held December 20th, Mr. George W. Angers was elected President, succeeding Mr. Harry A. Truby, who becomes one of the Board of Directors. Mr. Angers has served the Society since its organization, as Secretary, being one of the charter members, and it is a tribute to his popularity that the membership has elected him their President. Other officers elected are—Mr. L. B. Gatchell, who becomes Secretary, succeeding Mr. Angers; Mr. C. E. Jandrue, Jr., re-elected 1st Vice-President and Editor; Messrs. Harry A. Truby, John Hartwig, R. A. Brooks and Wm. H. Conkling to the Board of Directors.

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It develops that the Enid, Okla., sticker reported last week as having been applied to covers cancelled Dec. 12th, was just that—no dedication. I had some covers sent to this point, as a possible chance for a cachet, and from the newspaper item that appeared in the Enid, Okla., *Morning News,* the request that the covers be despatched on the date of the dedication was a "poser." Secty. of the C. of C. was up a stump. According to the paper, "he opened one of the envelopes to ascertain whether or not there was some hoax contained, but found only a blank card. He says that the envelopes will be stamped, 'Where the Wheat Grows and the Oil Flows,' and be returned to the sender, inasmuch as no formal dedication ceremonies for the airport are planned." Needless to write, I have sent the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce the full details as to how to win the love and respect of several hundred collectors! So it may come out all right, at that.

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Quite a few collectors took advantage of the opportunity of securing First Sunday Trip covers over CAM No. 2, and the Special Sunday and Monday Flights over CAM No. 1, 19, 23 and 25. Unusually heavy shipments of mail went out from Boston, but very little of it was "collectors' mail," so will never see a resting place in cover collections. These special Sunday flight covers will be much sought after, I believe.

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The coöperators' list this week is a long one. I am not going to include the names of the many, many readers who have been kind enough to send greeting cards, but wish to thank them for their thoughtfulness. Jos. Glenczewski*, W. T. Foster*, Miss Anna M. Schafer*, Geo. T. Bush*, D. E. Dickason*, Marcus W. White, J. P. Penning*, Bradie Buchanan*, Chas. G. Riess*, Wm. Esselen, Jr.*, Buell A. French*, "S. P. C."*, Herbert H. Griffin*, Mrs. H. W. Haupt*, Wm. H. Conkling*, Maj. C. M. Lopez*, H. J. McNally, Raymond R. Freshwater*, Allen P. Harding*, F. H. Grace*, Wm. J. Prinzing*, Henry O. Meisel*, Raymond R. Robbins*, Verne P. Kaub*, George F. Wild*, J. Holly Elm*, Walter Bruggmann*, M. P. Colegrove*, Frank W. Wright*, George W. Angers, L. B. Gatchell, J. H. Wall.

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I have a note from Mr. J. H. Wall in which he states that he has been advised of a possible flight from Honolulu to San Francisco in the near future and that mail will be carried on the trip. Has anyone else anything on this rumor?

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Plans for regular air mail service between Detroit and Columbus, O., with Toledo as the port of call, are being worked out, according to newspaper items in Akron papers.

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With the heavy Christmas mails, covers from recent flights and dedications are very slow in coming back. I received two Kitty Hawk cards that took just a week to make the return trip, with a lot of others still to be heard from. Well, if Santa Claus is the cause of the delays, far be it from us to interfere with the old gentleman's tour. Hope he left plenty at your house!

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

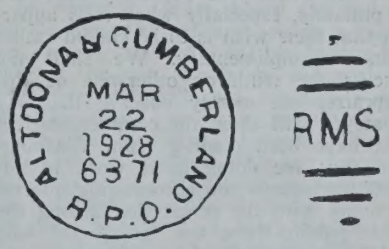
By RICHARD S. CLOVER.

Railway Post Offices had their beginning in 1864, when railway mail cars were used experimentally by the Post Office Department in an attempt to eliminate delay in the distribution of the mail, and to reduce the expense incident to distribution of mail in post offices. These objects were accomplished by the sorting of the mail *en route* by the clerk assigned to the car. So successful was this system that it was rapidly extended, and now forms a vast network covering the entire country and extending to our island possessions.

Administratively, the Railway Mail Service is under the Second Assistant Postmaster General, and is in charge of a General Superintendent. The country is divided into divisions, the boundary lines in most cases following state boundaries. Each division is under the direction of a Superintendent. Thus, the New England States comprise the First Division, and so on. Each division consists of a number of routes, each route operating between designated points. The size of the routes varies, as regards mileage, the amount of mail handled, the number of trips made daily, and the number of clerks employed. Thus, over a designated route, there may be a dozen trips made daily in each direction, and a score of clerks employed, while on another route there will be a single clerk making one trip in each direction daily.

Incidental to their principal function, namely, the distribution of mail, the Railway Post Offices also receive mail matter from the public, and it is in this function that philatelists are mainly interested. The purpose of this service is to permit the mailing of a few late letters which could not be deposited in time for their intended dispatch, and as an accommodation to travelers. Mail to be registered is not accepted, nor are stamps sold by the Railway Mail clerks. Mail may be handed to the clerk or put in the mail boxes placed in the side of the car. Upon receiving the mail, the clerk cancels it and puts it in the proper pouch. In some cases clerks collect mail from mail boxes located on station platforms.

The cancels now used by the Railway Mail Service are circular in form, the postmark containing the name of the route at the top, the letters R. P. O. at the bottom and the date and train number in the center. The cancellation proper is elliptical in shape, and consists of horizontal bars and the letters R. M. S.



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EDITORIAL

A NEW year has begun and in balancing the philatelic books for 1928, it is to be said that the past twelve months finishes in the blue, if that color is the antithesis of the "red." The past year has been prosperous and important in a philatelic sense, and during the period changes have taken place in common with those that have been noticed in the big world outside. More than ever before, philately is shedding its provincialism and is being less dominated in a personal sense than ever before. Collecting is now in the open and is no longer the close corporation that it was in years gone by, when it was practically confined to the various centers of philately. The importance of stamps in the eyes of the governments of the world and the consequent use of stamp issues in a way that does not always accord with the ideas of the stickler for purity, speaking philatelically, are factors in disseminating interest in stamps. It is somewhat of a shock to us to hear foreigners say that our country is relatively backward in philately, especially when it is apparent that their wish is to be candid rather than uncomplimentary. We shall not discuss the truth or otherwise of this dispraise, but merely observe that say what you will about the commemoratives that have been coming from Washington, they are doing good work in advertising stamps and encouraging interest in them, with the result that among the great public, there are "prospects" who are becoming inclined to collecting.

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HOLIDAY mail was heavy and all the evidences of friendly remembrance are treasured. Some of the greetings took on a distinctive form and many were things of beauty. Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, sent his card in an envelope, postmarked in green, "Christmas, Dec. 25, A. M., 1928, Ind.," and Mr. Max Golding, Chicago, sent an air mail cover dated on Christmas that is embellished with a large near fac-simile of the current 5c air mail, in the two colors, with inscriptions of "Happy New Year" and "Merry Christmas" in the place of the usual legends; and Santa and his reindeer are disporting on the beach at the right of the wireless station. Foreign cards and letters were nicely timed to arrive just right, and several foreign air mail envelopes were appreciated. Our stock of Molly Pitchers and Hawaiians, used, has been much augmented by the thoughtfulness of senders, and not a few correspondents used the new issue on the mail. Mr. Gordon H. Crouch, Toronto, sent a letter by air mail from Pelee Island *via* Leamington, Ontario, with the enclosure:

"As the resplendent glory of the rising sun,
Brings light and beauty to a new-born day;
So may the dawning of another year
Its gladness give, to all the following days.

Such is my wish for you; and that it may
Reach you in manner conform'd to my thoughts,
I'll have it borne by that winged messenger,
The Modern Mercury, the Aeroplane."

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MR. BENJAMIN CADBURY, Philadelphia, sends a copy of "Near East Colleges News Letter" that contains a highly interesting article, "All Turkey Adopts New Alphabet," in which the edict proclaiming the change from Arabic script to Latin characters, in the usage of the country is discussed. We quote: "When schools opened this autumn every class began using Latin instead of Arabic letters. During the summer months the newspapers printed daily instructions for study. To facilitate this, one column was printed in Latin script which reads from left to right, and the remainder in Arabic script, which reads from right to left. The change has been complete and far reaching. Newspapers, public documents, school books, automobile licenses, shop signs, all written notices are now in Latin characters. Turkish books will be reprinted in the new alphabet as soon as possible." One of the collecting mazes will be solved by the new stamps of Turkey that will embody the new order, and by the same token, one of the old landmarks of collecting will be removed. It is a somewhat novel conception for us to realize that in anticipation of the change, Turkey is a huge schoolroom, whose classes are being attended even by those who have never learned to read or write Arabic, but are bending every effort to absorb the less difficult Latin script.

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MR. RICHARD J. SCHWARZ, Chicago, becomes cryptic in describing an anachronism in the form of a postmark date: "Is the impossible possible? I have a sesquicentennial envelope that was received in business mail, cancelled, 'DeMotte, Indiana, April 9, P. M., 1923.' How can anyone use something over three years before it has been manufactured?" We should not like to hang a man on the testimony of a postmark because there are a number of misfits in existence. A Confederate 5c green, postmarked in January, 1861, is our star performer. Once a lawyer asked if we would testify concerning the possibility of fallibility of a postmark on a letter that had a bearing on a case that he had in mind and which bore a postmark dated early in January, but nothing developed. A collection of June 31st, non-Leap-year Feb. 29th, etc., postmarks would shake one's conviction that the postmark never lied.

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SPEAKING of postmarks, Mr. Harry M. Konwiser, New York, contributes this item to the records: "Earliest Postmark. A small circle containing '22' over 'Ju' for July 22nd, on a 1774 letter, sent from Boston to New York, has been seen. The cover also shows a Boston (straight line), both marks being in red. The June 18, 1928, issue of this paper gave another city credit for the first circle postmark."

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FROM Mr. A. V. Eldred the following note has come: "I picked up Mr. Craveth Wells' entertaining book on his six years' experiences in the Malay jungle, on the miscellaneous counter of a book-store, and thumbing over the pages, I found a letter, without contents, addressed to a man in New York, bearing a strip of 5c Kelantan, 1921-22, that had been used as a book-mark, no doubt. Remembering the necessity of strict honesty in cases of the kind, in the light of something that was said in the WEEKLY once upon a time, somewhat against my will, I left the envelope in the book when I bought it. The clerk merely glanced at the price-mark and did not see my great find! Incidentally, the book was great and I felt at home in the countries of quaint names." This little recital does not cause any febrile excitement in the reader, but it is true that the collector knows his geography where the average man gropes in the dark. Recently, an enormously erudite critic of the stage said that a new play had its *locale* in Saigon, "where ever that is." If he had a little brother who collected stamps he would not have had to air his ignorance.

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WE are glad to find in the *Bi-Monthly Journal* of H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, a remarkable tribute to philately by that gifted financial observer, Roger W. Babson, Babson Park, Mass., who in a letter to the firm unreservedly recommends stamp collecting for children and adults for reasons that are detailed cogently and intelligently. He believes that in stamps, the adult has "a legitimate form of investment." Mr. Babson deservedly is acclaimed in his professional capacity as a man who is the leader in the study of finance and economically related subjects, and to have his approval of collecting on the solid basis of investment is cause for gratification. We have no doubt but that the opinion of Mr. Babson will be heralded far and wide as it should be; and those who already are in the ranks of collectors certainly may rejoice upon reading his brave words.

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THE following note supplements the notice that appeared recently editorially, commending the enterprise of the department store of L. Bamberger & Co., Newark, that offered for sale in the stamp section of the book department, the Zeppelin covers that were sent by the firm to Germany and returned from the Berlin office. L. Bamberger & Co., Newark, are the owners of radio station WOR, and the stamp department is managed by Mr. Mayer, who is a veteran collector and well-known locally, Dr. Samuel Konwiser tells us. He adds that stamp lectures have been broadcast over WOR to encourage the growth of collecting.

AT the meeting of the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club recently, the members present promised to attend every meeting during the coming year, 1929. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were made at the meeting held December 13th, and the society bids fair to maintain the rapid progress that it has been making.

THE new edition of the Specialized United States Catalogue published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company made its appearance on the dot, and the enlarged scope of the invaluable little book makes it more indispensable than ever.

AT the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society in 1928, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. N. Emerson, president; H. F. Rech, vice-president; J. A. Zalud, secretary; C. F. Mann, treasurer; and five additional members of the governing board, as follows: Messrs. Voorhees, Boehm, Hennan, Sandstrom and Kirkland.

ON January 7, 1929, in celebration of the establishing of an air mail service schedule at Rome, N. Y., a special cancellation at that city will be applied on that day to mail that is flown on that day.

LUTHER WILLIAMS contributes a readable stamp story, with illustrations, to the Tulsa *Daily World* of Dec. 16, 1928, in recognition of the organization of collectors into a society, whose roster contains the names of some of the elect of Tulsa's citizenry.

THE annual banquet of the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society is announced for January 26, 1928, at the Bismark Hotel, Chicago. Mr. W. H. Gilley, who is making arrangements for the meeting says that the members of the Madison and Milwaukee societies of Wisconsin; Peoria and Springfield societies of Illinois, and the Northern Indiana Philatelic Society have been invited as well as the postmasters of several cities, prominent in aerial mail activity.

MR. T. C. E. HUNTER, recently president of the Chicago Philatelic Society and for a number of years a leading figure in Chicago's philatelic circles has removed from that city to his old home in Akron, Ohio, in consequence of a business change. It is hoped that another turn of the wheel will bring him back to Chicago.

FROM Mr. Geo. E. Terbush come greetings from Mexico, and a card from Costa Rica has Mr. L. M. Thorne's signature. Father Coyle remembers us with a word from Suva, Fiji; Mr. Hensen from Aden, and Professor James High from Buenos Aires, and a card mailed at Colombo to the WEEKLY is without signature.

MR. E. S. HAINES, Oak Park, Illinois, writes: "In your issue of Sept. 24, 1928, under 'Air Mail News' you say 'What is needed in the Department is a collector-adviser for the philatelist spends a nice sum with Uncle Sam each year, etc.' I certainly agree with you, and the suggestion should be brought to the attention of the proper authorities at Washington. Let all philatelic journals join in advocating your suggestion which if adopted will certainly boost our most interesting hobby."

FROM Redondo Beach, California, Bertha M. Clarke writes to say: "It is a good thing to wake up our collectors and see how much they know about our country and the old heroes who served to make it possible to enjoy our freedom" as a preface to the following tale of Molly Pitcher's exploit as given in Harper's Encyclopedia of the U. S. A.: "In the battle of Monmouth a shot from the British artillery instantly killed an American gunner while working his piece. His wife, Mary, age twenty-two, was fetching water from a spring when he fell. There was no one competent to fill his place, and the piece was ordered to be removed. Mary heard the order, and dropping her pail and seizing a rammer, vowed she would fill her husband's place at the gun, which she did with a great deal of skill and courage. The next morning she was presented to Washington by General Greene. Washington was so pleased with her bravery that he gave a commission as sergeant, and her name was placed on the pay list for life. The fame of Mary Pitcher as she was generally known spread through the army."

MR. W. S. BARKER has acquired the stock and business of his friend, Bertrand L. Drew, whose death is remembered, and he will continue to conduct the auction sales which were a feature of Mr. Drew's business. Mr. Barker is well-fitted to carry on the undertaking to which Mr. Drew was so devoted.

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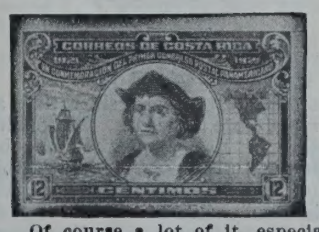

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By BILLY BURR, Beverly Hills, Cal.

(Answers Next Week)

(1). What foreign country has a set of stamps that are sometimes called the ..... issue after a city in the United States? What is the city?

(2). Why is the set of stamps in question 1 so named?

(3). What set of U. S. postage stamps are the only ones yet issued that are without the name of the country?

(4). What was the first country to picture an airplane on its stamps in 1914?

(5). What country has a stamp with a likeness of Charlie Chaplin on it?

(6). What country pictures the ship "Endeavour" on one of its stamps?

(7). What stamp shows a picture of a horse racing?

(8). What country pictures the return of a contingent on one of its stamps?

(9). What country issued a set of stamps in honor of the inauguration of a new president in 1925?

(10). What are the coats of arms represented on German stamps, numbers 486-492 inclusive?

Some "C" Definitions

Carupano.—The chief commercial district in the eastern portion of Venezuela, between the Araya and Paria peninsulas. It has a population of over 12,000 and during the revolution of 1902 it issued a number of provisional stamps, all being set up from ordinary printers' type.

Caso.—One of the smaller islands in the Aegean Sea which was occupied by the Italians in 1913 and for which certain of the then current stamps of Italy were overprinted "Caso."

Castell, Senor Diego.—A Spanish author who wrote a pamphlet which was considered of such general utility that he was accorded the privilege of sending it free by post for a period of six months in 1870. He designed a special stamp for the purpose of franking his pamphlet during this period.

Castaigne, Victor. — The Belgian Controller of Posts at Meshed, Persia, who designed a series of stamps which were used in that town in March and April, 1902. His initials, "V. C.," are shown in the center of the stamps.

Watermarks

By A. C. LEDUC.

To the beginner in stamp collecting, the question of watermarks is very troublesome. The best way to find out what a watermark is, is to take a piece of good quality writing paper and hold it up to the light. You will probably notice that some design or name appears as faint colorless letters. These letters or designs were impressed into the paper while it was being made. As the soft, wet, pulpy mass, of which the paper was made, passed over rollers in the process of being rolled out and dried, it went over one roller that was roughened with a design or letters. This roughened surface caused the paper to appear thinner in spots and when finished it showed up as designs in the paper and we call them watermarks.

Certain paper used for printing stamps is made with special kinds of watermarks. This helps to prevent the stamps from being counterfeited. Practically all British Colonial stamps bear watermarks and can usually be seen easily by holding the stamp up to the light, or laying it face down on a black surface. If the watermark cannot then be seen, it has to be treated with a drop of benzene to cause the watermark to show up plainer.

It is necessary that the stamp collector become familiar with the commoner watermarks in stamps as the value of many stamps varies with the kind of watermark found in the stamp.

Queen Elena of Italy

Born January 8th, 1873; daughter of Nicholas, King of Montenegro. Married, Oct. 24th, 1896, to Vittorio Emanuele III., only son of King Umberto of Italy.

Her Majesty the Queen of Italy has for some years past interested herself in philately, more particularly the postal issues of her adopted land.

The Royal collection, which is of a general character, has on several occasions been augmented by presentations from foreign governments, and from other quarters. In 1922 she was the recipient of a complete collection of Belgian stamps, in a special album, from the King and Queen of the Belgians.

Her Majesty was a Patron of the International Philatelic Exhibition held at Turin in 1911.—*Who's Who in Philately.*

Shades and Fades

We would advise the beginner not to pay too much attention to shades—there are plenty of straightforward varieties to collect without indulging in such luxuries as differences of tint. It is often a difficult matter in the case of stamps printed in violet, purple, lilac or kindred colours to say whether the differences are actually due to variations in the shade of the printing ink or are due to fading. Light will play strange tricks with some colours and purples and violets seem more sensitive than others. We have seen a copy of the 6 cents, Columbian issue, which had turned quite blue from exposure to sunlight and another which had faded to a dull grey from the same cause. The colour question presents many difficulties even to advanced collectors so that the novice will do well to steer clear of it. It will be quite soon enough to worry about shades when he is well versed in ways philatelic.

In Error

By R. E. FARR.

I betcha I'm the dumbest kid
Whatever drawed a breff;
I betcha if Good Luck met me
He'd take and shoot hisseff.

When Toof Smiff says at school today,
"Hey, hey, your girl's named Grace!"
It made me feel so plagued hot
I whanged him on his face.

An' when he fell kerwop! 'i Jings
His pockets scattered 'round
Near 'bout a millyun postage stamps
Like leaves upon the ground.

You see, we two's been swappin' stamps
Near 'bout since we could crawl;
An' when I think we won't no more
It gets my goat—that's all.

I betcha if I'd thought about
Them stamps before I'd done
An' smacked old Toofie wiff my fist,
I betcha I'd ha' run.

United States Error of 1915

By LOUIS P. DIERKER.

When the special issue of United States postage stamps to advertise the World's Fair in San Francisco in connection with the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 was being prepared, the design selected for representation on the two cents value was a view of a portion of the Panama Canal showing some of the locks. Beneath the picture appeared the words, "Gatun Locks," and many had been printed off in readiness for issue, when someone familiar with the Canal pointed out that the locks depicted on the stamp were not the Gatun Locks, but those of San Pedro Miguel. The entire printing was destroyed and new plates were made, on which the inscription under the picture consisted of the words, "Panama Canal" only, and in this form the stamp was issued to the public.

The Philatelic Zoo

By EDWIN MACCORKELL (age 14).

Sam: "Where you all goin' in sich a hurry, Rastus?"
Rastus: "I's goin' to the zoo."
Sam: "What zoo, Rastus?"
Rastus: "The Philatelic zoo."
Sam: "An' where's that, Rastus?"
Rastus: "In my stamp album."

What Stamp Is This?

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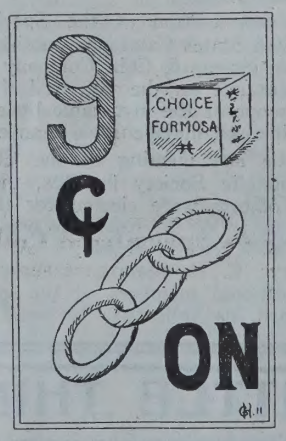

Philatelic Converts

By A. C. LEDUC.

A customer wrote me a short time ago to tell me a little incident. He bought a few copies of Luxemburg 3 franc blue 1923 issue and took them home with him. It seems that his mother-in-law is living with his family and had said some disparaging things about men fooling around with such things as "old junk like stamps." However, when the beautiful 3 franc Luxemburg stamps were brought home there has been a new story. The mother-in-law has taken a great interest in stamps and is now buying stamps for the grandchildrens' collections.

So there is a hint for some of you men who have had a hard time in trying to convince the mother or wife or mother-in-law that there is something to stamp collecting besides child play. Just bring home a few extra choice pieces of the engraver's art. Possibly you will have the same success as the man mentioned above.

Canada

—Penny Postage Restored to All Parts of British Empire.

("Det. Free Press"—H. W. Boers.)

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 26.—On Christmas day penny postage from Canada to all parts of the British Empire was restored. Canada leads the way in bringing back the two-cent rate which was discontinued during the great war.

This reduction in postal rates is announced in a message of Christmas greeting to King George V, now ill in Buckingham Palace, London, from Premier W. L. MacKenzie King in behalf of the Canadian government and people.

"We have felt that at this Christmas season, we should like on the part of Canada to give enduring expression to this oneness of feeling to the nearness of the relationship of our country to all other parts of your majesty's dominions," the message reads. "We have decided, accordingly, on Christmas day to restore the penny postage rate on communications from Canada to all parts of the British Empire."

The present rate from Canada to other parts of the empire is three cents an ounce. During war years the rate was four cents for the first ounce and three cents for additional ounces. The rate from Great Britain to Canada is a penny and a half (three cents).

Postoffice officials estimated tonight that 200,000,000 letters are sent annually from Canada to other parts of the empire. Two hundred thousand dollars will be the reduction in Canadian postal revenue.

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For the third time a five year subscription has been received from Thomas G. Evans of Chicago, who for many years has been identified with philately in his city as a member of the C. P. S. We hope that he will continue for many years more to find enjoyment in his stamps. We are proud that the WEEKLY is included in his loyalty to them.

We are also very glad to enter our old friend Stephen G. Rich for a renewal of his membership in the Honor Club. He writes that he is "too lazy to write five checks instead of one." Of course this is a kind of laziness we can encourage, and especially in view of the fact that in many other things he is right up to the minute in making good. Mr. Rich will be remembered for his many contributions to the WEEKLY.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Air Mail

—Backstamping of First Flight and Souvenir Air Covers.

By NELSON F. GERKEN.

For the information of your readers who, perhaps like myself, have on numerous occasions suffered disappointment through failure of the Post Office Department to backstamp first flight and other souvenir air mail covers, am quoting below portion of a communication just received from Mr. E. B. Wadsworth, Superintendent, Division of Air Mail Service, Washington, this in reply to a letter of complaint I recently wrote the Department:

"The current instructions contemplate that all air mail will be backstamped at the office at which the air mail cover leaves the air mail route. However, it is quite often the case that where a train connection is involved, and it would delay the letters to hold them for backstamping, they are trained to destination from the air mail route without a backstamp.

"In those cases where the air mail covers are desired for philatelic purposes and have not received a backstamp although they have been carried all or part of the way by air mail, this office will attempt to secure a backstamp if the covers are not too old when sent here for such purpose."

In my opinion this shows a real spirit of coöperation on part of the Department at Washington—further evidence of their kindly disposition toward the philatelist.

While on the subject of air mails, a cover has just come into my hands which is believed to be unique in aerophilately.

This cover was posted at Atlanta, Ga., flown on the initial flight northbound over CAM 30, Dec. 1, and bears the first flight cachet.

At Chicago the envelope was put through the special air mail booth provided at the Coliseum during the International Aeronautic Exposition, and received the beautiful special cachet used on mail so posted.

As cover was destined to a friend of mine in Saskatoon, Sask., and bore in the upper left hand corner the notation "Via Air Mail, Winnipeg-Saskatoon," it was sent to Winnipeg, where was applied the special cachet used during the recent temporary air mail service over the Prairie Provinces, and was flown on the inaugural flight of this service, Dec. 10th, and was backstamped in Saskatoon the same date.

The envelope bears two United States air mail fees and a single Canadian air mail stamp, the former cancelled at Atlanta and Chicago respectively, and the latter at Winnipeg. Altogether it bears three separate stamp killers and three separate official cachets, two of them first flighters, and it is interesting to note it began and ended its long journey on first flights.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It will be impossible for us to acknowledge individually the many Christmas greetings that have been received at the three offices of the WEEKLY. The number is legion. It is probable that some of the "unusual" may be noted next week. The WEEKLY is grateful for the many expressions of esteem.

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A NICELY printed price list has just been issued by G. S. Mollineaux, Palisades Park, N. J. Many B. C's. and foreign sets are listed. 24 pp. Copy for the asking.

HERE is a first issue! It is the auction catalog of the first W. T. Pollitz sale slated for Jan. 25. A royal lot of U. S. on and off covers is listed, also 300 lots of foreign. Write 24 Milk St., for a catalog.

H. W. BOERS favors us with a fine Santa Claus, Ind., cover dated Dec. 25, with a blue cancellation. It looks good.

"STARTING Saturday morning, Dec. 29, at 10.40, and continuing until 11.00, I shall talk on "The Educational Value of Postage Stamps," over the radio. These talks will continue every Saturday morning for one year, and will be given to interest the children of the United States from the ages of eight to eighty."—SIGMUND I. ROTHSCHILD. We will announce the station later.

I NOW have a complete list of illustrated Atherton and Evans articles on cancellations. These have been made up with the idea of linking them with other responsible cancellation collectors and should any of your friends desire to use the results of my work I shall be very glad to give them.—B. Y. IMBRIE, 1404 First Natl. Bk. Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

YOU can make note for air cover collectors that the speed boat between Oakland and San Francisco will start by Jan. 1, or shortly after. Just got notice to that effect.—JOHN RAUSCH.

ON Dec. 27, the Fort Orange, N. Y., Stamp Club gave a Christmas Party which proved that there is a Philatelic Santa Claus. On the center of the table was a miniature Christmas tree decorated with philatelic ornaments such as tongs, stamps, hinges, etc. A committee had been appointed to receive donations from the more advanced collectors, and suitable stamps were selected. All were given something of value and interest. The affair was enjoyed by all. The club also made up a large size grab bag of over 25,000 stamps which was presented to the newly formed club at the Albany Orphan Asylum. The club will from time to time have some of its members speak on stamp topics before this boys' club.

WE advise our readers to send for a sample copy of the *South African Philatelist.* We frequently print extracts from its columns. See the Robertson adlet in this issue. This complimentary mention is given without solicitation.

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1923	"Red Cross" (set 7)	.50
1924	"Garibaldi" (set 5)	.50
1924	Nos. 77 to 80 (set 4)	1.50
1925,	Nos. 82 to 93 (set 12)	2.80
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Xmas

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For the envelope which contains our Christmas Greeting bears a stamp, a cancellation, and a special official cachet which give fitting commemorative honors to the 25th anniversary of the first successful flight made by man in a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine.

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The stamp is a new issue, which appeared in connection with the International Conference on Civil Aeronautics, held in Washington on December 12, 13 and 14, 1928.

The cancellation shows the name of the place, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the date of the famous flight of Orville Wright, on December 17, 1903.

The special cachet was officially supplied by the Post Office Department, to celebrate the unveiling at Kitty Hawk of the National Aeronautic Association's memorial—a huge ten ton granite boulder, bearing a commemorative bronze plate in honor of the Wright Brothers—erected on the identical spot where their plane took off, under its own power, and with Orville Wright at the controls, on December 17, 1903.

That first flight lasted only 12 seconds, and cleared the ground for only 120 feet. But Wilbur and Orville Wright had shown the way. During the 25 years since then various planes have crossed the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans; and today, passenger, express and mail planes cover 20,327 miles of routes.

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We hope that the flown cover from Kitty Hawk, which we send to wish you Merry Christmas, will have a permanent and valued place in your album. And—frankly—we hope that when you are thinking of postage stamps it will remind you of H. E. HARRIS & COMPANY, Boston.

SOME READERS' QUERIES

Does a bit of stamp edging with a letter or number enhance the value of the stamp attached to it, and should the stamps from 2s books, with advertisement attached, be prized as potential rarities? There are various marginal numbers, etc., on the "stamp edging" which do not add anything to the value of the stamp. On the other hand, there are "controls," plate numbers, etc. (as illustrated in a recent number of *G. S. M.*), which *do* add to the value in many cases. The stamps from the British booklets with advertisements attached might be kept as curiosities, but they are not likely to become rarities (in the ordinary sense of the term) for many years to come.

I would like to specialize in a country which has not too long pre-war sets, or a post-war country. What countries would you recommend for their design or for any specially good points? This is a rather sweeping enquiry, but my correspondent might select from the following list, which provides a good variety. I take it he is looking for a country which will not involve him in very heavy expenditure. Here is my list: Algeria, Cuba (Republic), Danzig, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Saar, Soviet Russia, and Syria, among foreign countries, and Australia, British Solomon Is., Brunei, Cook Is., Falkland Is., Gilbert and Ellice Is., Irish Free State, Iraq, Nauru, St. Kitts-Nevis, Federated Malay States, Palestine, and South Africa, in the Empire group.

How is one to fix some standard whereby to gauge the extent of margins necessary before one can definitely place an imperf. stamp as such? There is no standard for postage stamps as a whole. The space between individual stamps varies very greatly in different issues, and the collector must have a knowledge of these differences before he can decide whether a particular stamp has sufficient margins to afford definite proof that it is an imperf. specimen and not a perforated one from which the perfs. have been trimmed.

Why do Lithuania and Central Lithuania have such different stamps? I do not like the latter at all. Must I collect them if I go in for Lithuania? The stamps of Central Lithuania were not issued by the Lithuanian Government at all, but were the result of a filibustering expedition into Lithuanian territory by the Polish General Zeligowski. They have not the same status as Lithuanian stamps, and need not be collected, though they throw an interesting sidelight on Lithuanian history.

In a general collection, is it unsatisfactory to include two specimens of each stamp, one unused and one used, as well as any major varieties that come to hand? I should be inclined to keep to one stamp of each kind, if collecting in a printed album. Any unused or used stamps which duplicate those in the album, and also any "varieties" acquired, are best kept in a separate loose-leaf album till you come to transfer your whole collection into blank loose-leaf albums, as you probably will some day.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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COLLECTOR'S CONTEST

Some of our loyal friends have apologized for the few subscriptions sent in, saying "my total is so small that I feel ashamed and especially when I see what others are doing." Of course a dealer has unusual advantages over the collector.

Here is a contest, however, for the collector only. During Jan., Feb. and March, we will award individual prizes each month to the five collectors leading in points secured, one point for each three months subscription. One year counts four points, six months, two points.

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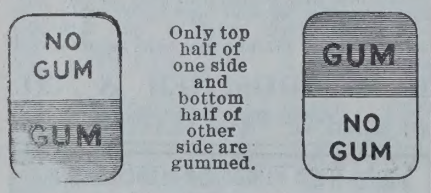

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United States

Vincennes Stamp

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has practically completed the sketch to be submitted to the Postmaster General for his approval of the new Vincennes stamp, to be issued February next, to commemorate the George Rogers Clark Campaign in the middle west.

One who has viewed the sketch, states that the proportions of the soldiers in the picture are rather high for the width, although when it is completed and the black center is surrounded by the red border, that it will no doubt, be most attractive. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has ample time to design, engrave and print such a variety, so that if it is not one of the finest that has ever been turned out, it will not be a question of time.

Paper and Gum

Mention has been made, in this column here of late, relative to stamps being found in smaller sizes and further that these differences were no doubt due to paper and gum. There is still considerable complaint from the public as to the gum, and a recent note in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* gives us the humorous side of the question.

"A man we saw coming out of a store the other day with a bottle of glue informed us he was now all ready to put the postage stamps on the Christmas cards he was sending out."

Mr. H. M. Southgate writes me most interestingly upon the subject from which I quote.

"While the Bureau has investigated the gum situation very carefully in recent months, there has been no radical change in this, although the Bureau of Standards in their investigation has found that less intensive drying will be of some help.

The cause of the difference in the size of some of the stamps which has been frequently noted, is undoubtedly due to paper shrinkage, as you say, but not shrinkage of paper due to difference of gum, but either to thickness of paper or the sheets cut so that the grain of the paper is in the opposite direction to the normal. I am inclined to think it is a difference of thickness of paper. Rotary press stamps are, or rather have been, made on a heavier paper than the flat bed stock, and the difference of dimensions of the rotary coils printed upright and sidewise is due partly to shrinkage and partly to stretch of paper and plate stretch.

With flat bed work only paper shrinkage would show up as a factor, and this difference of size would not be expected to be so great as in the rotary product if stamps were printed across the grain or fibre instead of as normally with the fibre. A thicker paper would shrink more than a thin paper, of course.

The reason I felt that the thickness might be the cause and not paper with the grain the other way is that it would be easier to account for sheets that were cut from the rotary stock and of thicker paper being found than that sheets should be used in the wrong way on the press, or cut with a cross grain, although it is of course possible to have paper cut either way.

Another reason is that in examining some 15c and 20c that I have, it looks as though the dimensions were different in one direction only when as if the printing were on paper with the grain at right angles to the normal it should make one dimension longer and the other shorter. I have not had time to check this point properly, but it is my impression from the few readings I took that such was the case, that one dimension was normal, or nearly so, and the other about two hundredth of an inch off. If I had a paper gauge, I would be able to check this from marginal blocks, where the gum does not cover the paper, but time has been lacking.

The gum situation is interesting, however, or rather the gum breaker or bar used to break the gum on the sheet.

Last summer or spring, the Bureau experimented with a change of breaker. They tried for one day or so eight instead of the usual four breakers to a stamp. Then they shifted to two breakers and finally standardized on one. This gives the specialist a line of varieties on all values of rotary stamps, booklet and specials as well with 4, 2 and 1 breaker marks clearly shown in the gum on the stamps. The eight breaker appear as far as I have found only on the 2c and some flat plate booklet panes.

In addition to the breaking of the gum, the Bureau has changed the gum feeding roll from a plain glass roll, which left a smooth gummed surface to a grooved metal roll. The idea being that a greater amount of gum would be deposited from the groove. The parallel lines about one-tenth apart running vertically on the ordinary stamps are due to this new gumming roll. The grooved roll was put into use before the change was made in the breaker bars, so probably we have all the four breaker varieties found with the smooth gum and the grooved gum."

Air Mail Activities

In an address made by Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of the air mail service, to members of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, the statement was made that within five years there was every likelihood of all first class mail being carried via air. This would mean that there would be no special charge for the air mail service, and that the ordinary letter mailed from the east coast one day would be delivered on the west coast the second day thereafter. He also stressed the point of covering the whole of the North and South American continents in short order, and his announcement in the "Postal Bulletin" of December 19th, is a step in the direction indicated. On January ninth, we are told that a service will be established to Nassau, Bahama Islands, one from Miami to Cristobal, Canal Zone, and a third one from Miami to San Juan, Porto Rico, via Habana, Cuba, and Santo Domingo. Later on, there will be a stop at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. From the Canal Zone, it is only a step to Central America, and from there, connections will no doubt be made with the services at present in existence on the South American continent.

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proved by the department for use with air mail matter and bearing 5-cent embossed stamps of new design will be available in sizes Nos. 5, 8, and 13. These envelopes will be furnished both printed and unprinted, in accordance with the selling rates stated below. Air mail envelopes will be issued in white paper only. The return card will be printed in blue ink on all special-request air mail envelopes.

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'Amber envelopes'—Amber envelopes will again be issued in addition to the present white and blue, standard quality only, both printed and unprinted. Postmasters will not be required to keep stocks of unprinted amber envelopes on hand for general window sales in small quantities, but will provide such stock at the request of local mailers who have need for amber envelopes in reasonable large quantities. The sale price of amber envelopes will be the same as standard quality of like size and style.

'No. 5 manila discontinued'—Because of the prevailing small public demand, the manufacture of No. 5 manila envelopes in both 1-cent and 1½-cent denominations will be discontinued. Requisitions for printed No. 5 manila envelopes reaching the department after December 28 will be returned unfilled. Postmasters may continue to submit requisitions for unprinted No. 5 manila envelopes in both of the above denominations until the stock remaining on hand January 1 is exhausted.

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It will be noted that no change is being made in the prices of envelopes, in spite of the fact that there is a considerable saving to the government under the new contract. This no doubt will be passed on to the public as usual, in the near future, but at the present time, there are no doubt, millions of envelopes throughout the country bought under the old basis, and these naturally must be sold before the lower prices become effective.

Counterfeit Revenue Stamps

Mr. John Safko favors us with a clipping from the Pittsburg *Post Gazette* wherein mention is made of the conviction of two parties on charge of possessing counterfeit internal revenue stamps. The testimony given shows that more than two thousand counterfeit U. S. strip stamps were seized in a raid of the Feitler Bottling Company, last May.

Abyssinia.—Coronation provisionals.—New portrait adhesives (Ras-Tafare) overprinted with Cross and Crown above "Negous Teferi" in Amharic and Roman characters: ⅛m orange and blue, ½m green and black, 8m purple and brown, 2 thalers green and brown.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Albania.—Yvert and Tellier report a third provisional set, overprinted on King Zogu portrait type.—"MBRETNIA SHQIPTARE" values from 1q to 5fr.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Australia.—We are indebted to Leon Stone of Sydney for copies of the new 3d blue kookaburra which was issued in November. It is reported that only a limited number was printed.

Brazil.—*Franks.*—Mr. L. Aarons shows us some interesting meter mail marks, composed of different denominations *se tenant* and used adhesively. One piece submitted contains two 200 reis, one 500 reis, and four 2$000 milreis, all in one horizontal row, another has 500 reis and 1$000 milreis values, and so on, the postmark in each case being Rio de Janeiro, October, 1928.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Ecuador.—We learn from *Philatelic Magazine* that the current 7c brown has been overprinted in capitals in three lines, reading downwards, in black, "Asamble Ncnal., 1928 10 Ctvos."

Luxemburg.—1928 Charity set will appear on Dec. 12, with the portrait of Princess Marie-Adelaide instead of Prince Jean. There will be five values: 0.10+0.05, 0.60+0.10, 0.75+0.15, 1.00+0.25, 1.50+0.50. The set will therefore be sold at fr. 3.95+1.05=5 francs total. (Maison Fischer).—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Monaco.—We are informed that the two provisionals chronicled last month were overprinted to the extent of 120,000 of the 50c on Fr. 1.05 mauve and 350,000 of the 50c on Fr. 1.25 blue, but that a certain number of these have been retained in Paris.

It is also stated that the 60c green (for which, like the Fr. 1.05 and Fr. 1.25, there is no longer much demand) is about to appear with similar (50c) overprint.—*Stamp Collecting.*

North Borneo.—"Last month a new stamp was issued at the Post Office here, that is the two cents value current design but color changed to carmine and black. This stamp also overprinted 'Postage Due' has just been issued. I am enclosing herewith a pair of each for your inspection. The Postage Due stamps are not obtainable in unused condition, therefore, I have to send these postmarked. You will see these are much better looking than the former with green and black, and the present color is a pleasing shade for collectors."—JOHN HUDSON SCHEE.

Palestine.—*Overprinted series.* Mr. E. A. Buck, our correspondent at Amman, informs us that the overprinted series has been definitely withdrawn since October 1st, and the ordinary series is again on sale.

Postage Dues. Our correspondent understands that the Postage Due stamps will shortly be superseded by a new set, as those now current do not comply with the Postal Union condition that the currency must be expressed. It is probable that the difficulty will be overcome by overprinting. We do not quite understand the reason as the stamps are worded "mils" already.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Port Said.—We are informed by Maison Fischer (Paris) that the following have appeared: 3 millièmes, orange; 20 millièmes, violet. The same change was made simultaneously at Alexandria.

Caisse d'Amortissement. A stamp of 15+5 is shown us by Maison Fischer, type Mouchon redrawn. Color, violet.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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By C. A. CARROLL.

(It is not our intention to keep this list up-to-date, but we reprint it as of interest to the pioneer in this sideline of Philately. Beverly, Mass., can be included.—W. O. W.)

The first issues of the new Precancelled Envelopes are now being seen daily in the mails. Because they are not yet fully known by the country at large, they are not nearly so numerous yet as they are likely to become within the next few months. It is interesting to note that the very small places are quite as active in their use as are the larger cities. There are three sizes being precancelled: No. 5, No. 8, and No. 13, and each of these may be had in either white or blue. All of these sizes and colors have been seen. The following varieties have been reported:

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Oakland, Calif., No. 8.
Santa Ana, Calif., No. 8 blue.
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Haven, Kans., No. 13.
Merion, Kans., No. 8.
St. Mary's, Kans., No. 13.
Easton, Md.
Boston, Mass., No. 8.
Fitchburg, Mass., No. 5.
Northampton, Mass., No. 5.
Armada, Mich., No. 8.
Negaunee, Mich.
Owosso, Mich., No. 8.
Minneapolis, Minn., No. 8.
Kansas City, Mo., No. 13 blue.
Columbus, Nebr., No. 8, No. 13.
Omaha, Nebr., No. 8.
Rushville, Nebr., No. 8.
Schuyler, Nebr., No. 8.
East Orange, N. J., No. 8.
Newbergh, N. Y., No. 13.
New York City, No. 8, No. 13.
Watkins Glen, N. Y., No. 13.
Winston-Salem, N. C., No. 8.
Valley City, N. D., No. 5.
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Toledo, Ohio, No. 13 blue.
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Duncannon, Penna., No. 8.
Philadelphia, Penna., No. 8, No. 13.
Red Lion, Penna., No. 13.
Charleston, S. C., No. 8.
Spartanburg, S. C., No. 13.
Bellingham, Wash.
Spokane, Wash., No. 8.
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Burlington, Wis., No. 8.
Kenosha, Wis.

—*Precancel Bee.*

BALLOON AND PIGEON POSTS DURING THE SIEGE OF PARIS

By G. H. BIGSBY.

I would like to point out the reasons which prompted me to study this subject. Whilst having been always interested in aero-philately, I have soon discovered that the collecting of Paris aerogrammes is not only fascinating, but affords a wide field for philatelic research. Quite apart from the fact that these represent souvenirs of the first scientifically organised attempt at conveying the mail by means of carrier-pigeons, manned and unmanned balloons, they are full of real sentimental and historic interest, for they bear witness of human sufferings, privations and heroism which can hardly be surpassed by any other documents of a philatelic nature.

The "ballon montés" are getting most elusive and hard to obtain, and owing to the ever increasing demand, the prices for all pieces are soaring rapidly.

Paris was invested by the Prussian armies on the 21st September, 1870, and by then the French Government had moved to Bordeaux. Naturally there immediately arose the problem of commercial and official communication with the outside world and those provinces of France which remained uninvaded. Almost at once steps were taken to open up this communication. The authorities decided to try and institute a regular balloon service, and accordingly on September 23, 1870, the first balloon, named "Neptune," piloted by the aironaut J. Duruof, carrying a mail bag weighing 150 kilogrammes, ascended from the place St. Pierre in the Montmartre quarter of Paris, at 8 a. m., and eventually landed, after 11 hours' journey, at Cracouville, near Evreux (Dept. Eure). This was followed on September 25th by the "Ville de Florence," which carried two passengers and some 300 kilogrammes of mail, and also succeeded in getting beyond the enemy cordon.

Stimulated by these initiative successes, a decree was issued on the 26th September, 1870, announcing the inauguration of a regular official balloon service. It was intended, in the first instance, to send up "ballon montés," i.e., balloons with a pilot, for conveying passengers, letters and newspapers, and "ballon non-montés," i.e., without a pilot, to carry post-cards, etc. Naturally the "ballon non-montés" stood a great risk of falling into the enemy's hands, as the balloon was at the mercy of the winds. Many of the early "ballon monté" flights can be identified by the special cachet at the back of the envelope, giving the name of the balloon, and often the name of the pilot as well. This practice does not appear to have lasted very long. Such envelopes bearing the names of the balloon and pilot are naturally much scarcer than those without.

After attempts at sending up small balloons carrying proclamations and newspapers, a balloon made of paper was released on September 30, 1870, having a capacity of 125 mc., loaded with 3 to 3½ kilos. of cards. The balloon fell in the enemy's lines when 2 km. from its starting point, about an hour after it had been released. Before the balloon finally came to rest, which was after considerable trailing, some cards which had fallen out of a broken package were picked up by French troops and returned to the postal authorities, so that they could be forwarded to the addresses; these cards are thought to have been sent by the following controlled balloon.

It is interesting to recall that some of the manned balloons had very eventful voyages; for example, the "Ville d'Orleans," which ascended at 11.40 p. m. on the night of November 24, 1870, eventually landed in Norway after an adventurous flight of 1,348 miles, this being one of the longest trips ever accomplished by a balloon. Other "ballon montés" had their tribulations, a number were shot down by the Germans and their correspondence collared, some of it being destroyed. Some, like "Richard Wallace," fell into the sea off the English coast, but the mail was arrested.

There were various forms of envelopes and post-cards used for conveyance by balloon, both of private and official nature, also special newspaper letters were issued, some of which had a page or two for private communications set apart from the usual printed matter. Many of these newspapers of the Siege are extremely rare.

Special rates were charged for correspondence conveyed by balloons. The rate for post-cards to any department of France unoccupied by the Germans, as well as to Algiers, was 10c. Letters, 20c. Rates to some other countries were as follows:

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For prepaying these letters and cards the ordinary stamps of France bearing portrait of Napoleon of the current issue were used, namely, for the most part 10, 20, 30, 40 and 80c denominations. It is extremely rare that one comes across a letter or card bearing a pair of 5c stamps. Commencing with the December of 1870, the "Ceres" or so-called Paris Siege stamps printed in Paris came in use. All letters bearing the stamps of Bordeaux issue are forgeries, because, owing to the fact that Paris was invested, no supplies of these stamps could possibly have reached Paris before the end of the Siege, i.e., not until 28th January, 1871.

There are some forgeries on the market, but a specialist can detect same immediately, for as a rule they are executed in a very crude manner, and are, therefore, not dangerous to anyone possessing a sound knowledge of the subject.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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By STEPHEN G. RICH.

In two articles, published in MEKEEL'S during the spring of 1928, I have tried to set forth the main features of the precancelled stamps of Belgium. Since those articles were written, enough additional information has come to me to make a third article. This information has come from handling upwards of ten thousand Belgian precancels in part, and for the remainder has been due to the kind efforts of Messrs. Ralph M. Williams, Carles Metz, Burt C. Wear, and W. I. Mitchell. Mr. Williams has begun publishing a check-list of Belgian precancels in the *Precancel Gazette*. The first installment appeared last April; the second is expected to appear before this article can get into print.

Except in a few details, the general lines of the subject as set forth in my earlier articles stand substantially without change, in the light of the facts more recently brought to light. The types of precancellation stand, but must be added to.

1. Additional Types of Precancellation

One specimen from Antwerp, 1897, shows a combination of sizes of date, with the figures "18" small and "97" large. I strongly suspect that this sort of combination will be found now and then; and already consider as of this type several smudgy impressions from other cities and dates, which I cannot exactly locate in any one of my described types. It will be recalled that Types 1 and 2 of my descriptions are much alike: monolingual, full date, place-name 2.9mm high. Type 1 has date 2.9mm high; type 2 has date 2.2mm high. I now interpolate a new type after type 2.

Type 2-A. Place-name 2.9mm high, in French only; in one line.

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A similar combination type exists for the later short-date handstamped precancellations, introduced in 1900. Here the two figures of the date are of unlike size. This type is quite common in 1900, the first year of short dates, especially from Brussels. I do not find it in appreciable quantities after this date.

STEPHEN G. RICH

Type 5-A. Place-name 2.9mm high, in French only; in one line.

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lent of my type 8, with French place-name in two lines of the same height type. I mention type 3-A here to make the record of added types complete.

Type 11, which is the handstamped type with the very tall place-name and date, introduced in 1911, and continuing in use right to 1928, offers a variant in 1919. It will be recalled that I described as a separate pair of types the printed precancellations with numbers after the place-name, used at Ghent and Liege just before the World War. The only handstamped type with a number after the place-name that I have as yet seen comes from Brasschaet, 1919. This must, in accordance with the procedure for the printed types, be rated as a new type. Description:

Type 11-A. Place-name 3.1 to 3.3mm high in one line, in French only, with numeral after place-name.

Date 3.3mm high; full date. Thus far seen only from Brasschaet 1, 1919.

This type 11-A of Brasschaet was altered in 1920 by the removal of the figure. From 1920 on through 1927, the last year of which I have seen Brasschaet precancels, this becomes type 11 with a space after the place-name. I do not feel inclined to make a separate type of this final minor variety.

Mr. Ralph Williams informs me that the numeral after a place-name, as used in Brasschaet, Gand and Liege, but not in any other towns thus far recorded, indicates a branch office.

In my first article I list type 13, bilingual and short date, as occurring first in 1920. This must not be confused with the earlier printed bilinguals with short date, types 22 and 23. I there mention the probability that a similar type, bilingual and short date, but with Flemish name above date, will be found. This type has turned up, and occurs much earlier. Description:

Type 13-A. Bilingual; place-names 2.2mm high; Flemish name above date.

Date 2.2mm high; short date.

This type occurs from Meenen-Menin 1910, Scherpenheuvel-Montaigu 1912, but not otherwise as far as yet known. Type 13, the similar type with French name above, is known to me only from Waremme-Borgworm, 1920 and 1928, and Mons-Bergen 1925 and 1928.

My types 14 and 15, the bilingual handstamps in large type, are comparatively rare. Namur-Namen 1920 is the earliest occurrence of type 15; Brugge-Bruges 1920 of type 14. I am in doubt as to whether Bruges is type 14 or type 9, as the letters of the place-name vary in size within the stamp, in many cases, and there seem to be both obvious type 14 and obvious type 9 specimens. I strongly suspect that two rockers, one of each type, were used for precancelling from 1920 to 1923.

2. Those Varieties of No. 60

In my second article I wrote at some length about Nos. 60 and 60a, the 1 centime gray and slate, as varieties precancelled in different years. At that time I did not recognize the existence of three distinct colors within this common old gray stamp.

In any reasonably large lot of No. 60, three distinct colors will appear. A dull brownish-gray, quite distinct from all the other tints, and distinguished by apparently clearer printing, will be found in one stamp out of about every twelve. This gray does not intergrade with any other tint or shade found in the lot. In contrast to this will be the bulk of the lot, consisting of stamps that grade fairly evenly from a medium bluish-gray to quite a dark slate. The medium bluish-gray is Scott's No. 60; the dark slate is what the dealers, including Scott, stock as No. 60a. The light, brownish-tinged gray is simply not catalogued. It is distinctly not either a fade or a changeling; it is a separate printing in a peculiar color. The brownish tinge is not so readily apparent when the stamp is viewed alone as when it is put alongside the other specimens. No. 60 proper, especially along in 1906 and 1907, is found in a pale gray, which Gibbons lists as his No. 209. This is not at all like the brownish tint here described.

Nos. 60 and 60a both occur in 1894 as precancels, but No. 60a is unusual. Both colors are plentiful in 1895 and 1896. The brownish tinge occurs first in 1896, precancelled from Brussels, Charleroi, Liege and Louvain. In 1897 the brownish stamps are quite plentiful, and 60a less so than in 1896. 1898 is nearly all on No. 60, with none of the brownish and few of 60a yet seen by me. In 1899 the brownish tinge is again plentiful, but 60a is still scarce. A decreasing number of brownish stamps are found in 1900 and 1901, but still fewer of 60a. Verviers 1902 is the latest use of the brownish tint that I have yet seen. In 1902 No. 60a gains in frequency; through 1903 and 1904 it is about as common as No. 60. After that No. 60 is all but universal, becoming lighter in 1906 and 1907.

I therefore recommend to Belgian precancel collectors that they take all three varieties of No. 60: the regular tint, No. 60a slate, and the brownish tint. The brownish tint specimens are, in my experience, more sharply and clearly printed than those in the other colors.

3. Early Bilinguals

As has been mentioned in my earlier articles, bilingual precancellation was introduced in 1910, and became general with 1911. This change was accompanied by a dropping of all the branch-office precancellations—but, as the printed "Gand 1" and "Liege 1," the branch-office types were revived in 1912. I now offer, thanks to the coöperation of Messrs. Williams, Metz and Wear, the following list of places using bilingual precancellations in 1910. I give the names in both languages as they appear on the stamps.

Brussel 1910 Bruxelles
Forst (Brux) 1910 Vorst (Brus
Gent 1910 Gand
Huy 1910 Hoei
Liege 1910 Luik
Leuven 1910 Louvain
Meenen 10 Menin
Mons 1910 Bergen
Namur 1910 Namen
Tournai 1910 Doornijk

Except Brussels, these are difficult to get. They are all handstamped. Brussels has no other handstamps this year, but has monolingual printed precancels-

(Continued on page 29)

AIR MAIL STAMPED ENVELOPE

About January first the Government will issue a new five cent stamped envelope. The envelope has the red and blue border like the commercial air mail envelope which has been in use for the past year. The die shows an airplane in flight and is printed in blue.

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION

REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The annual report of the Postmaster General, Harry S. New, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, has just been received. As usual, the Post Office Department reports a deficit this year amounting to a figure in excess of thirty-two million dollars.

We are told that the Act of May 29, 1928, which went into effect on July first of the same year, made numerous and important changes in the rates of postage, the revision being one of the most comprehensive and far-reaching in recent years. The various features of the new legislation are: First—Restoration of 1-cent postal rate for private postal cards. Second—A provision for the acceptance of business reply cards and letters, with the prepayment of postage. Third—The establishment of a pound rate for identical pieces of third-class matter, when mailed in bulk. Fourth—The revision of the special-handling charges, etc.

During the year, the sales of postage stamps and other stamp paper, as reported in postmasters' accounts, amounted to a total of $576,437,171.08, an increase of 1.37% over the previous fiscal year.

The list of new stamps issued during the year comprises the 2-cent Valley Forge, the 10-cent, 15-cent and 20-cent Special-Handling, books of the 10-cent Lindbergh, the coils containing three thousand stamps, the 5-cent Air Mail stamp, the Hawaiian surcharges and the precancelled 1-cent stamped envelope.

One detail of great importance to the stamp collector is the remarks of the Postmaster General relative to the issue of the coil containing three thousand stamps. He states, "The issuance of larger size coils has enabled the Department to discontinue the distribution of unperforated sheets of stamps formerly required by the manufacturers who prepared special coils needed for use in connection with their machines." The first regular order of coils of the larger size was issued on December 1, 1927. This will mean that we will have no further imperforate stamps of our current issues, and those who are collecting the privately perforated coils will have no new varieties to add to their collection.

We are told that the first 1-cent precancelled envelopes were supplied on order of August 6, 1928, hence, I cannot understand why mention should be made in this report.

Another exceedingly interesting piece of information is the fact that the sales of postage stamps to collectors and dealers through the Philatelic Agency amounted to $154,119.68, exceeding all previous records for corresponding periods, with the exception of the year when the branch Philatelic Agency was opened at the International Philatelic Exhibition at New York. At that time, the special sheets of White Plains stamps were sold in large quantities to the visitors, and this resulted in a larger total sales than ever before.

The report on page 26 gives a full and detailed list of the establishment of new contract air mail routes, and further tells you that during the year 5,585,224 miles were actually flown, the total weight of mail and equipment carried during the year amounting to 1,861,800 pounds. The outstanding air mail feature of the year was the reduction of postal rates from 10 cents to 5 cents an ounce.

A brief description of the seapost service is given in the report. This service now embraces twenty-nine ships on the Atlantic, and seventeen ships on the Pacific. The Navy mail service was further increased, during the year there being in operation service on 238 naval vessels and 157 shore stations. Those collecting ship cancellations will have quite a choice assortment, if they obtain them all.

The Postmaster General asks for permission to contract with foreign firms, such as the one that operates the air mail service in Columbia. With such a contract closed, United States stamps could be used on our air mail to Columbia, whereas at the present time, it is necessary to buy the air mail stamps issued by the German corporation operating this special line. We are informed that the Postmaster General intends to extend the International Air Mail Service to the north and south, and arrangements are accordingly being made.

The report covers 170 pages, and a copy may be had by those interested from the Postmaster General, to whom the communication requesting the booklet, should be addressed.

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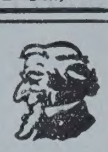

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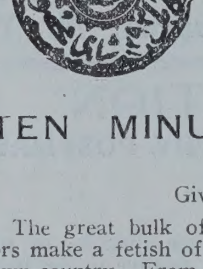

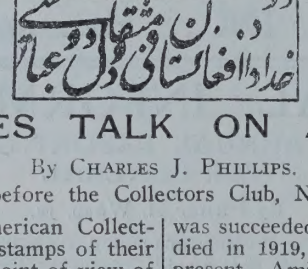

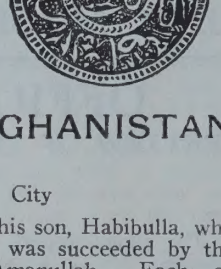

TEN MINUTES TALK ON AFGHANISTAN

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.
Given before the Collectors Club, N. Y. City

The great bulk of American Collectors make a fetish of the stamps of their own country. From the point of view of the almighty dollar, I suppose they are right, but they surely lose the zest and fascination that can be obtained by the study of many stamps produced by primitive means and by local people in the out of the way places. Among many such interesting groups I mention Brazil, 1843-1850; New Caledonia, 1860, 10 cents; New South Wales, Sydneys and Laureated Issues, Tasmania first 1d and 4d; Uruguay, 1856-1862, and most of the Indian Native States.

In this group of "primitives" I would give a high position to the stamps of Afghanistan, produced by local artists in a wild and little known far away country, and printed from lithographic stones on which each subject on the stone was drawn separately, each one varying considerably from the other so that platings of these early Afghans is by no means difficult. Before I refer to the stamps, I think a few brief details of the country may be useful.

Afghanistan is situated between Persia, Baluchistan and the northwest portion of India. It is about 500 miles broad by 600 miles in length. The population is about 6,000,000. The country is divided into five provinces, each under separate Government appointed by the Amir. These are Kabul, Kandahar, Herat, Afghan-Turkestan, and Badakshan.

The Amir Sher Ali ruled Afghanistan from 1868 to 1878. During his reign the first stamps were issued. Early in 1879 he fled from Kabul and died in exile. Yakub Khan then became Amir, but the murder of Sir Louis Cavagnari, the British envoy, brought about war under General Roberts in 1879-1880. Yakub Khan abdicated and the Sirdars in June, 1880, elected Abdur Rahman as Amir. He ruled firmly until his death in 1901, and was succeeded by his son, Habibulla, who died in 1919, and was succeeded by the present Amir Amanullah. Each of these Amirs had separate and very distinct issues of stamps.

The finest collections of these stamps have naturally been formed in India. The chief among these were those of Sir David Masson, Col. Hancock and Col. Appleton. Sir David Masson, who was a well-known banker in the Punjab in Central Provinces, India, was, for many years, recognized as the chief authority on the stamps of Afghanistan, and in 1908 produced (in conjunction with B. Gordon Jones) the standard handbook on the subject. This was issued by the Philatelic Society of India, and is profusely illustrated from reconstructed plates of all the early types. I recently bought the whole of Sir David Masson's collection and am glad to show a small portion tonight.

Most stamps of the early types are dated—the first issue of 1870-71 being dated 1288 of the Mohammedan era. This date is usually found among the Arabic inscription in the large oval. The value is usually over the Lion's head. Values are: Shahi=1 anna or 1d. Sanar =2 annas or 2d. Abasi=2 annas or 4d. ½ rupee=6 annas or 6d. 1 rupee=12 annas or 1/-.

The early issues are printed in groups of 15 stamps 3x5. There were two stones of some issues, on one was 15 types of 1 shahi stamps, on the other, a left row of 5 of shahi, centre row of 5 sanar, and right row of 5 more shahi. In the third printing this was altered to left row of 5 all abasi, centre row of 5 all sanar, right row of 5 all shahi.

In 1871-72 two new values were issued, ½ and 1 rupee in purple, printed in little groups of four stamps, two of each value. In 1872-73 a new stone of 15 stamps of Shahi was in use. This is a cheap stamp, but is very interesting because here we have the first repairs and retouches made by native Afghans to their own stamps.

In stamp No. 6, in the first printing one corner ornament was omitted. I had a pair in the collection, which I have sold to Mr. W. G. Hawkins, and I do not know another pair in any of the fine collections in Great Britain, India or Germany. The native workmen must have quickly noted this fault and made at least three different attempts to correct it. I show complete sheets of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd retouch.

Other interesting retouches occur on these stamps. I show a page with the original state, and the retouches on the same type, side by side for comparison.

With the issue of 1875-76 dated 1293, the use of special colors was introduced for the different Provinces, viz.: Kabul —Gray. Jellalabud—Purple. Kandahar —Green. Herat—Yellow-brown. Afghan-Turkestan—Black. On the sketch map I show, you can see where each color was used. In this issue each color was printed from two distinct stones. 1st, a stone of 24 all shahis. 2nd a composite stone of 24, consisting of 12 sanar, 6 abasi, 3 each of ½ and 1 rupee.

The three higher values, in all colors, except the grays, are rare stamps, the blacks being rarities that are missing in most collections. The issue of 1294 was printed in sheets of 40 stamps arranged as follows: 25 shahi, 8 sanar, 3 abasi, 2 ½ rupee, 2 1 rupee. You can see why the three higher values are scarce in all colors.

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Collection of Slogans—Mrs. Villers Appleby of Tacoma, Washington, showed us her collection of slogan cancels, one that has taken awards in many philatelic exhibitions. Getting these rather odd bits of historical recollections together is not an easy task, and it requires painstaking study to catalog them all properly. The slogans up to 1920 were all of an important nature, but in the four years following, 1920 to 1924, they were trivial in importance, local, unprogressive, complimentary, a condition which caused our Post Office Department to ban all slogans except those of a general, important, national, progressive character, such as, "Address Your Mail," "Register or Insure," "Air-Mail Saves Time," "Let's Go," "Mail Early" and "Inform Correspondents." But collecting slogans for those four years is a full task, and we dare say, many of the slogans are unobtainable today. We have always felt that the Sanitary Fair and Centennial handstamp cancels were our earliest advertising cancels, as well as Jarrett's and Palmer's Fast Continental Train, June 1, 1876, from New York. The rarest machine slogan we believe is the Washington Congress Postal Universal. Then there is the one about the Street Fair in Memphis in 1899, that no one wants to sell. And the one from New York which spelled Memorial without the R in Roosevelt Memorial Association, Oct. 20 to 27. Even a collection of the Air-Mail Saves Time slogans from the different cities with die marks is a complicated affair, which brings to mind that Air-Mail is still a hyphenated word.

Envelope Catalog—We received the new envelope catalog from Mr. Bartels, and it is hoped that this will become an annual affair. To all who collect envelopes, and all who want to begin collecting them, we recommend this latest priced check list of the envelope issues. The system of collecting envelopes as outlined by Mr. Bartels is worthy of study. We have always believed that collecting stamps is mostly a problem of mounting, according to some prearranged system than the simple amassment of items. If you have ever called on a collector in Chicago by the name of Severn, you will understand what we mean. He uses a cigar box album, and any stamp can be located within five years. Of course we all have a box like that, one that is stowed away somewhere, heaped with stamps we didn't know what to do with, but beyond our jackdaw nature to cast away. But between friends, that's all right. In your cellar isn't there a box of junk, gas pipe plugs, hose couplings, rusty nails, clothes line hooks, tin foil, bolts without nuts, and nuts without bolts, wire without end? Even so, the system of collecting is the thing, and Mr. Bartels tries to keep us straight in the envelope game.

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1911, 1k, #96	.90	.45
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5k, #398	4.00	2.75
JAPAN 1908, 5y, 10y	.33	.15
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LATVIA 1920, 5r, #73	.25	.12
1921, 10r, #95	.50	.25
1923, 2L, #127	.60	.25
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1927, #223 to 225	..	1.10
1L Aero, #435	.65	.30
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10pi, #24	1.75	.85
1922, 5pi, #59	.35	.15
10pi, #61	.75	.35
20pi, #62	1.25	.60
PERU 1917, 2s, #219	1.00	.39
PHILIPPINES 1906, 2p, #252	1.75	.85
1909, 2p, #260a	.90	.45
1911, 1p, #271	.20	.08
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1926, 24c, #324	.35	.17
RUSSIA 1924, 3 rubles, #292	1.50	.75
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1r, #342	.85	.35
2r, #343	2.00	.90
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1r, #45	.50	.22
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1920, 10e, #827	.30	.12
SUDAN 1897, 1pi blue	.60	.25
1898, 2pi, #14	.50	.25
1898, 5pi, #15	.75	.38
10pi, #16	.75	.37
1902, 5pi, #25	.15	.07
1907, 10pi, #30	.40	.18
1903, 5pi, #210	.85	.40
1906, 1pi, #308	.30	.12
2pi, #309	1.50	.68
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2pi, #312	1.75	.85
TURKEY 1901, 25pi, #116	.60	.28
50pi, #117	1.00	.50
1908, 25pi, #140	.50	.22
1914, 5pi, #283	.75	.35
10pi, #284	3.00	1.35
1916, 10pi, #374	1.00	.40
50pi, #384	1.00	.45
50pi, #413	1.75	.75
1923, 100pi, #622	.40	.18
1926, 100g, #646	1.00	.45
TURKEY IN ASIA 50pi, #2	7.50	2.35
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Aero 45c, #609	3.00	1.75

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DAHOMEY 1913, 1fr green & blk.	.30	.13
2fr buff & brn.	.40	.18
1913, 5fr violet & blue	1.00	.45
FR. CHINA 1902, 2frs, #41	3.00	1.75
5frs, #42	6.00	2.95
1911, 40c, #71	.30	.13
Canton, #77	.60	.35
FR. EGYPT Alexandria, 1fr, #28	.45.	.22
2fr, #29	1.25	.60
Alexandria, 5frs, #30	2.75	1.35
30m, #54	2.00	.90
Port Said, 5frs, #32	3.00	1.50
FR. MOROCCO 2pe, #22	6.00	2.90
1pe, #49	.20	.07
2pe, #50	.40	.15
1917, 1fr	1.50	.85
1918, 50c, #82	4.00	1.90
1fr, #83	2.00	.75
1923, 30c, #89	1.25	.58
50c, #90	1.50	.65
30c, #101	.15	.07
1fr, #107	.20	.07
2fr, #108	.40	.17
5fr, #109	1.00	.45
10fr, #110	2.00	.78
1927, 1.50fr, #118	.30	.10
3fr, #119	.50	.19
1922, 1fr red, #502	.25	.11
75c green, #506	.18	.07
1917, #610, 611	.80	.40
FR. TURKEY 8pi, #34	2.00	.85
20pi, #35	1.25	.75
Dedeagh, 4pi, #17	1.00	.45
8pi, #18	1.25	.75
FR. ZANZIBAR 10a, #47	2.50	1.50
20a, #48	9.00	4.25
FR. GUIANA 1925, 2frs blue	.75	.35
1fr rose	.40	.18
FR. GUINEA 1913, 25c blue & ult.	1.00	.50
30c brn. & grn.	1.25	.60
1913, 1fr violet & black	.25	.09
2fr orange & violet	.40	.17
INDO CHINA 40c on 1fr, #428	1.00	.45
IVORY COAST 1913, 50c	2.00	1.25
75c	.15	.07
1913, 1fr	.20	.08
2fr	.40	.18
5fr	1.00	.45
LEBANON 5pi on 1fr, #31	.45	.23
10pi on 2fr, #32	.80	.45
25pi on 5frs, #33	1.50	.85
1925, 10pi, #61	.40	.18
MADAGASCAR 1908, 30c	1.25	.58
1fr	.30	.12
1908, 2fr	.40	.17
MARTINIQUE 1908, 30c	1.00	.50
50c	1.00	.50
1908, 1fr	.40	.17
REUNION 1907, 50c, #70	1.00	.45
1fr, #72	.30	.12
1907, 2frs, #73	.40	.17
ST. PIERRE 1909, 50c	1.75	.85
SENEGAL 1914, 30c	.30	.12
1914, 50c	.50	.17
1914, 1fr	.30	.10
1922, 2frs, #102	.40	.15
1925, 1fr, #119	.35	.15
SYRIA 10pi, #40	.40	.18
25pi, #56	10.00	4.75
1921, 10pi, #86	.80	.40
TOGO 1924, 5frs	1.00	.38
TUNIS 1906, 2frs	.20	.09
1923, 40c, #66	.50	.18

A Few Portuguese Colonials

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AZORES 1912, 1e green	1.25	.60
50c orange	.45	.19
1912, #189 to 198	2.21	.90
1923, 1.50e, #208	.30	.10
1924, 10e pink, #218	1.25	.60
1925, 1.60e blue	.24	.08
3.20e green	.48	.22
GUINEA 1922, 2e violet	.30	.12
MOZAMBIQUE 1922, 2e violet	.30	.12
1926, 5e buff	..	.30
1926, 10e pink	..	.58
NYASSA 1921, 5e blue & brown	.75	.40
ST. THOMAS & PRINCE 1926, 2e	.30	.11

BRITISH COLONIALS

Some very good items in this short list.

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Off. in Morocco 1sh, #91	1.00	.45
3frs, #101	.30	.15
1fr, #100	.40	.17
1fr, #122	..	.15
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$5 Jubilee	7.00	4.75
1922, $1 orange	.25	.09
AUSTRALIA COMM. 5sh, #537	1.25	.60
CEYLON 1912, 50c, #210	.35	.15
HONG KONG 1912, 50c, #110a	.50	.19
$2, #112	1.50	.70
1912, $3, #113	2.50	1.20
1921, $1, #131	.50	.22
INDIA 5r, #261	.50	.25
1r on 15r, #286	.60	.28
2r on 10r, #288	..	.75
GWALIOR 1r, #45	1.00	.45
IRAQ 1923, 5r, #111	2.00	1.25
JAMAICA 1919, 4p, #81	.50	.23
10sh, #87	20.00	9.75
MALTA 4p, #103	1.25	.58
MESOPOTAMIA 2r on 25pi, #36	.50	.23
10r on 100pi, #38	3.00	1.50
NATAL 1904, 2sh6p, #108	6.00	2.95
NEW SO. WALES 1898, 6p, #105	1.00	.38
1903, 2sh6p, #107	1.00	.45
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N. W. PACIFIC IS. 2sh, #21	4.00	1.90
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SEYCHELLES 1912, 1r50c, #72	2.50	1.25
2r25c, #73	4.50	2.25
STRAITS $1, #142	1.00	.45
$2, #143	2.00	.95
45c, #148	.60	.30
$5, #166	1.50	.85
$1, #191	.35	.25
Dues, 8, 10, 12c	..	.30
KELANTAN $2, #10	2.50	1.25
$5, #11	6.00	2.75
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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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BOUNDBROOK NJ **KOKOMO IND.** **Crosby N. Dak.**

This installment will appear after the Christmas mailing rush has subsided, but it is written prior to that event. Every year many new precancels are issued as a result of the heavy demand and to chronicle these interesting emissions means considerable effort on the part of a new issue editor. This week I'll sort of clear the air and be ready with a clean slate to write up all the newest information of interest to the precancel collector.

The 1929 Standard Precancel Catalog is off the press. It is a commendable work of 700 pages, the combined effort of all the important authorities on the hobby. Thirty-seven state editors and nine special editors working together with the editor-in-chief, Victor W. Rotnem, are to be congratulated on the publication.

In October the Bureau printed new denominations for eight cities, all regular users of the Bureau precancel. They are as follows:

Birmingham adds the 8c ordinary, which will be difficult to tell from the local print because of the similarity of plates.

Chicago at last ordered the 7, 8 and 9c. They will be in the new standard style.

Detroit, a heavy user of coils, adds the 3c and may be expected to order the balance of the set above this denomination before long.

Philadelphia will have the 8 and 9c to complete the set to 10c, but these two probably will be in the new style.

Providence has ordered the 10c coil.

St. Louis will receive the 8c, which leaves the 7 and 9c still unknown as Bureau printed.

Seattle replaces the 1½c coil with the 2c in the same style.

Syracuse has requested the 3c coil.

Saint Paul 1½, 4, 5, 6 and 8c with the old style on the new perforation are going to be mighty good items. With this parting tip, we take leave of the Bureaus.

Bound Brook, N. J., illustrated above, is rather neat, don't you think? My guess is that it is a regular electroplate printing. The 1½c denomination, perf. 11x10½ is all I've seen.

Kokomo, Ind., appears in dashing black upon the 10c Monroe, which is the first locally *printed* precancel it has issued. It must be typeset as it is not in line with the style of plates the Bureau has been producing for offices.

Crosby, N. D., is a newcomer in precancels. The style is clearly typeset and makes a pretty specimen out of the 1½c it comes on.

Greenfield, Mass., current handstamp style shows up spelled "Greenlield," for the first time to my knowledge. Watch for it.

Harrisonburg, W. Va., precancels are used for chick shipments and little else. So you'll have to go around to the neighboring hatchery branch to try to locate a specimen of the U-13 style, which electro has just been placed in use by that office.

Clearwater, Fla., is quite familiar to us all during the big league training season. Precancels will serve to supplement baseball as a reminder, as the U-54 handstamp is in service at that point.

West New York, N. J., is using its second handstamp. The style is similar to U-10 reading "WEST NEW—YORK, N. J." in two lines.

Sheboygan Falls, Wis., is another new one. I am indebted to G. W. Hawse for a specimen of the 1½c in the same style and set up as the *West New York*.

French Lick, Ind., is a third with this same style. Precancels from there have been out for quite a while, but I have never mentioned them to readers.

Eureka, Calif.—All right, all together *"I have found it."* I really have, though, precancelled in serif caps by a rubber handstamp on the 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10c. All are current design except the 3c offset.

Shawnee, Okla.—"Heap big Injun town" has a new U-12 plate and a new thin serif letter style of handstamp like the Pella, Ia., that has been previously illustrated in this column.

Detroit Lakes, Minn., formerly known as simply "Detroit" is a pretty dead "burg" in the winter, but in the summer the tourist business makes the merchants sing. The postmaster ordered a handstamp last spring and has used it sparingly for I have been unable to pick up anything save a current 10c. If you are interested in styles, "she was dressed similar to U-10, but in caps and lower case."

Rocky Mount, N. C., surely is not a thriving farming community, and it is too far from home for me to tell you much about it except they are using 1c precancels "down thar." Oh yes! U-53 is the rest of the story.

Andover, Mass., famed educational center is using quite a few precancels. Not on laundry cases either! Prof. Gamber shows me the 7, 10 and 50c, in the U-75 style.

Troy, N. Y., "with the U-12 electro" means more than what that bare statement might seem. For years this office has precancelled with three handstamps, all practically alike, that produced such a sorry array that many precancel collectors have often expressed the wish that the above would come to pass. Troys are generally punched with the perforated initial "C." If you know your shirts and collars, you'll know the reason why.

And there are more U-12 electroplates to chronicle. *Duluth, Warren, Pa.*, break away from the U-1 and U-4 styles; *Columbus, O.*, from the U-3; and *Newark, O.*, from a handstamp, that precancelled with a soluble ink many a collector found to his sorrow when he soaked the wrapper. *Alderson, W. Va.*, also gets in line with the U-12.

Olivet, Mich., is a rather refreshing specimen for it bears a neat handstamped style of caps and lower case between very thick bars. The 20c I am looking at happens to be in a pretty block of 8.

An A. P. S. circuit book recently looked at, contained a number of precancels new to me. They were all the fractional value, ½c. *Ashland, Ky., Athens* and *Canton, O.*, and *Butler, Pa.*, bore the style I mention in the paragraph on *Eureka*. *Celina, O.*, is a new user, and owns a "U-54," if you follow me. *New Philadelphia* and *Martin's Ferry, O.*, are two more. Both were dressed like *Detroit Lakes*. If you will bear with me, I'll wind up the story by mentioning *New Lexington, O.*, in three lines.

If any one shows me a "Molly Pitcher" precancel, I'll suspect that there is something not so right in Denmark.

London-Orient

—Supplementary Information About the L.-O. Flight Issue.

By PERCY A. HILL.

Supplementary to mine of a few days ago the following data as regards the current issue of the Philippines to the peso value surcharged or overprinted L. O. F. may be of interest.

In the first place the issue was entirely unnecessary as the British planes had touched at perhaps forty different points in the Br. Empire on their 25,000 mile flight, not one of whom deemed the flight worthy of being commemorated by a stamp, so far as I know.

In the second place the Director of Posts, Sr. Jose Topacio, decided that this issue should not fall into the hands of speculators as the former air-mail commemoratives. As a consequence he has been criticised for doing a perfectly legitimate action. I, myself, can attest it, and for a still better reason, for altho I am a member of the Association Filatelica, and have money on deposit with the Post Office for my quota of five sets, I have not received a single stamp from the postal authorities, to this date. Pressure was brought to bear on Sr. Topacio from all angles, but he can say he kept the issue from falling into the speculative class.

The general public were allowed to buy a block up to the 30c value on the day of the arrival of the planes, Nov. 9th, and all listed collectors, who presented personally at the windows, only five complete sets. Two hundred complete sets were sold to the general public at 1.30 p. m., Nov. 9th, which are all the peso stamps available to the public of this issue. Sales were continued on the 10th and the 12th. On the 16th the four fliers left for Salomague, carrying 1,300 pieces of mail, amounts limited to 50 pieces from single persons. On the 18th they flew to Hong Kong, carrying 900 pieces of mail, 500 of which were returned to Manila. Postage was two pesos (one dollar) per letter to Hong Kong as being a minimum, otherwise the load would have been too heavy for the planes. No letters were brought by the planes from Empire points, except from Puerto Princesa, their first landfall in the Philippines to Manila, the numbers

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OUR readers are asked to give close attention to the following letter which has been received from Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., of the Nassau Stamp Company, New York: "On December 4, 1928, by agreement among the leaders of the House of Representatives at Washington, wheels were set in motion for a general revision of the tariff, which it is believed will be undertaken at a special session of Congress in the spring or autumn of 1929. A resolution was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee, directing that hearings on fifteen schedules of the tariff law shall begin on January 7th. The hearing relating to stamps, Paragraph 1671 of the Tariff Act of 1922, comes under Schedule 15, Free List, and will be held on February 20, 21 and 22. This paragraph reads as follows:—'Stamps: Foreign postage or revenue stamps cancelled or uncancelled, and foreign government stamped post cards bearing no other printing than the official imprint thereon.' This paragraph permits the free importation of foreign postage and revenue stamps and foreign post cards, but discriminates against United States stamps. By a ruling of the Honorable McKenzie Moss, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, dated April 18, 1923, uncancelled postage stamps were declared not subject to duty, as they were not considered goods, wares or merchandise, as ordinarily understood, and United States stamped envelopes and post cards were also declared free of duty, as the value of the envelope was insignificant as compared with that of the stamp. On the other hand, the value of cancelled postage stamps resulted from the desire of stamp collectors to secure them for their collections, and this created a commercial value and, therefore, cancelled United States stamps were declared dutiable as printed matter on their foreign value at the rate of 25% *ad valorem*, under Paragraph 1310 of the Tariff Act. These rulings created considerable confusion, and it is our belief that Paragraph 1671 should be amended so as to remove the discrimination against used United States stamps. We would suggest, therefore, that your readers take up this matter with their Congressmen and prepare a proper brief to be submitted at the hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means, making a change in the paragraph by eliminating the word 'foreign' where it appears, and adding the words 'envelopes or,' after the word 'stamped,' making the paragraph read as follows: 'Par. 1671. Stamps: Postage or revenue stamps cancelled or uncancelled, and government stamped envelopes or post cards bearing no other printing than the official imprint thereon'."

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THE present tariff regulations are unfairly discriminatory against U. S. stamps and are inimical to collecting interests. When the Tariff Act of 1922 became effective it was seen that United States stamps were penalized unjustly in being adjudged taxable at 25% *ad valorem* and a measure of relief was granted by the Honorable McKenzie Moss in 1923, who, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, relieved unused U. S. from the imposition of duty. Now is the time for representations to be made by philatelists with the object of removing the ban against used U. S. The arguments in favor of unrestricted importation of these stamps are based on logical premises and now, if ever, is the accepted time to throw our strength in support of a change for the better. Fortunately, there are friends to philately in Congress, and if collectors will bestir themselves generally to write to their representatives, it is not unlikely that the effect of concerted action will be felt to advantage. When a new tariff bill is under consideration, there is every reason to press legitimate measures as it is apt to be difficult to remove objectionable findings from a law when once it is enacted. Each collector has his influence, and he should not sleep on his rights when his cause is just and for the general philatelic weal. Immediate action on the part of philatelists is demanded, and they are importuned to write, quoting the words of the proposed Par. 1671, as given in the last sentence of the preceding note.

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MR. KENNETH LOUCKS, News Manager of the *Indiana Construction Recorder*, Indianapolis, with characteristic generosity has sent a beautiful booklet descriptive of the sesquicentennial of the surrender of Fort Sackville to Colonel George Rogers Clark, the commander of the troops of Virginia in the west, on February 25, 1779. The historical phases of this moving event are presented in a most interesting manner in the book, which has an illustration in colors of Frederick C. Yohn's picture, "Surrender of Fort Sackville to George Rogers Clark, February 25, 1779," which has been adopted for the central design of the commemorative issue next month. Mr. Loucks says that other pictures of Mr. Yohn's conception of Clark's activities "can be found in illustrated copies of that old familiar classic, 'Alice of Old Vincennes'." The book, "Indiana, 1779-1929" is published by the Board of Public Printing and the Indiana Historical Bureau, Indianapolis.

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MR. JULIUS LOEFFLER, Chicago, president of the German collectors' stamp club, has returned from a philatelic sojourn in Europe over a period of nine months, where he observed conditions and reported different activities for readers of the WEELKY. Mr. Loeffler got much publicity here through a despatch of a special correspondent who told of the sending by Mr. Loeffler of three hundred covers on the Zepp flight to America. Mr. Loeffler says that the Berlin post office was a center of activity when the probable date of the flight of the Zeppelin was announced. Incidentally, he says that one cautious collector in this country wrote to send 25c, and ask that in return for it six envelopes be bought and mailed to him. He added that if the covers arrived safely, he would pay the postage of them.

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IN a circular from Jose Topacio, Director of Posts, Manila, Philippine Islands, telling of the issue of the surcharges in honor of the First British Far East Good-Will Flight, the last paragraph of the announcement is significant: "It is requested that stamps purporting to commemorate this event not exactly surcharged as above be presented to any postmaster or post office inspector so that proper action may be taken."

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A CARD from Mr. A. Rivera, San Salvador, says that an issue of 100,000 stamps is impending in Honduras, to underwrite the flight of Garay to establish air mail connections between Tegucigalpa, Honduras and New York. The stamps are to be sold for 50 centavos each, we are informed. A number of newspapers carried this information in their columns last week, we find.

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WE cannot close our eyes to the complaints that have been received from collectors who are awaiting their Wright stamps from the Philatelic Agency, which in some cases were ordered weeks ago. At the beginning of the new year, some of the patrons are suffering eye-strain watching for the letters that do not come, and while we sympathize with the collectors that seem to be forgotten, logic would suggest that they write to Washington and not to us. Our idea is no to add to the Agency's troubles, but t lighten our own. Probably by the tim that this paragraph appears in print a will be quiet along the Potomac again.

Brunel

—Author of the "Postage Stamps o Island of Mauritius."

Dr. Georges Brunel, a laureate of th French Academy, has produced the firs handbook on Mauritius stamps. Th colony was formerly the Ile de Franc and the author of "Les Timbres Poste d l'Ile Maurice" (Paris 60 francs) remind us that it owes its chief fame not to th "Post Office" stamp errors, but to th charm of Bernardin de St. Pierre's ro mance, "Paul and Virginia."

There are rarer stamps than the "Po Office" Mauritius, but none so muc sought after, and only two or three mo costly. The price has soared instead c fallen with the discovery of new copie Dr. Brunel gives a record of twenty-fiv specimens known, with photographs c twenty-four of them. He also provid his readers with well-executed facsimil in colour, which would not be permitte to an English publisher.

A register is given of all the know copies, and the latest to change han deserve special mention. Mr. Ha Lagerloef, a Swede resident in Ne York, has this year given his two copi (known as Numbers 8 and 9) to t Stockholm Postal Museum, a very ge erous gift worth over £5,000.

Mr. Lagerloef, who shares with t Crown Prince of Sweden the honour being vice-president of the "Friends the Postal Museum," has formed impo tant collections of most countries' stamp and is gradually passing them on to th museum. He has never exhibited England, but showed his Great Brita collection for the first time at the Lond Stamp Exhibition at the Memorial Ha last month. The collection fills six vo umes, and includes nearly all the prom nent rarities, together with a remarkab range of English stamps used in out-o the-way parts of the world.—*Star Lover.*

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(The Fort Orange (N. Y.) Stamp Club is a live body and we are pleased to note its activities. Mr. Riess sends us a copy of its official organ for January, and we make a few quotations that speak for themselves.—Ed.)

Program for the Coming Month

Jan. 1—New Years—no meeting.
Jan. 8—Talk, exhibit, or both, by W. W. MacLaren of Cleveland, Ohio, who will visit us on this evening.
Jan. 15—Talk, exhibit, or both, by Chester J. Moore.
Jan. 22—Talk, exhibit, or both, by John J. Shea, Jr.

December Activities

Dec. 4—Talk on the Development of the U. S. Air Mail Service by Charles G. Riess. On this evening the Club acted as judge for a contest held by the members of the "Albany Junior Stamp Club." Seven prizes awarded by our members to the embryo philatelists.
Dec. 11—Henry L. Dean of Brooklyn visited our club and displayed two volumes of early U. S. revenue stamps to the members. About everything one could wish for was there—pairs, strips, blocks, inverts, part perforates and parts of sheets in wonderful condition. Mr. Dean has collected and studied U. S. revenue stamps for over fifteen years, and has probably the best collection of these stamps in the country.
Dec. 18—Daniel H. Myers entertained the members with an exhibit and talk on the stamps of the Danish West Indies.
Dec. 27—"Christmas Tree" meeting.

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BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE.
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Letter from Chamber of Commerce, Enid, Okla., states that their Airport will be dedicated early in the spring and that a cachet will be used. Mr. J. Paul Gleason, Secty., further states, "and you may rest assured that the dedication of the Enid Airport will be the greatest one Oklahoma has ever seen!" That's a pretty big order to complete!

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Francis J. Field advises that an East African aviator, who flew from Amsterdam to Cairo early in December carried a small mail, the first to be flown over this route and the first in recent years to be flown over the Eastern Mediterranean.

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Hutchinson, Kansas, has voted funds for the construction of an Airport. * * * Auburn, Maine, will be ready to dedicate early in the spring. * * * The Montgomery, Ala., field is nearing completion, and it is reported the dedication will occur about March 15th. * * * Frederick, Md., is to construct an Airport. * * * Red Bluff, Calif., has begun work on an Airport, funds for which were voted last May. * * * Erie, Pa., is also planning the construction of a Municipal Airport with the possibility of becoming a landing point on CAM No. 20, when the field is completed.

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Through the efforts of Mr. Donald Woodward of Leroy, N. Y., Camden, South Carolina, is to have an Airport. Mr. Woodward has a winter home in Camden and as soon as he arrives from the north, work on the Airport is expected to begin.

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The second annual Air Meet will be held at Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 22, 23, 24. Last year they applied a cachet to air mail.

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An airplane trip from Butte, Mont., to Salt Lake City, has been won by two Missoula High School boys. The flight went to the youths for selling the greatest number of Air Mail stamps in a recent contest. The boys disposed of $64 and $53 worth, respectively. (Aviation)

Collectors of Airport cachets will be glad to learn that Mr. Donald E. Dickason has been appointed as editor of this section for the *Air Mail Collector*, the official publication of the American Air Mail Society. Mr. Dickason is an enthusiastic collector of "Airports," and his items will be authoritative.

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A "feeder line" on CAM No. 25 to run between Daytona and Tampa, Fla., is expected to be put in operation during February. A landing will be made at Orland and possibly other points.

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On December 22, the army "blimp" T. C. 25 picked up two sacks of mail from the roof of the High School at Newport News, Virginia, on a non-stop attempt.

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Letter from H. V. Glenn, Commander of Adams-Jackson Post, No. 17, American Legion, Paragould, Ark., states no cachet was used at their Airport dedication, October 13, 14.

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Coöperators for the last week of the old year were:—D. E. Dickason*, Frank W. Wright*, M. P. Colegrove*, J. H. Jost, C. S. George, C. A. Foster, W. T. Foster, Harold Rosenthal, Francis J. Field, Buell T. French*, Victor M. Suarez, Wm. Esselen, Jr., John Ransch, J. N. Brackett, Pan-American Airways, Inc., Wm. H. Conkling*, Jesse E. Baker, (Acme First Flight Club) Geo. T. Street*, J. P. Perming, Chester W. Janasik, Maj. C. M. Sopez, Leslie Winant, John Hadley Cox and A. J. Steinhart.

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George F. Wild sends a copy of a letter he received from Mr. G. Herring, Acting Chief Supt. of Air Mail Service of Canada, in which it is stated that the special cachet used on the recent flights of December 10th were continued in use for the full period of the service, December 10th to 29th. A weekly change in color of the impression was anticipated.

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General Aviation Co. has acquired the Airport at Elmira, N. Y., and held an official opening and show on December 22 and 23. A special cachet was applied to Air Mail on these two days:—*Not Official*. Courtesy Messrs. Colegrove and Wright.

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From Mr. George T. Street comes the following:—"The last flight Havana to Key West, occurred on December 4th, and the first flight Havana to Miami on December 5th. A very small number of covers were carried on these flights, and they will command the attention of the more serious collectors."

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

Jamaica: Its Postal History, Postage Stamps and Postmarks. By G. W. Collett, W. Buckland Edwards, C. S. Morton and L. C. C. Nicholson. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, Eng. Price, U. S., 11sh3d postpaid in cloth, and 16sh3d in leather.

This is one of the very notable publications of the year 1928, and its authoritative nature may be estimated by the names attached to the work for the four whose names are given above were aided by Astley C. Clerk, a specialist in Jamaica, H. Cooke and G. C. Gunter. In the preface the compilers also give credit to a dozen other philatelists, including Delf Noronha, "who sent his collection from far-off Virginia."

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The brooklet, too, no longer flows.
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And near the hearth the kittens doze.

I have no woes. The door I close
Upon my rough and wintry foes.
In mood jocose, I now propose
To mount, at last, my stamps in rows!

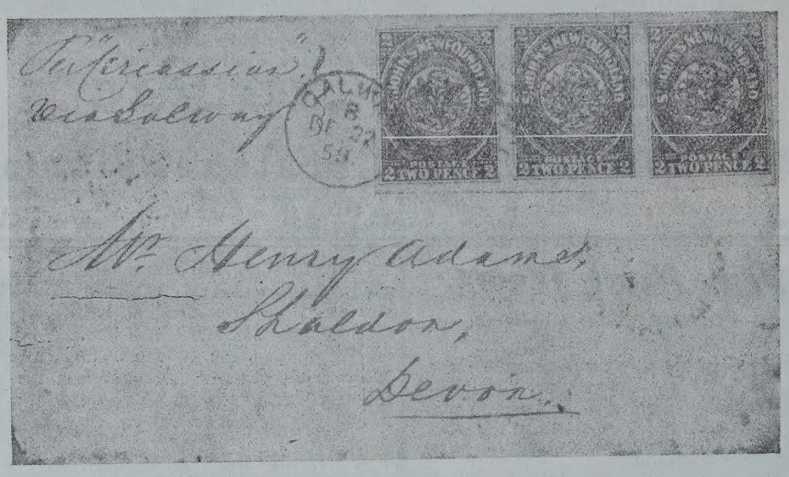
Nov. 19 Brain Teasers

Our Juniors showed a decided lack of interest in our contest of Nov. 19. Perhaps football was the reason. We received only 13 solutions as follows:

P. H. Hardacre, Los Angeles, Cal.,	100%
Lewis Weiss, New Haven, Conn.,	100%
Arthur F. Doe, Jr., Sheepscot, Me.,	100%
Albert Gruber, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	90%
Geo. Buckman, New York City,	90%
(No name on entry),	90%
W. I. Gray, Dorchester, Mass.,	90%
Henry Tiergeni, Edgewood, R. I.,	90%
Billy Burr, Beverly Hills, Cal.,	80%
Robt. Herrera, Chicago, Ill.,	80%
Glenn Cox, Jr., Portland, Ore.,	80%
Wm. Stewart, San Fran., Cal.,	70%
Geo. Holt, Santa Monica, Cal.,	70%

Prizes have been mailed the three leaders. No. 1 was the stumbling block. Hungary and Ukrainia were named by several contestants. Mr. Hardacre's answers were as follows, and Messrs. Weiss and Doe also submitted the same list:—

(1.) 1911 Nicaragua.
(2.) 1901, Dominican Republic.
(3.) 1925 Hungary.
(4.) The difference between numbers 99 and 102 of India is that number 102 has AS in the upper corners, while number 99 has only A. Also number 99, in the written value has only ONE AND HALF ANNA, omitting the letter A between AND and HALF, and S on the end of ANNA as has number 102.
(5.) "Magyar Tanacskoztarsasag" overprinted on the stamps of Hungary means Hungarian Soviet Republic.
(6.) Egypt's current issue shows a picture of King Fuad.
(7.) "Colis Posteaux" on French Colonial stamps means Parcel Post. Tunis issued a set of these stamps in 1906.
(8.) The event that both Peru and Venezuela issued a stamp for in 1924 was the Battle of Ayacucho. This was fought in 1824 against the Spanish.
(9.) Stamps that bear the inscription "Postzegel Z. Afr. Republik" are issued by Transvaal.
(10.) The Statue of Liberty is shown on the 1919 issue of Uruguay.



THE LUCKY FIND OF A JUNIOR

A London Dealer Bought This Cover At An Auction For $3,000

One day there was a very fortunate grandson, ten years of age, and when a letter arrived from Newfoundland he used his persuasive powers to gain possession of the envelope, franked with a strip of three of the scarlet-vermilion stamp. This was in 1858, and, instead of the boy soaking off the stamps, he kept the envelope entire, with the result that it recently sold in a London auction room for no less a sum than £600. The price constitutes the highest ever recorded for such a strip, no other being known. Even single copies of this stamp are rare. Messrs. Harmer, Rooke and Co. sold the envelope to a London dealer.—*Postage Stamp.*

The U. S. 2c with "Caps"

Allen W. Hughes asks for information regarding the 2c stamps of the 1890 issue for the United States with "caps" on the numerals. These varieties were caused by damaged transfer rolls, that is, on the impressions taken from the original die and by means of which the design is transferred to the plates. Mr. Luff expresses the opinion that these particular transfers were damaged during the hardening process—probably the steel cooled too quickly with the result that small pieces chipped off. The defects occurred at the tops of the numerals, giving, in the finished sheets, an appearance of a white cap above one or

both figures "2." There are three varieties. (1) With cap above the right numeral, (2) with cap above the left numeral, and (3) with caps above both numerals of these, variety (1) is by far the rarest and either the plate made from this damaged transfer roll was but little used or very few impressions were made on a plate from this roll before it was discarded. The other varieties are by no means uncommon and both were used for separate plates and also, I believe, both may be found on the same sheet. It is curious, with the great care usually taken in stamp production, that transfer rolls with such prominent defects should ever have been used at all.

King Alfonso XIII of Spain

Born 17th May, 1886; succeeded Alfonso XII. and Queen Maria Christina; married 31st May, 1906, H.R.H. Princess Victoria Eugénie Julia Ena Maria Christina of Battenberg (born 24th October, 1887).

The King of Spain has been for many years an enthusiastic stamp collector, specialising in the stamps of Spain and her Colonies, France and Portugal. On his behalf were struck the famous "King of Spain" Reprints of the stamps of Portugal and Colonies to complete the Royal collection of these issues.

His Majesty takes a keen personal interest in all matters appertaining to the stamps of his country.—*Who's Who in Philately.*

Junior News Release

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Egypt.—Egypt will soon be able to claim a position similar to that held at present by Portugal if they keep on issuing stamps for all the conferences held there. The latest international medical congress was the occasion for the appearance of a set of two stamps on December 15th. The 5 milliemes, brown, portrays the Egyptian god of medicine, Im Hotep, while the 10 milliemes, red, carries a likeness of Mehemet Ali Pasha.

Great Britain.—The first country to issue stamps has decided to issue the second commemorative set of the country. The first commemorative set which Great Britain issued was in honor of the Wembley Exposition, and the second one, which will appear next year, commemorates the conference of the International Postal Union. The commemoratives, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d and 1 pound, will take the places of the current adhesives for three months.

Japan.—To commemorate a great national event, the crowning of the Emperor of "The Land of the Rising Sun," the Japanese Post Office has issued a series of four stamps, printed on yellow paper. The 1½ sen, green, shows some fairytale bird; the 3 sen, claret, portrays the special temple erected for the ceremony; the 6 sen, carmine, is of the same design as the 1½ sen value, while the 10 sen ultramarine shows the 3 sen value picture.

Leeward Islands.—The two highest values of the current set have been received here, both King George design, of the "Nyasaland" type key-plate. They are the 10sh green and carmine on green paper, and the 1 pound black and purple on red paper. They are printed on multiple crown CA watermarked paper.

Billy Burr's Brain Busters

(Questions printed last week.)

(1)—Mexico. Denver.
(2)—The stamps were printed in Denver.
(3)—Pilgrim Tercentenary issue.
(4)—Cuba, No. 555.
(5)—No. Ingermanland No. 9.
(6)—Newfoundland No. 90.
(7)—Netherlands No. 483.
(8)—Jamaica No. 79.
(9)—Honduras.
(10)—Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden, Thuringen and Hesse.

THE BIRTH OF PERFORATION

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

The first adhesive postage stamps issued anywhere in the world were those which appeared in Great Britain in 1840, but it was not until seven years later that the subject of perforation first received official recognition. In the *English Churchman* for October 28, 1847, an article appeared under the title of "Improvement of Postage Stamps," which is probably the earliest mention of a scheme which took many years to come to fruition. From this article we make the following excerpts:

"To provide a remedy for the inconveniences thus experienced (*i.e.*, in severing the stamps one from another), a plan has been invented, by the aid of a machine, by which more than double the number of stamp-sheets that is now annually required may be so minutely indented in the direction of the whit lines as to allow the stamps to be instantly detached from the sheet without the question of cutting; perfect, too, in every respect, or, in other words, in no way mutilated or disfigured like most of the stamps that are now torn from each other. . . . The plan, we understand has been submitted to the Postmaster General, who, with his usual desire to facilitate the despatch of letters and to promote the convenience of the public has referred it to the practical department of the Post Office, with a view to ascertaining the efficiency of the machine for the required work, and whether or not it would be desirable to adopt the proposed plan, the noble Marquis intimating at the same time to the party who waited upon his lordship that if the plan could be carried out it would, in his opinion, contribute very much to the convenience of the public."

The plan referred to in the above paragraph was the invention of an Irishman named Henry Archer. With the aid of a practical machinist, Archer had constructed a machine which pierced the small gutters between the stamps with a series of cuts in such a manner that the stamps could be separated one from another without the aid of scissors. This machine consisted of two parts, which were used in succession. One of these contained a roller carrying thirteen spur-wheels, placed the width of a stamp apart, and with this part the vertical perforation was made. The other part contained a roller with twenty-one spur-wheels the height of a stamp apart, and with this the horizontal perforations were made. It was a rouletting machine inasmuch as it made cuts in the paper without removing any of it. The sheets of stamps that were thus rouletted by Archer by way of experiment were, by a resolution of the Commissioners—which was approved by the Lords of the Treasury on Jan. 7, 1848—authorized to be placed in circulation by the Post Office. These experimental stamps on original cover are much prized by British specialists and are of considerable rarity.

This machine was not found practical mainly on account of the difficulty in finding a suitable medium as a bed for the spur-wheels. If the bed on which the cutting edges descended were of wood it wore too speedily, whereas if metal were used it blunted the wheels too quickly. Archer, nothing daunted, then set to work and modified the machine by substituting a series of lance-shaped blades for the spur-wheels, but this proved even more unsatisfactory than the original machine. Specialists can distinguish between stamps rouletted by these two machines. The cuts made by the first machine vary in length and

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they are not equi-distant from each other. Furthermore, the cuts themselves are irregular and jagged and the stamps are seldom left square at the angles. The rouletting made by the modified machine consists of straight and clean cuts, widening at the extremities, which are spaced more regularly and closer together.

Far from discouraged by these failures Archer immediately set to work on an entirely new machine devised to punch a series of holes between the stamps—or what we now call true perforation. It is said the idea suggested itself to him from observing office window blinds of that period—blinds made of sheet-metal punched with a series of holes close together by means of which they were adjusted. This machine was sent to the works of Perkins, Bacon & Co., who were printing the stamps for Her Britannic Majesty's government, on December 5, 1848, with a view to testing its efficiency. It was found that the matrices into which the punches worked were constantly clogged with gum. This is easily understandable when the thick mucilage used for adhesive purposes at that time is examined, for it would easily flake and clog machinery. The perforator was, therefore, returned to Archer for further improvements.

This final machine was modified by Archer on the lines of suggestions made to him by Mr. Hill and Mr. De la Rue, and when received at Somerset House for further trial on Jan. 9, 1850, it was found quite satisfactory. After some little delay the Treasury offered Archer £600 for the machine and patent rights connected with it, but considering this offer too niggardly he rejected it. Further negotiations regarding proper payment extended over a period of more than two years and about the end of May, 1852, Archer finally agreed to relinquish all his rights to the machine on payment of £4000.

Probably about 5,000 sheets of the one penny stamp were used by Archer in his experiments from first to last, and the majority of these were undoubtedly used —indeed, during the session of 1851 stamps so perforated were regularly on sale to members of the House of Commons. After the Treasury had purchased Archer's machine further improvements were effected by the mechanical branch of the Post Office Department and it was not until January 28, 1854, after entirely new machines had been constructed by James N. Napier, an eminent engineer, that perforated stamps were issued officially.

The United States issued its first stamps in 1847—the year that saw the birth of Archer's experiments—but did not adopt perforation until ten years later.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

LONDON-ORIENT

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being slightly over 900 in all. Eighty sets of the overprinted stamps were given the aviator-pilots, or ten each.

After the limited distribution for the public and collectors a mad scramble began, to acquire those sold the public, prices going up from double to five times face value in two days. At present we can say that altho many of the sets have been bought up by some people who desire to be millionaires in the future, this issue is in more hands than any other issued in the Philippines since 1926, the date of the Madrid-Manila emission. Unfortunately, the great mistake which is so often made by air-mail commemoratives is the extremely limited number of the issue. Five overprinted stamps available to the public in the 100,000 numbers per each value would have been better. The Philatelic Association was against the overprinting up to the ten peso value, and succeeded in making the issue almost double that, as at first suggested.

An attempt to make another cliche after the first one was destroyed so as to fill orders lying in the Post Office was discontinued on advice of the Association.

Cash deposits for at least *15,000* of the *6,000* sets issued were on file with the Postal authorities. These were scaled down from not more than 30 sets to those with 1,000 deposit to 5 sets to known collectors. There was one request with cash order for half of the issue. The one making this, received only 30 full sets, with the others. At present writing there are said to be some 2,500 full sets, part of which are reserved for the United States. But all an observer can say is that the issue fell into the hands of the general public and was well distributed. The first day cachet was a double circle bisected by a band. The circle read, *"London-Orient Flight. Manila, November 9th, 1926."* The band, *"First Day Cover."* Two planes above the band and two below, as four planes formed the squadron. Letters flown from various points had a cachet of a plane with London-Orient-Flight, Nov., 1928. (No date.) Those flown from Manila to Hong Kong had the legend above the plane changed to *"Manila-Hong Kong. British Far East Flight,"* and below, *"First Air Mail."* There were *no cancelled to order covers.* Only those actually flown received the cachets. There were a few of the first day covers cancelled, but only as first day covers, and not flown at all, naturally.

Altho the Bureau of Posts sent out advisory circulars in reference to this issue, it was not known generally until the actual arrival of the flight in Manila, hence the care to keep the stamps from falling into speculative hands. The most sets (150 each) were sold to the committee, who were in charge of detecting and destroying all errors and varieties, so this should be an *Error-Less Issue.*

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By AARRESS.

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There was some discussion as to why most of the Kitty Hawk, 25th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers Flight, Dec. 17, 1928, covers were received so many days after the occasion. One member received his on Dec. 23, and others showed covers back-stamped Dec. 22, at Chicago. Secretary Opalla somewhat clarified the mystery. From information he had gathered he stated that Kitty Hawk is a fourth class office, and the post-mistress had already used up her allowance for extra help when the announcement of the special *cachet* was made. When the deluge of covers poured in it was impossible to get them all cancelled by the 17th, and it was not until the evening of the 17th that a man who was sent by the Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., was able to reach there to help out; and coupled with this delay it was impossible to land a plane within miles of the town so that the mail had to be trucked a long distance before it could be sent on its way.

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AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITION

By E. WEST.

The exhibition was held in Melbourne, from Monday, 29th October, to Thursday, 1st November. Although the official opening was timed for 8 p. m., many collections were only brought along by exhibitors on the Monday morning, when all were classified and a selection made for exhibition purpose. A large number of volunteers, including delegates and visitors, assisted the committee and all worked diligently throughout the day. Rooms on the second floor were used to store the collections, and many ascents and descents had to be made. The committee and delegates were conspicuous by their badges, a map of Australia outlined in blue, on which was printed in blue "Fourth Australian and New Zealand Philatelic Congress and International Philatelic Exhibition." In the lower hall an early start was made to arrange the frames for the stamps and a busy array of workmen put the stands in place and as soon as a display was arranged the glass was placed over and battened down.

Quite late in the day it looked as if things would not be ready in time, but an extra spurt in cleaning up debris in the early evening left nothing undone and with a display of bunting and some palms the hall looked very attractive.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Lieutenant-Governor. The chairman, in introducing Sir William Irvine, made a few remarks regarding the King's philatelic activities. He, however, made one slight mistake in asserting that this was the *first* Australasian International Philatelic Exhibition, as the one associated with the first philatelic congress held in Sydney in 1911 was certainly the first International exhibition held in Australia.

Sir William Irvine, in declaring the exhibition open, regretted that he was not a philatelist, but said he believed in everyone having a hobby, and one could not have a better subject than stamps.

The authorities responsible for the erection of the printing and perforating machines also had their arrangements well in hand and immediately the opening ceremony was performed the machines were in operation. They were of continued interest, and at times it was impossible to get anywhere near. The postal authorities had an obliging staff who were always willing to accommodate by cancelling one's letters with either red or green ink as desired.

The list of awards published give readers some idea of the magnitude of the work done in judging and arranging. Unfortunately there was not time to judge the stamps before a selection was taken out for display and the judges had necessarily to do their task in sections, which involved them in additional work going to and from the hall and upstairs.

I regret that space will not admit of an exhaustive account of the collections sent in for competition, but a few notes may be appreciated. The outstanding collections were entered in Division I. Mr. Lichtenstein's Capes were, of course, the admiration of all, especially the three-cornered issues, and I am sure no one on this side of the globe had ever seen so many of the woodblock issue.

Mr. Harvey's Victorian early issues were plated and profusely annotated, and no one would imagine that "half-lengths" were scarce, judging by the quantities shown. Mr. Harvey also had a number of "Sydney Views" with "butterfly" (Victoria) postmark, shown as the first stamps issued in Victoria.

Mr. Fryar, with his well-known collection of South Australian stamps, secured the trophy for the best collection exhibited by a resident of Australasia. Mainly specimens of the early issues were displayed and the superb condition of a country which produced so many badly centred stamps shows how persistently Mr. Fryar has searched for perfect specimens. The error "Fourpence blue" is truly a magnificent specimen.

Mr. Malone came next with his Tasmanian stamps and his first issues in reconstructed plates were very fine. A penny stamp, with watermark double lined 2, was shown as being worth £500 and caused many enthusiasts to bring along any 1d V.D.L. stamps they possessed to see if they, too, were the error.

Mr. Purves' collection of Commonwealth, which secured first prize in its class, came fifth in the general display list, and showed how much there is to find out in our own stamps, and how difficult it is becoming to get a complete collection of our issues, which only emanated in the last decade.

Mr. Smythies' specialised collection of Indian ½a 1854 stamps was beautifully annotated and illustrated and showed a wonderful amount of research. His collection was awarded the prize for the best annotated display. Quite a number of collectors had entries in many classes and Mr. E. L. Brown is to be congratulated on his successes, having been awarded eight medals, including the Sydney Philatelic Club's Gold Medal for the best collection exhibited in the New South Wales section. Mr. Brown's collecti was a good general display of all issu of New South Wales stamps, but it is be regretted that this State was not re resented by a specialised collection wi reconstructed plates of views and laur ates.

Practically no displays were sent fro New Zealand, but all the States of t Commonwealth were represented by t owners of collections.

Mr. B. Goodfellow, F.R.P.S.L., Manchester, England, whose word is a thoritative on New Zealand stamps, se for non-competitive display his wonde ful collection of the Dominion's "fu face" stamps.

At the close of the exhibition an au tion sale of stamps donated to swell t funds was held, and the auctioneer spe a very busy two hours, with the resu that about £50 was added to the revent

Almost immediately the committ commenced the dismantling process, a all stamps were taken delivery of or r turned to the storeroom before ma hours had elapsed.

The exhibition must be considered huge success and it was announced congress later that 6,000 visitors h viewed the exhibits. It was also stat that about £1,140 worth of the 3d Koo aburra stamps had been sold, but t the postal department were disappoint having anticipated that at least £2,0 worth would have been disposed of. learn that between five and six thousa letters were posted at the exhibition, a the post office was always the scene a throng of people bearing bundles f correspondence.

The judges were warmly congratula on the completion of their task, wh occupied all the time the exhibition w in progress, and it was realised t many had worked extremely hard a had barely had time to view the exhib generally. Later it was announced t the judges were to be presented wi silver medals in recognition of thr valuable assistance.—*Australian Stam Journal.*

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  Of Labrador mints;
As a fad I'd prefer lumbago.

There was a collector of Leeds
Who lamented, "My garden's all weeds;
  Each good item I've got
  Is a fake, like as not;
Honesty is what this game needs."

Now, there was the chap from Tobasco
Who only would collect Alaska;
  He would seek and would seek,
  And get one stamp a week;
The darn thing just would not grow fasta.

Of a philatelist I've heard,
A super-expert, my word!
  He spent ten years on a plate,
  Then had the sad fate
To learn there'd never been such a bird.

Then, too, there are dopes that I know
Who think they can buy the whole show;
  Every mint since year one,
  Each tint under the sun,
And that's how the forgeries grow.

I know a collector, by heck,
Who says he prefers a Sebeck;
  "Indeed, for my part,
  All I care faw is ART."
He gives me a pain in the neck.

Now, I like 'em pale, wan and dim,
But the classics mean nothing to him.
  My stamps he calls bunk,
  And his I call junk.
Collecting's a jest somewhat grim.

The moral, so it seems to me,
Is plain that in philatelee
  There is room for the mutts,
  The wise ones, the nuts,
And to this we might well agree.

MORE ABOUT BELGIAN PRECANCELS

(*Continued from page 18*)

tions. At Gand, Huy, Liege, Mons, Namur and Tournai, monolingual precancels of this year also exist; those from Huy and Namur are of branch offices.

I shall appreciate any additions to this list, with face value of stamp and position of cancellation. I can furnish these data for most of the places listed above.

4. Precancelled Surcharged Stamps

These are the 3c on 2c and 10c on 15c of 1927, Scott Nos. 191 and 192. They are exceedingly common with 1928 dates; in fact there are more surcharged 3c and 10c of the surcharged issue than of the regular issue, Nos. 145 and 149. I have not yet seen any surcharged stamps with printed precancellations; all are handstamps.

In 1927 the precancellation of surcharged stamps began; 1927 dates on these are scarce. The following are the only ones as yet known to me; Mr. Metz and Mr. Williams contributed to this list:

Ath 3c on 2c down.
Brasschaet 3c on 2c down.
Courtrai 3c on 2c down.
Liege 10c on 15c invert.

Here again I shall appreciate additions to the list. All save Liege also have the regular stamp of the value with the same precancellation.

5. Precancelled Postage Due Stamps

The ordinary precancellations do not occur on Belgian postage-dues. A cancellation consisting of just the name of the place, in block capitals 3.3 to 3.5mm high, without date or frame, is found from Hasselt and Arlon, on the dues of the 1915 issue, Nos. 392 to 396. Hasselt comes on the 5c; Arlon on the 5c, 30c and 50c. The Hasselt cancellation appears to be printed; that from Arlon handstamped. I am entirely uninformed as to whether these are precancellations, and as to their status in any respect. Some collectors appear to consider them precancels. Gibbons' catalogue, 1927, says of these stamps on page 101:

"In consequence of thefts many of these stamps were handstamped with the name of office of origin."

Whether or not these are precancellations remains to be decided. Some definite evidence as to their status would be appreciated by me.

6. Some Good Items

By this time it has become clear that certain of the Belgian precancels are exceedingly difficult to get. Mr. Williams, in the *Precancel Gazette*, says that Anvers 1894 on No. 55, the 2c of 1886 issue, is one of the rarest of all Belgian precancels. All precancels on No. 61, the 2c yellow of 1893, are very scarce. As mentioned above, the 1910 bilinguals, except Brussels, and the 1927 surcharges, are decidedly not plentiful. All 1918 precancels are scarce; Brussels, in two types, is the only surely known locality. Mr. Williams reports one from Averbode, but admits some doubt as to the date, since it is on the pre-war 1c, No. 92. Any precancels on Nos. 50 and 55 are sure to be very scarce. The charity stamps of 1910, Nos. 241, 242 and 245, come precancelled Brussels 1911 bilingual handstamp; they are decidedly scarce. Almost anything from the following towns is likely to be scarce:

Court St. Etienne
Dolhain Limbourg
Gosselies previous to 1927
Gouvy
Hooshei
Lacken
Marchienne Au-Pont
Menin
Montaigu
Morlanwelz
Oostacker
Orp (if they exist at all)
Roux
Vilvorde
Waremmes, except 1928
Wavre, except 1928

7. Pitfalls

The chief pitfall is "false doubles." Where the edges of successive applications of the precancelling rocker come together on the sheet of stamps, there are apt to be produced what appear to be double precancellations. This overlapping is not a genuine double precancel, and should not be counted as such. It can be distinguished from a genuine double very easily, because the displacement of the two cancellations from each other is so great that the overlap is slight. A sidewise overlap is usually one of these "false doubles."

If the perforations at the bottom of the stamp come close to the design, it is not always easy to tell No. 60 from No. 82, or No. 62 from No. 83. These pairs of similar designs can be told apart under the magnifying glass very easily, since the design in the earlier ones is continuous across the bottom perforations onto the Sunday-label. When that label is detached, no matter how close the perforations are to the bottom of the design, there is always enough of the design left on the teeth to enable No. 60 or 62 to be recognized. Nos. 82 and 83 show a colored line across the teeth with white paper beyond it.

It is often difficult to tell black and purple ink apart, especially under electric light. Recent precancels are nearly always in purple ink if they are handstamped. Purple ink previous to 1910 is very rare. Under the magnifying glass, doubtful specimens will usually show little dots of purple ink amid the undifferentiated color of the cancellation lines, if they are purples at all. Very often the back of the stamp gives a clue, for the Belgian inks frequently penetrate through the stamp. When they do this, the black or purple character of the precancellation is always very obvious. Rather faint or light precancellations with a bluish tinge are usually purple, not black.

8. The 1928 Printed Types

All printed precancels of 1928 are reset and differ from those of the same towns for 1923 to 1927. The general lay-out is essentially similar; but this year's precancellations have the place-names in a slightly taller, somewhat less bold-faced, and slightly less expanded or wide type than was used in previous years. The date is set from the same font as in previous years. I know of printed precancels in 1928 from the following places only: Anvers, Bruxelles, Charleroi (note return to old spelling of 1896-1905 precancels), Gand, Liege, Louvain.

9. What Stamps Come Precancelled?

A correspondent has asked me for a list, with Scott numbers, of all the stamps of Belgium that come as precancels. Such a list will form a fitting conclusion to this article.

Those not marked are actually seen by me; those starred are reported to me by others. Those not often found have the word "scarce" in brackets after them.

*1 centime gray 1885, Scott 50 (scarce)
*2 centimes purple-brown, Scott 55 (scarce)
1 centime gray, Scott 60
1 centime slate, Scott 60a
*2 centimes yellow, Scott 61 (scarce)
2 centimes violet-brown, Scott 62
5 centimes green, Scott 63 (scarce)
2 centimes red-brown, Scott 77
1 centime gray, Scott 82
2 centimes red-brown, Scott 83
*5 centimes green, Scott 84
1 centime orange, Scott 92
2 centimes orange-brown, Scott 93
2 centimes olive ("Tin Hat"), Scott 124 (scarce)
1 centime orange, Scott 108
2 centimes chocolate, Scott 109
5 centimes green, Scott 110
1 centime orange, Scott 145
3 centimes terra cotta, Scott 147
5 centimes gray, Scott 148
10 centimes blue-green, Scott 149
2 centimes olive, Scott 179
3 centimes on 2 centimes olive, Scott 191
10 centimes on 15 centimes plum, Scott 192
2 centimes "Caritas," Scott 246

Nos. 64, 85, 94, 111, 241, 242, 245 are mentioned as probably existing precancelled, but I hesitate to list them. Dues Nos. 392, 395, 396 are known with the possible precancellation discussed above; and probably Nos. 393 and 394 come the same way.

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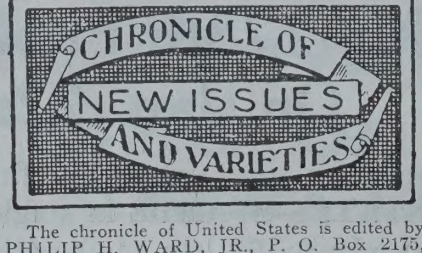

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United States

1869 Issue Used in Japan

One of the most interesting, as well as unusual covers used abroad bearing United States stamps that has ever come to my attention, has recently been shown me. This cover, bearing date of April 11, 1871, was mailed from Hiogo, Japan, and addressed to Yokohama, Japan. It is marked in manuscript "Per Oregonian," hence, traveled from one port to the other in an American steamship. The cover bears three stamps of the 1869 issue, namely the 3-cent, the 15-cent Type I, and the 24-cent. They are tied by a round smudge cancellation, in addition to part of a red Yokohama cancellation. No doubt, they may be around, but this is the first time that a Japanese cover has ever come to my attention bearing our stamps used from one Japanese port to another. They are usually found on letters mailed from Japan to this country.

Molly Pitcher Variety

Supplementing my recent remarks relative to blocks of the Molly Pitcher stamps showing a wide spacing between the surcharge on the upper stamps and the surcharge on the lower stamps, would advise that I have now seen a block in which the surcharge is so spaced that one stamp shows the word "Pitcher" alone, the margin above showing the word "Molly," so that by removing the individual stamp, a variety surcharged "Pitcher" only is to be had. The block in question has been located by Mr. Holcolm York.

New Envelopes

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. Clay Reed, we are in a position to list a number of unchronicled envelopes with the old watermarks. No doubt, from this date on, envelopes made under the new contract and bearing the 1929 watermark, will become available. As the different sizes and varieties appear at the different post offices, we would thank our readers for early information as to the envelope discovered, as these varieties will not be placed on sale in Washington on the first days of issue, hence, we must depend upon our many readers for notice of their appearance. The list furnished by Mr. Reed is as follows:

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1c size 8, die A, extra quality, high back, wmk. 27.
1c size 8, die A, extra quality, high back, wmk. 27, no gum.
1½c size 5, die A, blue, low back, wmk. 27, no gum.
1½c size 8, die A, extra quality, high back, wmk. 27.
1½c size 8, die A, white, low back, wmk. 27, no gum.
1½c size 13, die A, white, low back, wmk. 26, no gum.
1½c size 3, die H-2, white, high back, wmk. 25.
4c black, size 8, white, high back, wmk. 26.
4c size 9, extra quality, high back, wmk. 24.
5c size 8, blue, high back, wmk. 27.

It is expected that the new 5c air mail envelope will become available during the first week of January, so that it no doubt, will have appeared by the time these notes reach our readers. As previously mentioned in this column, the Philatelic Agency will not be in a position to send out first day covers, hence, there is no advanced notice of the exact date.

Belgium.—The new issue of Charity stamps has been received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. They are line engraved with no watermark and as follows: 5+5c carmine, oblong small format, perf. 14; 25+15c sepia, oblong small format, perf. 14; 35+10c green, upright and large format, perf. 11½; 60+15c red-brown, upright large format, perf. 11½; 1.75+25c ultramarine, upright large format, perf. 11½; 5fr+5fr purple, large upright format, perf. 14.

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Estonia.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 1c and 15c, with the background of colored pattern.

Hungary.—Copies of the 6 filler on the new watermarked paper are to hand from Whitfield King & Co.

Japan.—Mr. H. L. Meeken and Mr R. Roberts advise regarding the Coronation stamps. It is a special issue put on sale Nov. 10th last, and is line engraved on yellow paper, no watermark perf. 12½. The values are 1½s deep green, Phoenix design; 6s carmine, same design; 3s claret, Palace view and 10s deep blue same design as the 3s They are beautifully engraved although the effect is somewhat diminished by being on yellow paper. The Phoenix design used for the 1½s and 6s is taken from the emblem on the Takamikura, the Imperial throne, with sprays of mandarin oranges in the border design on one side and cherry branches on the other. The design for the other values is (the same size but oblong format) reproduction of the Palace in which the grand Harvest Festival will be observed.

Luxemburg.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a surface printed series, with Portrait of the Infant Princess Marie Adelaide, perf. 12½x12, no watermark. The values are 10+5c myrtle green and mauve, 60+10c brown and myrtle green, 75+15c carmine and blue-green, 1fr+25c blue-green and brown, and 1½fr+5c bistre and blue.

Malta.—Mr. Harry Griffin has shown us the 1p chestnut and 1½p red, overprinted "Postage and Revenue" in three lines in black. They were mailed to Malta, Nov. 7th last.

Newfoundland. — Information has been received from George Pryor Enk Jr., that a 28c value has been added to the recently issued series. The stamp is printed in slate-green, in the same design as the 12c value. It was issued on December 15th last.

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 16c blue, Ceres type, surcharged "15 C." in black.

Russia.—Whitfield King & Co. send for note the 14k green, design as A87.

St. Vincent.—We are officially informed that there are no more of the stamps with the old C.A. watermark stock at the Post Office, and as we do not think there has been any speculation in these stamps they are likely to be quite scarce.—*King's Philatelic Bulletin.*

Surinam.—Whitfield King & Co. report a 7½c+2½c red Charity issue. Additional values are 1½c+1½c blue, 2c+2c green, and 5c+3c violet.

Switzerland.—The issue of Pro Juventute stamps for 1928 has been received from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts. Values and shades are 5+5 purple and vermilion on yellow; 10+5

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Kookaburra

—The New 3d Australia is Proving to be a Very Popular Stamp.

Most of our readers will have seen by now the 3d stamps issued in connection with the recent exhibition in Melbourne, and of which a specimen was illustrated in these columns last month. The design is almost identical with that of the 6d Kookaburra issued in 1914, with the exception, of course, of the altered inscriptions of value. The word "Australia," however, on the top of the stamp is in smaller and differently shaped letters than was the case in the former issue.

The sheets printed and issued at the exhibition are of sixty stamps, consisting of five horizontal blocks of four and three vertical, each block of four being surrounded by a margin. No marginal imprints nor plate numbers are to be seen on the sheets. The colour of the stamps is officially described as "dark oriental blue," and we have noticed several variations of shade. The paper is unwatermarked. The perforation, which gauges 11, has been done by a single-line machine, and in the sheets which we have seen the stamps are, in the majority of cases, well centered. The gum is shiny.

An interesting point about the sheets is the presence of a "guide dot" outside each stamp, level with the top frame line and about 1½mm to the right. Except when the dot is cut out, as often happens, by the perforations, it can readily be seen without the aid of a magnifying glass. The dot is made by the roller at the same time as the impression is "rocked" into the plate, as a guide for the next position of the roller.

The postmarks employed at the post office at the philatelic exhibition in the Town Hall at Melbourne from October 29th to November 1st, were of the usual "coin" type, inscribed round the circumference, "International Philatelic—Exhibition Melbourne," with the date in one line across the centre. They were struck in either red or green ink, and while the former colour shows out very nicely on the special exhibition stamps, the green postmarks are rather difficult to distinguish. No special cancelling stamps were used for registered mail.

On the 2nd inst. the 3d "exhibition" stamps were placed on sale generally throughout Australia, the sheets consisting of one hundred and twenty stamps in twelve horizontal rows of ten. The colour, paper, perforation and gum are similar to those of the special exhibition printing detailed above. The guide dots noticed on the exhibition sheets are also in evidence. There are no plate numbers nor marginal imprints.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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THE Nashua (N. H.) Philatelic Society was organized Dec. 4, at the local Y. M. C. A. John F. Boutelle was chosen president, and Charles Johnson, secretary-treasurer. Herbert E. Kendall addressed the members, and, as the oldest stamp collector, was honored by being given membership card No. 1. The club will meet alternate Tuesdays. We are indebted to Elmer Hoag for this information.

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The Villa Doria outside the city is situated in one of the loveliest gardens of Italy. It was Garibaldi's headquarters in 1849.

The great Italian stamp collector, Prince Doria Pamphilj was born in Rome on the 25th of September, 1851. He was well known as a patron of the artistic world, as a lover of the fine arts, as a politician being a member of the Senate, and above all as a benefactor and a sportsman.

The Prince was educated in Birmingham, England, at the Oratory School being there from 1861 to 1870. It was during his residence there that the Prince acquired his perfect knowledge of the English language and also he acquired the love of stamp collecting in my late home and the home of the great early British Philatelist, E. L. Pemberton.

At the age of 18 he was living at Genoa where the Doria family originated. He there formed a general collection, but a little later on he tired of it and presented this to a friend. Towards 1894 he restarted collecting in one of Stanley Gibbons Imperial Albums and in 1896 he found out that he had no scope for his energies and for the collection he was making, in a spaced album, and transferred all his stamps to English Oriel Albums. The exquisite taste with which he was endowed was revealed in the careful way in which he mounted his collection which was entirely written up by himself. In 1904 Prince Doria decided to part with his general collection chiefly British Colonies, and this was sold to my friend W. H. Peckitt and many of the stamps were acquired by myself. The Prince then decided to specialize in the stamps of all of the States of Italy and of which he had a truly magnificent collection at the time of his death which took place in December, 1914. This portion of the Collection is still owned by the Doria family who keep it in remembrance of the late Prince Alfonse.

Prince Doria was very much English through his education and through his relations, his mother being Lady Mary Talbott, daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and his wife was Lady Emily Pelham Clinton, a daughter of the Duke of Newcastle.

Prince Doria was a great lover of the fine arts taking a special delight in his famous picture gallery of over 800 pictures. He was personally showing me around the gallery once when I commented on the wonderful Valasquez and Raffaellos which he had pointed out to me. He turned round to me and said, "Well, Phillips, I have a little advantage over many of the other Italian Princes because I have had two Popes in my family and most of them have only had one." The most famous picture in this gallery is perhaps Pope Innocent X, by Valasquez. This Pope was of the Pamphilj family.

The Prince was very noted for his sportsmanship as he was connected with the leading horse breeding society in Italy and had some of the finest blood stock in existence. He was President for many years of the Jockey Club of Rome.

In his collections it is curious that the Prince wrote all his notes in the English language. He was especially a lover of the Classic Issues on original covers of which he had many rare specimens. He had also a special leaning for Essays and Proofs many of the greatest rarity.

In *Philatelic Classics* No. 5, in writing a short account of the late Lord Crawford I mention that Prince Doria sent for me to come to Rome to expertize a collection that was being offered to a friend of his. On this accasion after my work was done, Prince Doria took no end of trouble to make my visit a pleasant one. He got me invitations to several functions at Palaces in Rome and one day took me out to the famous Villa Doria in the country, one of the most magnificent homes and gardens in Italy. Prince Doria was a very fine type of collector. He was highly connected with the English and French aristocracy. I remember very well one day I was with him in Paris and he said to me, "Phillips, I want you to come to breakfast with my Aunt." I accepted, and the next day he called and took me to the home of Princess Matilda Bonaparte. On this occasion he got me to show the Princess one of my books of rare stamps, but the dear old lady could not see anything in them and said to her nephew, "Well, you may keep your old stamps, but give me my pictures."

After all, let people say what they may there must be something very enthralling in postage stamp collecting when we see men of the high position of H. M. King George, Prince Doria Pamphilj, and other noted men in all parts of the world, taking up this hobby.—*Philatelic Classics.*

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In the recent Olympic Games, the team from Uruguay beat the Argentine team and the sequel is an emission of stamps which will produce a satisfactory revenue in spite of the weirdness of their design.

It is said that when "Sammy" Woods was being tested as to his fitness to become a Rugby referee, he was asked: "if, after a place kick, the ball came to rest on the cross-bar of the goal, what would you give it?" Like a flash came the reply, "A ruddy miracle!" He qualified.

In the Uruguayan football stamps this miracle is shown.

On the cross-bar of the creeper-clad goalpost the ball is poised, and perched upon it is a bird that "never was on sea or land."

A very sorry sequel this to those issued in 1924, when their team won its first victory.

Then they chose the "Victory" of Samothrace, but botched it a little by putting her the wrong way of the stamp. Still, they could put forward an excellen defense. She was placed against th boundless empyrean. So the victory wa reduced to its proper proportions, an could say she accurately symbolised th postal officials, for they both appear t have "lost" their heads.

Hungary's football stamp was qui frankly part of a money-making affai In 1925 the Government decided to en courage athletics. The Chancellor thou oughly approved, but could not financ the project. An appeal was made to th natives of the country and to the philat elists outside its borders. A finely de signed and beautifully engraved set o eight stamps was issued and sold a double their face value.

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It is a brilliant little vignette of foo ball action, and was cheap at its fa value with tax at 4,000 kreuzers.

It is curious that cricket has receiv no philatelic commemoration, thou something like a row of stumps wi rather original bails appears on one d nomination of the first Olympic stam of Greece in 1906.

Discus-throwing, racing, hurdling, sk ing, skating, diving, and fencing have been duly apotheosised, but football the only game that has two sets of stam and a singleton printed in its honour. *London Star.*

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You grieve, we know, for the lo maux, whose joys are few and a You pity plodding peasant folk, a person will. The rearing, tearin ages, and horrid heathen folk—th idiotic ignorance your sympathies pr voke. The awful-acting Arab, the bloo Turk and such—the Hottentot, and forth, may upset you very much. Th the Moslem wives and others—why, t surely makes you frown when you re in all the papers how they keep the cr tures down.

The lonely ocean-dweller you consi with regret, but there's one who dwe among us here, whose lot is harder y But still, the ones who know of her—e very ones who ought—are the very l by nature to give her fate a thoug With this benighted victim the trou is, you see, that she's sadly situa where she never ought to be.

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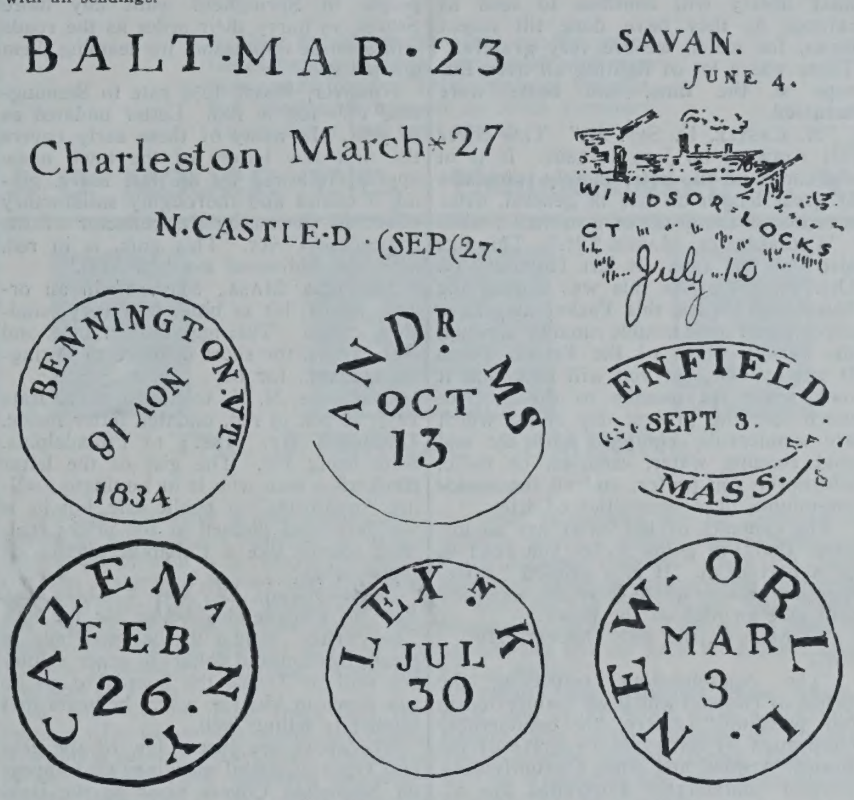

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This is always an interesting subject, even to the non-philatelist. The non-collector looks at these things in a very different way than does the collector. He enjoys delving into the contents of these odd looking old letters, and the Historical viewpoint is uppermost in his mind.

The above miscellaneous grouping is composed of the straight line postmarks in use around the year 1800. They are peculiar in that none of these actually started from the town designated, with exception of the Savannah. The town with the Old World sound to its name, New Castle, Del., is some 10 miles south of Wilmington on the Delaware River. Back in 1800 this was probably a very flourishing seaport, and made one of the principal ports of certain ocean going ships. Much of this old straight line postmarked material in my collection is cancelled by towns which were on the seaboard.

Taking them as shown:

"BALT., MAR. 23." (1797) Rate 12½ to Philadelphia. The dating of this letter is "L'arcahaye, le 19 Janvier 1797." I am not able to find any record of this town in France, the letter being in French, leads me to believe that it started in that country. Moreover, if it left there in the middle of January, it would just about reach Balto in three months.

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Another Balto letter bears same type of pmk. in red. This has mss. notation "Sh 29" for its rate. It was mailed from Nantes, June 22, 1793, and pmkd. from Balto on Sept. 15th, an ordinary run at that time from France to America. The contents of the letter are interesting.

It says that they will need wheat and flour all next year, and "we flatter ourselves that our American allies having in mind that which the French did for their liberty will continue to send us cargoes as they have done till recent times, for which we are very grateful." There was a lot of fighting all over Europe at the time, and boats were harassed.

"N. CASTLE. D. SEP. 27." This cover left Antwerp on June 3, 1802. It is in magenta, and the letter merely ruminates at great length on life in general, after mention of the death of a mutual friend.

"CHARLESTON, MARCH * 27." This has also "Sh 29" rate. It left Hamburg on Oct. 25, 1874. As this was during the Napoleonic Wars, this Packet may have experienced some trouble running through the various ships of the British Fleet. It got by OK, but you will note that it took some six months to do it. Not much like the present day ships, which are wonderfully equipped with hot and cold running water, canaries, or radio, whichever you prefer, and all the up-to-the-minute near necessities of life.

The contents of the letter are so unusual that I'm going to let you read it, or a part of it. It is a printed "Price-Current," and to quote from the foreword will give an idea of the times:

"HAMBURG, the 25th October, 1794.
Sirs,

"The Apprehenfions refpecting the fafety of Holland which we manifefted in our preceding Letters, are confiderably augmented by the rapid Progrefs of the French Armies, and other Circumftances. Several confiderable Fortreffes are already in their Pofeffion, and others are invefted. The Importation of Property from thence to this place continues. The Exchanges at Amsterdam fluctuate very violently and rife or fall according as the Enemy approaches or recedes. They are now 30% under par, which depreciates proportionably the value of the Bank Money, and precludes the poffibility of eftimating the prices of Goods with any degree of precifion.

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This Savannah cover is only one of above mailed from this country.

"SAVAN. JUNE 4" (1799) the rate being 25 to Philadelphia. It mentions the shipping of 10 hogsheads of tobacco on the Barge Sea Flower. Cost of same being $921.63.

These covers listed below are after 1800, and prior to 1847.

The favorably received Windsor Locks, Ct., was sent to Bath, N. Y., was used in 1843. This was taken from a cover loaned me by Mr. D. F. Kelleher. The single rate for this trip was 18¾, while a double rate was 37½ cents. It is one of the most interesting cancellations, the minute detail being fairly well depicted in the finished stamped result. It pictures a boat passing through the Locks on the Connecticut River.

The Bennington in red is an early Year Date—1834—to Springfield, Mass., 12½ rate. The letter says that if the people in Springfield want any more Stoves, to hurry their order as the roads will soon be impassable for teaming them down there.

Andover, Mass., 12½ rate to Bennington, Vt. Hit in red. Letter undated as to year. In many of these early covers the first few letters of the town name appear, followed by the last letter, giving a quaint and thoroughly satisfactory effect as viewed by the collector of the Stampless Cover. This pmk. is in red, as is the additional word "PAID."

"ENFIELD, MASS., SEPT. 3" in an ornate frame, hit in blue, is a very handsome cancel. This appeared in 1836, and was carried the short distance to Springfield, Mass., for 6c.

Cazenovia, N. Y., to Sterling, Pa. Rate 12½, struck in red, undated letter inside. Lexington, Ky. (1827) to Philadelphia. Rate being 75c. The gist of the letter concerns a man who is in Lexington selling "ornaments" at public sale, but he is not very well pleased at the prices realized, sounds like a Philatelic auction of sorts—what?

"New Orleans, La., Mar. 3" hit in blue. Rate to Philadelphia being 25c in 1832. The writer wants to borrow only a couple of thousand dollars to erect a lumber mill in Texas, the boards to go on sale down in Mexico, where he hears that lumber is selling well.

The above are just a few of the general types of postal markings that appear on Stampless Covers prior to the issuance of postage stamps. The early straight line cancellations are neat, and attractive, and not plentiful. The ornamental affairs such as the Windsor Locks are extremely hard to locate, while the Enfield type is not at all common.

The majority of early postmarks are similar to these on the bottom row, with the town name almost impossibly abbreviated. I suppose that Waterbury would be something like WATy and Bridgeport BRIDt, etc., etc., instead of our familiar Wby and Bpt as hurriedly written today.

This is just a trial lot of the early postmarks. If you like them, and would care to see others, let 'em come in if they are *interesting;* but it would not be very interesting to publish a lot of well-known towns all of a design similar to those of the bottom row of the above group. Anything out of the ordinary would be better to show in the Forum. It is difficult to trace these old cancels, and if the detail is not fairly distinct, there would be small use in sending them, as I'd reluctantly return them as being unable to make an accurate drawing. Odd and fanciful designs always use the most interest among the readers and should you care to send any, they will be returned ultimately, though I may have to keep them some little time before drawing them up, as my time is rather limited at present.

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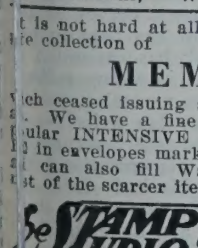

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Although philately is not supposed to appeal so much to the feminine as to the masculine mind, it is a curious fact that the first stamps of two of the European Great Powers portray a woman's head—our own Penny Black, that classic example of Frederick Heath's art, and the French 1849 series, depicting Ceres, the Goddess of Corn.

In view of her long reign and the number of colonies over which she ruled, it is only natural that Queen Victoria's picture should have appeared on more stamps than that of any other man or woman, and it is interesting for collectors to study Her Majesty's different types when she was young, middle-aged, and elderly, such as full-face and side-face, and with head crowned or laureated. These types range from the artistic gems of the Penny Black and Half-crown Falklands to the crude productions of the Post Paid Mauritius varieties.

Victorian Variations

Apart from the well-known design which forms the basis of so many of the Queen Victoria stamps, there are one or two peculiarities which may pass unnoticed by many collectors.

For example, in the earliest Ceylons the head is inclined too far forward, a mistake which I believe was rectified by King Edward himself when the first proofs of his own stamps were submitted to him; on the other hand, in Gibbons' illustration of India, Type 9, the head is upright but too far back from the centre of the stamp.

Colonies like Bahamas, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia have a full-face picture, and certain stamps of Canada (three-quarter face or facing right), as well as Falklands, are exceptions to the general "left-face" rule.

Other Feminine Features

While space does not admit of any exhaustive list, Queen Mary appears in Canada, Rhodesia, and Newfoundland; Queen Alexandra in Canada and Newfoundland; and Princess Mary in Newfoundland.

Apart from British Royalties the catalogue is crammed with feminine features of all kinds and all classes.

King George's first cousin, Queen Victoria of Spain, as well as the Spanish Princesses, have stamps to themselves and also appear in a group of the Royal Family, while the Grand Duchesses Marie Adelaide and Charlotte of Luxemburg lend their faces to some very beautiful stamps.

Isabella II of Spain covers several pages of catalogue, and the historical student will remember how that monarch's hurried departure from the throne, in 1868, was one of the indirect causes leading to the Franco-German War of 1870. Another Isabella, Henry VIII's mother-in-law, is seen in the Columbus issue and elsewhere.

Maria Theresa of Austria, the Empress Zita, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland (as a child, in her teens, and as a grown woman), Carmen Sylva (Roumania), Queen Maria (Portugal), Elizabeth and Katherine II (Russia), the ill-fated Duchess of Hohenburg (Austria), the Empress Jingo (Japan), five Hawaiian queens and princesses, numerous wives of native chiefs—these are a few of the celebrities, past and present, who pass before our eyes, in addition to a large number of figures such as Britannia, Germania, Helvetia, Liberty, Peace, Charity, Victory, and Justice.

Lady Stamp Artists

It would be ungallant to omit from this short review of the "Eternal Feminine" those ladies who have designed Colonial stamps, among whom are Lady Carter (Barbados), Mrs. Garbett and Miss Cheesman (Iraq), Miss Girling and Miss Williams (Irish Free State).

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Class 1, France; Class 2, French Colonials; Class 3, Europe; Class 4, British Colonials; Class 5, Other countries; Class 6, General collections.

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Class 12, Rarities; Class 13, Philatelic research; Class 14, Entire envelopes, post cards, etc.; Class 15, Revenue stamps; Class 16, Local stamps; Class 17, Essays and proofs; Class 18, Postmarks; Class 19, Philatelic journals, books and accessories; Class 20, Commemoratives; Class 21, Curiosities.

In nearly all of these classes there are divisions ranging all the way from two to eight. Class 12, Rarities, has five divisions.

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The jury will consist of twenty well-known philatelists, appointed by the Exhibition Committee. The Exhibits will be shown in frames 39 ins. high and 45 ins. wide, and will thus hold fifteen ordinary album pages. The frames are furnished, to those exhibiting album pages, free. The cost of exhibiting albums is 20 francs per album. Each exhibitor is allowed three frames. Insurance is charged F1.50 for each F1,000 value.

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At the time of this writing, the f lowing medals were subscribed: th gold, three silver gilt, five silver, a three bronze medals, costing 2,600 fran which was forwarded by draft on Pa to the Treasurer, Mr. Koch, 17 R Emile Zola. The medals were c tributed by the following: Henry Brock, Henry C. Gibson, Eugene Kle Henry W. Roth, and Lieutenant Co mander R. W. Swearingen.

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By BEACH CONGER, JR.

The December 8 meeting of the Michan Stamp Club turned out to be a most teresting affair. After concluding the eliminary business, President Harry rter introduced the speaker of the ening, Dr. E. J. Bernstein of Detroit, o gave a most illuminating talk on overs before Stamps," with special ess on those of Michigan and Wiscon-. Dr. Bernstein traced the growth of "Stampless Cover" movement and plained difficulties encountered in colting. This field of collecting has now come very popular in Detroit, and the its were interesting to all. Then, to d to the store of information Dr. rnstein imparted, he very kindly ised around original mounted covers d photostatic copies of rarer covers, ich he possessed, showing the differ- types of postmarks used in the East- cities. "The value of covers before mps," said Dr. Bernstein, "has been atly exaggerated. The beginner, when ding old covers, at once conjures vis- s of fabulous sums which the covers ght be worth. As a matter of fact, highest sum paid for a stampless er to my knowledge is $17.40. The erage run of covers are worth about each." The members applauded rtily, and a rising vote of thanks was en Dr. Bernstein.

Other business included a motion by Hedrick that the club be authorized buy several foreign standard catalues. This led to the authorization of ving bookcases in which to house the b library, which up to the present e has been in the possession of the rarian. Foreign catalogues show many ces and stamps which are not listed in standard catalogues, and the members of the club will surely benefit by the of these editions.

The Windsor exposition, held on Deember 12-12, was reported a huge sucs, and the Border Cities Stamp Club ited all members to attend the "last the year" meeting. An invitation to end the 1st meeting of the Ann Arbor mp club was also read. The meeting ke up after the usual auction sale, ich was full of fine U. S. covers.

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PERMANENT CANAL ZONE, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The issue of the first two denominations, 1c and 2c, of the permanent series of postage stamps for the Canal Zone, advocated annually, by the Director of Posts, in his reports on the working of the postal system (to replace the "Canal Zone" overprinted United States stamps, re-introduced on July 1, 1924), was approved by Governor M. L. Walker, in April last, and on April 27th official photographs of Gen. Gorgas and Gen. Goethals were forwarded to Washington, from which to make engravings.

The new stamps were expected to be on sale by September 1st (according to the Panama Canal Record of June 20, 1928), but as they were not shipped from Washington until August 28th this was impossible. In his circular of September 6th, No. 175, the Director of Posts announced their issue for October 1st (2c) and October 3rd (1c).

"*The Panama Canal—Canal Zone. Executive Department.*
BALBOA HEIGHTS, C. Z.,
September 6, 1928.

Circular No. 175.

Goethals and Gorgas Postage Stamps.

To all Postmasters:—

One and two cent postage stamps of the permanent issue of Canal Zone postage, bearing likenesses respectively of General W. C. Gorgas, and General G. W. Goethals, will be placed on sale—The two cent stamps on October 1st and the one cent stamps on October 3, 1928. The date selected for the one cent stamp is the anniversary of the birth of General Gorgas, on October 3, 1854.

The United States one and two cent stamps surcharged 'Canal Zone' will be continued in circulation until further notice, and shall be offered to patrons unless the new issue is requested.

A supply of the new stamps will be forwarded to all postmasters without requisition therefor, on Saturday, September 29th, and will be invoiced by the Collector under date of October 1st. The receipt of such stamps will not be shown by postmasters in their September stamp accounts, but will appear in October accounts as having been received during that month.

Postmasters are cautioned not to make any sales of the new stamps before 8.00 a. m., on the day that they are to be placed in circulation, as shown above.

Signed, C. H. CALHOUN,
Director of Posts."

The stamps, vertical rectangular in shape, and measuring 19x22mm, were line engraved and recess printed, from flat plates, in sheets of 400 (20 horizontal by 20 vertical), with a margin on all four sides, in which the plate number appears over (or under) the 5th and 15th vertical rows, and in the side margins (reading up at the left and down at the right), opposite the 5th and 15th horizontal rows.

Between the 10th and 11th vertical rows, and the 10th and 11th horizontal rows, guide lines, in color, divide the 400 subjects into four panes of 100 stamps each (10x10), and knives passing along these guide lines (while the sheets are being perforated 11), cut the 400 stamp sheets into four Post Office sheets (of 100 stamps each). The stamps of each pane bordering on the guide lines (19 in each Post Office sheet of 100) are not perforated at their outer edges, i.e., they are "straight edged". These Post Office sheets of 100 stamps have margins only at the top and one side (upper left and upper right panes), or at the bottom and one side (lower left and lower right panes).

The central vignette of the 1c consists of the head of Gen. W. C. Gorgas, facing the right, within an oval, inscribed at the foot, "Gorgas". Around the sides and top of the oval is "Canal Zone Postage", and in the upper corners are triangular ornaments. Ovals in the lower corners contain the numeral of value "1", with "One Cent" in a straight line between. The numerals and all lettering (except "Gorgas") are colorless.

On the 2c the vignette is that of the head of Gen. G. W. Goethals, facing the front, with "Goethals" at the foot. On a curved ribbon at the top is "Canal Zone Postage", in color. A spray of laurel extends upward at either side, from solid circles in the lower corners, which bear the numeral "2". "Two Cents" in a straight line at the foot, completes the design.

The frame of the 1c was engraved by Edward M. Hall, and the vignette, Gorgas, by Louis S. Schofield; the engravers of the 2c were Edward J. Hein, and Fredk. Pauling, of the frame and vignette, Goethals, respectively.

One set of four plates (of 400 subjects) was made for each denomination: 1c: 115180, 115181, 115182, 115183; 2c: 115184, 115185, 115186, 115187.

The quantities printed, and those dispatched on August 28, 1928, were as follows:—

Printed.

	Sheets of 400.	*Stamps*
1c,	3,000	1,200,000
2c,	8,000	3,200,000
	11,000	4,400,000

Dispatched.

	Sheets of 100.	*Stamps*
1c,	11,568	1,156,800
2c,	30,936	3,093,600
	42,504	4,250,400

The issue was well advertised, and despite the low denominations, the Philatelic Agency at Balboa Heights, dispatched over $500 worth of these stamps on the first day, to cover mail orders; in addition large quantities were sold over the counter at all Canal Zone Post Offices.

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2687	2c on 3c	.10
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2695	2c on 3c	.07
2697	2c on 3c	.10
2696	2c on 3c	.10
2733a	1½c on 1c (cat. $2)	1.00
2738	1½c on 1c	.30
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47	5c Brown, Type I	—	9.00	5.00
48	5c Orange Br'n, Type II	7.50	—	23.00
48a	5c Brown, Type II	8.00	8.00	5.00
49	10c Green, Type I	—	11.00	9.00
49a	10c Green, Type II	25.00	3.50	2.50
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51	12c Black	4.25	4.00	2.75
52	24c Lilac	8.75	10.00	7.50
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68a	10c Dark Green	6.50	1.50	.80
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71	30c Orange	6.50	2.50	1.75
72	90c Blue	24.00	10.00	6.00
	1862-66. New Values and Colors			
73	2c Black	1.00	.50	.20
75	5c Red Brown	24.00	7.00	3.75
76	5c Brown	4.00	2.25	1.10
76a	5c Black Brown	12.00	—	2.00
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78	24c Lilac	4.50	2.00	1.20
78a	24c Grey Lilac	4.50	2.00	1.20
78b	24c Gray	—	—	2.00
	1867. Same Design, Grilled			
79	3c Rose, grill all over	—	—	17.25
83	3c Rose (13x16) m.m.	20.00	—	5.00
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	1867. Small Grill (9x13) m.m.			
92	1c Blue	6.75	3.00	1.75
93	2c Black	2.50	.60	.35
94	3c Red	1.00	.15	.04
95	5c Brown	17.50	—	6.50
96	10c Yellow Green	6.75	4.00	1.80
97	12c Black	10.00	2.00	1.50
98	15c Black	8.50	2.75	1.65
99	24c Grey Lilac	35.00	16.00	8.75
100	30c Orange	20.00	6.25	4.00
101	90c Blue	87.50	28.50	18.00
	1869. Pictorial Issue. Grilled			
112	1c Buff	3.25	2.50	1.45
113	2c Brown	1.40	.60	.45
114	3c Blue	.70	.10	.04
115	6c Blue	5.00	3.00	1.70
116	10c Yellow	5.25	2.75	1.75
117	12c Green	4.25	2.50	1.85
118	15c Br'n & Blue, Ty. I	30.00	7.00	5.85
119	15c Br'n & Blue, Ty. II	9.50	2.40	1.85
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	1870-71. With Grill			
134	1c Ultramarine	7.50	1.00	.60
135	2c Red Brown	4.50	.50	.30
136	3c Green	2.75	.15	.08
137	6c Carmine	—	—	3.90
138	7c Vermilion	—	5.00	3.40
139	10c Brown	35.00	9.50	7.75
140	12c Dull Violet	300.00	—	37.50
141	15c Orange	24.00	—	7.00
143	30c Black	—	—	36.50
144	90c Carmine	95.00	—	8.95
	1870-71. Without Grill			
145	1c Ultramarine	2.00	.25	.10
146	2c Red Brown	.90	.08	.05
147	3c Green (Block 8.00)	.75	.05	.02
148	6c Carmine	3.00	.50	.28
149	7c Vermilion	6.00	2.50	1.25
150	10c Brown	6.50	.75	.45
151	12c Dull Violet	8.00	1.15	.80
152	15c Bright Orange	5.50	1.60	1.25
153	24c Purple	14.50	5.00	2.80
154	30c Full Black	32.50	3.50	2.25
155	90c Carmine	23.50	4.25	3.00

		Hard	Paper	
	1873. Secret Marks.			
156	1c Ultramarine	.75	.08	.04
156b	1c Grey Blue	2.00	.20	.12
156c	1c Blue	7.00	.50	.30
157	2c Brown	1.00	.15	.08
157a	2c Dark Brown	1.40	.20	.10
157x	2c Secret marks plain	2.00	.50	.35
157b	2c Brown, dbl. paper	20.00	3.00	1.85
157e	2c Brown, ribbed paper	3.00	.25	—
158	3c Green (Block 5.00)	.50	.02	.01
158c	3c double paper	8.75	1.00	.80
158d	3c Cogwheel punch	40.00	—	—
158e	3c Continental grill	12.00	—	—
158k	3c Olive Green	12.50	1.25	1.00
1571	3c Green, ribbed paper	2.00	.15	—
159	6c Dull Pink	2.25	.30	.20
160	7c Vermilion	5.50	2.50	1.50
161	10c Brown	2.85	.25	.15
162	12c Blackish Violet	8.75	1.45	1.10
163	15c Yellow Orange	19.00	2.00	1.20
165	30c Grey Black	15.00	.85	.70
165a	30c Greenish Black	18.50	.90	.75
166	90c Rose Carmine	8.00	5.00	4.20
	1875. Hard Paper			
178	2c Vermilion	2.25	.12	.06
179	5c Blue	4.00	.32	.25
	1875. Government Reissues, Etc.			
29d	5c Brown, 1847	6.00	—	—
29e	10c Black, 1847	10.00	—	—
54a	1c Bright Blue, 1857-60	3.25	—	—
54b	3c Scarlet	25.00	—	—
54c	5c Orange Brown	10.00	—	—
54f	24c Violet	20.00	—	—
102	1c Blue, 1861	6.50	—	—
123	1c Buff, 1869	3.75	8.00	—
124	2c Brown, 1869	7.25	—	—
127	10c Yellow	11.75	—	—
128	12c Green	12.50	—	—
129	15c Brown & Blue	13.50	—	—
130	24c Green & Violet	10.50	—	—
131	30c Blue & Carmine	18.00	—	—
133	1c Buff, 1869 (Soft pa.)	2.25	—	—
	1879. Soft Porous Paper			
182	1c Dark Ultramarine	1.00	.07	.04
182a	1c Blue	1.00	.07	.04
183	2c Vermilion	.45	.02	.01
184	3c Green (Block 3.00)	.45	.02	.01
185	5c Blue	3.50	.25	.19
186	6c Pink	4.50	.60	.35
188	10c Br'n (secret marks)	2.50	.32	.25
188a	10c Yellow Brown (no secret marks)	3.00	.48	.35
188b	10c Black Brown	—	—	5.00
189	15c Red Orange	1.10	.80	.50
190	30c Full Black	5.00	1.10	.90
190a	30c Greenish Black	—	2.00	1.70
191	90c Carmine	9.50	4.85	3.95

		(Block). Unused.	Used
	1882		
205	5c Yellow Brown	1.20	.10
205a	5c Brown	1.20	.10
	1882. Re-engraved		
206	1c Grey Blue	(2.75)	.30 .02
207	3c Blue Green	(3.25)	.60 .03
208	6c Rose	4.00	1.10
208a	6c Brown Red	3.85	3.65
209	10c Brown	.70	.03
209b	10c Black Brown	7.00	1.10
	1883		
210	2c Red Brown	.22	.01
211	4c Blue Green	(10.00)	1.10 .22
	1887		
212	2c Green	(1.75)	.24 .01
213	3c Vermilion	(4.00)	.95 .85
214	1c Ultramarine	.30	.01
	1888. New Colors		
215	4c Carmine	(4.00)	.60 .32
216	5c Indigo	.70	.10
217	30c Orange Brown	2.50	1.25
218	90c Purple	6.75	3.85
	1890-93. Small Design		
219	1c Dull Blue	(.35)	.07 .01
219d	2c Lake	(3.75)	.70 .02
220	2c Carmine	(.48)	.07 .01
220a	"Cap on left 2"	.50	.06
220b	"Cap on both 2's"	(15.00)	2.75 .15
221	3c Purple	(.90)	.20 .03
222	4c Dark Brown	(2.00)	.30 .01
223	5c Chocolate	(2.25)	.38 .01
224	6c Brown Red	(4.25)	.65 .25
225	8c Lilac	(2.60)	.38 .03
226	10c Green	(6.85)	.70 .01
227	15c Indigo	(11.25)	1.20 .45
228	30c Black		2.00 .65
229	90c Orange	(Used 11.00)	3.90 1.90
	Complete set (12 var.)		9.75 3.05
	Set to 10c only (9 var.)		3.10 .34
	1893. Columbus Issue		
230	1c Deep Blue	(.30)	.04 .01
231	2c Violet	(.35)	.07 .01
232	3c Green	(.65)	.13 .12
233	4c Ultramarine	(.70)	.13 .03
234	5c Chocolate	(.70)	.15 .03
235	6c Purple	(1.50)	.30 .24
236	8c Magenta	(1.00)	.20 .04
237	10c Black Brown	(1.40)	.30 .03
238	15c Dark Green	(6.25)	1.10 1.00
239	30c Orange Brown	(11.75)	2.10 1.25
240	50c Slate Blue		2.20 1.60
241	$1 Salmon		5.25 4.95
242	$2 Brown Red		4.90 4.00
243	$3 Yellow Green		9.75 8.50
244	$4 Crimson Lake		12.50 10.75
245	$5 Black		13.25 10.50
	Set to 10c (8 var.)		1.20 .45
	Set to 50c (11 var.)		6.20 3.95
	Complete set		48.00 39.50
	1894. Triangle in Corners—No Wmk.		
246	1c Ultramarine	(.50)	.09 .04
247	1c Blue	(1.25)	.20 .06
248	2c Pink, Tri. I	(.65)	.13 .05
249	2c Carm. Lake, Tri. I.	(4.50)	.95 .05
250	2c Carmine, Tri. I	(.50)	.10 .01
251	2c Carmine, Tri. II		.85 .14
252	2c Carmine, Tri. III		.80 .12
253	3c Purple		.26 .05
254	4c Dark Brown		.60 .03
255	5c Chocolate	(2.25)	.32 .04
256	6c Dull Brown	(5.00)	.90 .11
257	8c Violet Brown		1.00 .14
258	10c Dark Green	(11.00)	.85 .04
259	15c Dark Blue	(14.00)	1.60 .55
260	50c Dull Orange	(25.00)	2.90 .95
261	$1 Black, Type I		6.75 2.35
261a	$1 Black, Type II		19.75 5.50
262	$2 Dark Blue		20.00 11.75
263	$5 Dark Green		40.00 32.50
	Complete set to 50c (15 var.)		10.75 2.25
	1895. Same Design, D. L. Wmk. USPS		
264	1c Blue	(.35)	.04 .01
265	2c Carmine, Tri. I	(1.50)	.30 .07
266	2c Carmine, Tri. II	(1.70)	.45 .15
267	2c Carmine, Tri. III	(.30)	.04 .01
268	3c Purple	(.85)	.15 .02
269	4c Dark Brown	(1.00)	.16 .01
270	5c Chocolate	(2.25)	.28 .01
271	6c Dull Brown	(4.50)	.90 .04
271a	Wmkd. U. S. I. R.		— 55.00
272	8c Violet Brown	(1.50)	.24 .01
272a	Wmkd. U. S. I. R.		— 12.00
273	10c Dark Green		.50 .01
274	15c Dark Blue		1.00 .20
275	50c Orange		3.00 .48
275a	50c Red Orange		5.50 .50
276	$1 Black, Type I		5.50 1.00
276a	$1 Black, Type II		13.50 2.10
277	$2 Blue	(60.00)	8.50 5.00
278	$5 Dark Green		17.25 7.75
	Complete set to 50c (12 var.)		6.00 .90
	1898-99. New Colors		
279	1c Deep Green	(.30)	.04 .01
279a	1c Yellow Green		.06 .02
279b	2c Orange Red	(3.00)	.60 .03
279c	2c Rose Carmine	(30.00)	6.00 —
279d	2c Carmine Red	(2.50)	.40 .02
280	4c Rose Brown	(2.50)	.55 .02
280b	4c Orange Brown		.45 .02
281	5c Dark Blue	(1.50)	.22 .01
282	6c Lake	(3.75)	.80 .05
282a	6c Purplish Lake	(30.00)	3.85 .25
282b	6c Claret	(3.75)	.80 .05
282c	10c Brown, Type I	(18.00)	8.00 .10
283	10c Or. Br'n, Type II.	(12.50)	1.20 .04
283a	10c Brown, Type II.	(14.00)	2.10 .10
283b	10c Yellow Brown II		1.50 .05
284	15c Olive Green	(8.00)	1.40 .14
	Complete set (8 var.)		7.00 .35
	1898. Trans-Mississippi Issue		
285	1c Yellow Green	(.50)	.10 .06
286	2c Copper Red	(.60)	.12 .02
287	4c Orange	(2.20)	.39 .35
288	5c Dull Blue	(3.00)	.60 .40
289	8c Violet Brown	(6.00)	.90 .40
290	10c Grey Violet	(6.50)	1.10 .20
291	50c Sage Green		4.20 2.50
292	$1 Black		7.50 5.25
293	$2 Orange Brown		12.75 10.25
	Set to 10c		2.75 1.25
	Complete set		24.50 18.25

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

As forecast in this column two weeks ago, the new route between New Orleans and Houston, Texas, to be known as CAM 29, will commence operations on January 23rd. An intermediate stop will be made at Beaumont, Texas. The schedule reads as follows—Northbound planes leaves Houston at 8.45 A. M., Beaumont at 9.35 A. M., arriving in New Orleans at 12.30 P. M. The Southwest bound plane will leave New Orleans at 11 A. M., Beaumont at 2.20 P. M., and arrives in Houston at 3.15 P. M. It is understood that when pending, changes are made by the Mexican Air Mail Service, so as to change the exchange point between the two countries from Laredo to Brownsville, that the New Orleans-Houston route will be extended to Brownsville.

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I have been shown a very handsome cover, mailed from Kitty Hawk, N. C., on Dec. 17th, franked with a block of four of the 5c value of the Conference issue. The stamps are tied to the cover with the regular Kitty Hawk cancellation, and the cover bears Orville Wright's autograph in the upper left corner. Mr. Geo. H. Kieley is the proud possessor.

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Mr. Clarence Montgomery calls my attention to an error in my statement recently that Jackson, Mich., did not send a cachet for Dec. 17th, as he has covers in his collection mailed from this point that bear a cachet.

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A correspondent in Tokio advises that a new Japanese Air Mail service will be inaugurated late in March or early in April. Points to be served are Nippon, Koku, Yuso, Kabushiki and Kaisha. A charge of 15 sen will be made for letters of ½ oz., and 7 sen for post cards in addition to the regular postage. It is rumored that a new Air Mail stamp will be issued for this flight.

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Can you imagine going into a cigar store to get the Conference issue? And yet, the United Cigar Stores in Boston are selling the 2c value over the counter, while the Boston Post Office had not received a supply of either value up to January 4th, over three weeks after their appearance in Washington. I was told that each store was supplied with 200 stamps, the sheets having been received a day or so after their first sale in Washington. Evidently there is "one of us" in the background!

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City officials of Idaho Falls, Idaho are busy getting lighting equipment set up at their Airport in anticipation of being made a landing point on CAM No. 28 in the near future. * * * Wm. S. Dye reports that the Atlanta Air Mail field cancellations are coming through nicely and advises collectors to route their first Trips so as to obtain them.

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Messrs. J. A. Galbraith and C. A. Forster have sent covers from the first Flight, FAM No. 7, Nassau to Miami for examination. The covers are very cleanly cancelled and bear a two line cachet "By First Air Mail—To Miami Fla." Cancellation date is of January 2nd at Nassau (no time), and the covers are backstamped the same date at Miami time being 6 P. M. As I had quite a number of covers on this flight myself I have checked them over for any differences in cachet or cancellation, but find none. The cachet is in red ink. From the same flight, I received a cover from Mr. Henry O. Meisel, but Mr. Meisel's cover is a round tripper. On the face of the cover appears the Miami cancellation of January 2nd, 8.30 A. M., the big round cachet of the First Flight, depicting a three-motored plane in flight over the water, with a steamer, land and palm trees in the picture. A double

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e Design

his design, which is the work of an nent French artist, has been chosen m five of the most successful entries a public competition instituted by the istry des Beaux-Arts for prizes given the city of Orleans. In the upper t-hand corner will appear the denom- ion 50 centimes, whilst across the om of the stamp runs the dedica- , "ORLEANS, 1429-1929."

here is a monogram enclosed in a el of heraldic shape with the initial (*Republic Francaise*), while Joan's l breaks into the word POSTES at top of the design. Altogether it is a y pleasing and notable addition to ever-increasing numbers of com- norative stamp issues. An enlarged reproduction of this stamp appears at head of this article.

Fear of Offending Great Britain

Thus will be consummated a project long cherished by patriotic Frenchmen: that the noble figure of the Maid of Orleans should grace the stamps of her native land. On several occasions in the past proposals for a Joan of Arc stamp have been put forward, but have been rejected on the grounds of political expediency. Apparently, however, the present Minister of Posts has no fear of giving offence to Great Britain by any possible revival of painful memories; and in this he is perfectly right. No one will welcome the appearance of this beautiful and significant addition to the stamps of France, with whom they are, as ever, firm favourites, more than the philatelists of this country.

Pigeon-Holed for Eight Years

It may be recalled that some thirty years ago a Joan of Arc *motif* for reproduction upon the French postage stamps was prepared by the famous poster artist, Grasset, at the instigation of the Ministry of Commerce, but for some reason or other it remained pigeon-holed for eight years, until it was eventually dragged out and adapted to the series issued for use in Indo-China in 1906.—*Bazaar.*

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le surrounds the scene and "Air l-International F.A.M.7" is inserted he border. Outside the circle, "First ht-Miami-Nassau." Cachet is 2⅞" liameter over all. This cover bears backstamp of Nassau, dated January and New York, January 6th, 4 P. M.

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r. John F. Halleran states that he received the following communica- from the General Post Office in Lon- Eng., in answer to his inquiry for rmation regarding the possibility of English Zepp. carrying mail on her t Trip to Canada. The letter is d December 17th and reads—"With rence to your letter of Nov. 27th I directed by the Postmaster General to say that it is not proposed to send mail by the projected trial airship trip across the Atlantic. If and when a regular mail service is provided, due notice to the public in this country will be given."

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Wells D. Burnette reports that a cachet was applied to Air Mail during the two-day dedication of the Airport at Ely, Nevada, October 26 and 27.

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It is reported by Mr. Leslie Winant that the latest circular letter sent out by the Douglas (Ariz.) Chamber of Commerce and Mines gives the inauguration date as April 6th instead of February 15th. From another source we learn that mas, Culiacan, Manzanillo, Tepic, Guadathe delay is occasioned by the fact that a new hotel, located near the Airport and to be used for the entertainment of visiting pilots, is not quite completed.

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A "Santa Claus, Ind." cover, cancelled December 25th and sent by Air Mail, was the contribution of Mr. Irving Levine to our collection. * * * Harold Rosenthal writes that on May 4th, Pittsburgh will hold Balloon Races from the University of Pittsburgh's Stadium and that the Chamber of Commerce may apply a cachet to Air Mail despatched on that date. * * * Clintonville, Wis., is working on an Airport and Henry O. Meisel writes he will let us know the dedication date.

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From Mr. T. E. Thomas comes information of a lengthy nature concerning recent flights from Holland to the Dutch East Indies via Iraq and Karachi. Space will not permit giving full details, but, in general, Mr. Thomas states that up to Dec. 12th, five flights have occurred via Baghdad and that small amounts of mail went forward on each flight. The first trip to Weltevreden, D. E. I., via Karachi, bears cancellation of Sept. 18, 1928, and is backstamped Weltevreden, Sept. 25th.

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"Off again, on again, etc." Air Mail service to San Jose, Calif., was ordered discontinued under date of December 22nd, but the order was cancelled on December 31st. The termination of the service was to have occurred on January 1st. * * * Arthur K. Story reports that Beverly, Mass., will dedicate an Airport in the Spring, probably around June 15th. Definite date will appear here when decided upon.

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Victor M. Suarez writes that the route to be operated by the Maddux Air Lines, from Los Angeles to Mexico City, is as follows: Los Angeles, Nogales, Guay-

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EDITORIAL

ON January 7, 1929, the Associated Press reported to the newspapers enjoying its news service, what may be called the opening gun in the campaign of propaganda in behalf of the George Rogers Clark commemorative stamp, which is to be placed on sale at Vincennes, Indiana, on February 26th. We have reason to predict that this special issue will be welcomed by many preliminary salvos in the press, and that in consequence of the advertising, a greater degree of general attention will be directed to the stamp than has been given to any other recent issues of the kind. The design of the stamp, printed in two colors, will give it a commanding position in the public eye; and it is unnecessary to add that beneficial consequences will redound to philately. Say what one will, the authorities through the emission of special issues are contributing to the spread of stamp interest in the great open spaces, and now truthfully may it be said that collecting has broken the bounds of its pent-up Utica. The whole country must be made fallow for philately so that its sway will be determined by numerical instead of geographical calculation.

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A NUMBER of letters have been received commenting on the delay of the Postal Agency in sending out the Wright stamps, but as several of the writers have penned a second letter to say that the stamps have finally come, why say more about it. It is almost certain that all the orders have been attended to by this time. Those who protested against the long waiting period may know that the Agency did not procrastinate on purpose, and that reasons existed for the interval even though they may not have been discernible from the surface. Any public notice of delays such as have been spoken of really places the Agency in a false light, and gives here and there a wrong impression of the workings of the bureau; and we have no wish to contribute to the burdens under which the Agency labors at times.

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THE suggestion has been made that a drive be started in favor of two or three special stamps to commemorate, some time during the next six months, the completion of that huge undertaking, the "canalization" of the Ohio river. The *Waterways Journal*, St. Louis, in the issue of January 5, 1929, comes out with a ringing appeal for celebratory stamps, and makes the point that the impending event will have a wider significance than any other engineering feat conducted by the government. The stupendous feat dwarfs any other enterprise that has been compassed by the government engineers, and the paper presents its claims for stamp recognition in these terms: "It is fitting that the Government issue at least three stamps to commemorate this important event, the completion of a stupendous undertaking well done by the Engineer Corps of the United States Army. What more fitting tribute can be paid at the culmination of this great feat than to issue a green one-cent stamp bearing the picture of a Pittsburgh Coal towboat, a red two-cent stamp showing a side-wheel passenger packet, and a blue five-cent stamp depicting a towboat being put through an Ohio river lock? Naturally, the Ohio River Valley Improvement Association through its officers should broach the matter; and there is no doubt the Association can bring pressure on the Post Office Department through the representatives and senators from the Valley States to successfully put the idea into reality. Surely the completion of such an important engineering feat as the canalization of the Ohio river is more important than an exposition or the meeting of an aeronautics association. Let all river interests bestir themselves to secure the printings of these stamps to perpetuate the slogan: 'Nine Feet, Pittsburgh to Cairo'."

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THE foregoing paragraph is an interesting call to arms to march victoriously to the promised land of special stamps. None will deem the cause of the proclamation unworthy, but without doubt, a pretty obstacle race will have to be run before the proposal will have a serious hearing. What can Washington do when there were in the files of the Post Office Department some time ago, according to a veracious correspondent on the spot, scores of petitions for commemorative stamps. Of course, when many are called and few are chosen, there is always a possibility that our project will invite the lightning. Too, influences political and what not, are not to be ignored in any consideration, and so hope eternal has some excuse for high-jumping, even though it is a far cry from suggestion to realization. Then, even when the stage is all set for the beginning of the act, the lights will not go on because they have been turned off by the company. The Department says that it has no funds for the creation of all the commemoratives, which seems to support the contention of some of us that the department does not run the special stamp show at a profit.

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FROM Dr. Walter Hess of Nassau, Bahamas, we have received a cover "By First Air Mail to Miami, Fla.," with the Nassau postmark of Jan. 2, 1929, and Miami, Jan. 2, 1929. Mr. Albert J. Morgan, New York, a collector of first editions, has sent us an envelope, with a 3c of 1857 that he found in a book published in 1862, recently acquired by him.

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FROM Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, we have had two new stamps of the Egyptian Medical Congress, the five and the ten m., in light brown and dark red, respectively. Mr. Drossos says that two stamps instead of three, as expected, have been issued and that his agent at Cairo says that much difficulty was had in securing supplies of the stamps. Only five or ten stamps were sold to each applicant at the window of the post office on any one occasion. Mr. Drossos expects to have details concerning the stamps, which have the inscription, "Centenaire de la Faculté de Medicine-le Caire," in tablet at left.

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THE Panama *American* of December 28, 1928, Panama, R. P., conveys the information that Lieutenant Donald G. Duke, former chief of the airways section of the United States Army, was sworn in as an air mail pilot, *ex officio*, of the United States Postal Service in order that he might carry with due authority the mail on the first trip from Cristobal to Port Limon and San Jose, Costa Rica, thereby establishing the first

Collector's Contest

January is coming along in good shape. Look at the list of contestants. The prizes for the first month will be announced Feb. 11 so that Wednesday, Jan. 30, will be the last day. Then February, also March. Prizes each month to the five leaders and at the end three prizes to the leaders on combined totals; 3 mos. new subscription scores one point, 6 mos., two, and 1 yr., four.

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air mail service in Central America. A special air mail cachet was applied to all first-class mail at Cristobal, beginning Dec. 28, 1928, reading: "First Commercial Flight, Air Mail, Panama-Canal Zone to Costa Rica, Pan-American Airways, Inc., Dec. 28, 1928." The poundage of mail on the first trip was given at 350.

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THE following notice signed by W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, marks the era of International Air Mail Service: "Route F.A.M. 1. From January 15, 1929, all regular mail articles (ordinary, registered and insured) will be accepted for transportation on this route from New York *via* Albany to Montreal, at rates of 5 cents for each first ounce or fraction, and 10 cents for each additional ounce or fraction, including regular postage, but in addition to registry or insurance fee."

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WE learned but recently of the death of Charles A. Erickson, Chicago, who was one of that city's leading general collectors, and withal one of its most successful physicians. His philatelic enthusiasm was genuine, and he really stole time from the demands of his practice to commune with his stamps; and with real regret we chronicle the news of his death at the age of fifty-two years. He left a wife and son, both of whom are interested in philately. One of Chicago's oldest collectors, Charles L. Aouste, died recently. For many years he followed philately, and his linguistic talents were remarkable, as we have reason to testify.

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We have here a notable list of applications for membership in our Honor Club. If we were to enumerate the philatelic activities of this coterie of collectors it would make interesting reading. It is with no little pleasure that we post this week the names of these six new members of our Honor Club.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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The King and the Molly Pitcher Stamp

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

I have seen lately in the columns of various philatelic magazines of the United States several articles and letters about His Majesty, the King of England, and his polite return of a gift of the Molly Pitcher stamps. The several authors have given their versions about his reason, but the real one is that in his position as King of England, he cannot, for very obvious reasons, accept gifts from various individuals, especially from those of foreign countries. This policy has always been maintained, and accounts for the return of a first flight cover signed by Lindbergh, and many other items, news of which has come to public notice.

A Good Cheap Blank Album

F. L. SHULTES (Age 13), Berne, N. Y.

Many a collector of small means wishes to specialize, or to keep the stamps of some certain country separate, but when he looks for a blank album he thinks that the price is too much for what use he would get from it. Instead of buying a blank album you can go to a book or department store and get a stiff back binder and a blank filler, or you can get heavier paper from a printing company. The type of binder in which the rings are concealed is better than the other.

Obsolete

Another familiar philatelic expression is obsolete. Stamps that are no longer on sale at a post office owing to the fact that they have been superseded by a new issue are said to be obsolete. Many obsolete stamps are available for postage long after they have ceased to be in issue, but sometimes old issues cease to have franking power, and in this event they are said to be demonetised. A demonetised stamp, therefore, is always obsolete, but an obsolete stamp is not, of necessity, demonetised.

Brain Teasers

By VICTOR M. SUAREZ.

(Answers Next Week)

(1) What country has depicted on its stamps Joan of Arc?

(2) On what stamps is shown Nelson's Monument?

(3) What is the oldest event commemorated on a stamp?

(4) Who was the publisher of the first stamp catalogue? When and where was it published?

(5) What country issued the first air post stamp?

(6) On what stamp appears the surcharge: "RESOLUCION DE 1° DE OCTUBRE DE 1892"?

(7) Name the first surcharged stamp of the world.

(8) What coin of past civilization has been depicted recently on a stamp?

(9) What is the highest face value represented on a stamp?

(10) On what stamps is shown King Kestutis?

(11) What member of the Austro Hungarian Imperial Family appears on an American stamp?

(12) On what stamp is a tobacco field shown?

Some Definitions

Carriers' Stamps.—The name given to certain United States stamps which, during a period extending from 1842 to about 1861, were used to defray the postage from a post office to the addressee residing in the district served by that post office. At this period the ordinary postage only defrayed the carriage of mail matter from post office to post office. In many of the larger towns private posts of a semi-official character undertook to deliver letters from the post offices to addressees for a fee of 1c or 2c, and most of these posts issued stamps for the collection of these fees. In 1851 the Government itself undertook to deliver letters and issued special 1c stamps for the collection of the extra charge for this service. The issue of these was discontinued Jan. 27, 1852, when it was probably considered that the ordinary 1c stamp might very well be used for this purpose.

Catalonia.—An old principality and province in the extreme northeast of Spain. During the Carlist insurrection of 1873-6 the Catalans threw in their lot with Don Carlos, and with the advance of his troops into this territory a special stamp was issued (April 15, 1874) by the orders of the Commissary-General.

Two Corrections

By KERMET E. PARKER.

On your Junior Page in the December 31 issue I notice an error by Mr. LeDuc in his two paragraphs on "Surcharges". He says that "we call such overprint a surcharge. Sometimes the surcharge is a new value . . . Other surcharges are placed on stamps to denote historical events . . . which may or may not change the original value of the stamp for postal purposes."

A surcharge is an overprint, but an overprint is not always a surcharge. Anything printed over a stamp to change its value, its purpose, or its significance is an overprint, but when the overprint changes the value of the original stamp —*and only then*—it becomes a surcharge. The very make-up of the word shows that.

Another misleading statement is made in his item on "Blocks." He says "stamps that come from sheets that have not been perforated should be collected only in the form of pairs or blocks." Surely this does not apply to U. S. 1847's or other stamps that were never issued in both perforated and imperforate form.

Covers

By A. C. LeDUC.

We have clothes to cover ourselves, umbrellas, hats and roofs to cover our heads. But it takes an envelope to "cover" a letter. Therefore, when we speak of covers we mean the envelopes that carried letters. Of course a postal card can also be called a cover. Before the days of the use of envelopes for carrying letters, the sheet on which the correspondence was written was folded so that the written matter was on the inside, then the corners of the folded sheet were sealed and the address written on the blank outside part of the sheet. These covers are sometimes found without stamps on them as letters were sent "collect" before the general use of stamps for prepaying letters. Covers make very interesting collections as they show the stamp affixed to the letter, the name of the town from which it was mailed, and it bears the address of the person to whom it was mailed. In the case of registered mail the name of the town to which the letter was sent is stamped on the back to denote receipt at that office.

At the present time the interest taken in air mail letters has created a demand for special airpost cancellations on such history making "covers."

REMINISCENSES OF AN OLD-TIME COLLECTOR
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A LESSON ON GREAT BRITAIN

By F. J. MELVILLE.

Early British.—A good knowledge of English stamps is a liberal education in philately, and every collector ought to endeavour to make himself familiar with the issues of his own country. Many of the earliest stamps of Great Britain are still easy to obtain, as they were used in enormous quantities, and it is astonishing the numbers that have been saved from the limbo of the waste-paper basket. Every collector can have easy access to large quantities of our early penny red stamps, in the same design as their historic original, the penny black. Nor is it difficult to procure many of the ½d rose, 1½d red, and the 2d blue stamps printed from plates engraved in recess between the years 1841 and 1880.

British "Line-Engraved".—There is a family resemblance in all the early British stamps printed from plates engraved in recess—"line-engraved," as they are frequently termed. And yet there is almost infinite variety amongst these stamps of one group. As they are so accessible, being mostly cheap and obtainable in quantities unsorted, they provide an excellent basis for an exercise in the study of minute differences which trains the eye of the philatelist to observe every detail in his stamps.

Perplexing "Plates" and Corner Letters.—No stamps have been more extensively studied and written about, but the new collector invariably finds much to perplex him in trying to understand their almost endless variety. So many correspondents are always asking me for explanations of the letters in the angles of these stamps, and wanting to know how to recognise the plate numbers, that I need make no apology for devoting an entire chat to these two subjects.

Plate Numbers.—In the earliest 1d and 2d stamps of Great Britain, there are no plate numbers on the stamps themselves, and it is a matter of great difficulty and much uncertainty to allocate specimens to any particular plate. This need not concern any but the most advanced specialists in British stamps, but in the later issues of the "line-engraved" stamps, each stamp bears two repetitions of the number of the plate from which it was printed. None of the *imperforate* issues bore a plate number on the stamp, nor did the 1d red or 2d blue stamps, with letters in the two lower corners only (the upper corners being occupied by tiny star devices).

The plate numbers first appeared on the 2d blue stamps in 1858 and on the 1d red stamps in 1861, and in each case the change was accompanied by a new system of corner lettering, giving a letter in each of the four corners, so that the stars no longer appeared in the upper angles.

1d and 2d Plates.—In the 1d and 2d stamps the plate number appears in tiny uncoloured figures in the interlaced white lines forming the inner vertical lines of the frame of the portrait.

Of the 1d red stamp you may find the following plate numbers:—71 to 74, 77, 78 to 125, 127, 129 to 225. The printers only started this method of denoting the plate number with plate 69, and ended with plate 228; but 69, 70, 75, 77, 126, 128, 226, 227 and 228 were never used, though copies are known of plate 77 probably from proof-sheets which may have been perforated in error and put into stock. These plates (excepting the last three) were discarded or never completed because of some defect in them. The last three were never required for use owing to a change in our stamp d

igns. Plate 225 is a scarce plate number worth searching for.

Of the 2d blue stamp, the plate numbers to be found are 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Midget Halfpenny.—The little halfpenny stamp of this group was issued in 1870, and its critics complained of the niggardliness of the Post Office in issuing a halfpenny stamp that was half the size of a penny one. From the start the ½d stamps had letters in all four corners and the plate number. The number appears twice on each stamp, in the reticulated background between the sides of the oval and the panels bearing the figure of value ½d as indicated in the diagram.

The plate numbers to be found on this stamp are 1, 3 to 6, 8 to 15, 19 and 20, number 9 being the rarest variety.

Surface-printed Plates.—In the surface-printed stamps, where the plate number appears on the stamps, the figure is always bold enough to be easily discerned, the position varying according to the design, sometimes being in the spandrels, sometimes half-way up each side of the stamp, or otherwise incorporated in the design, but generally it figures *twice* on each stamp, except in the high value stamps of 1867-83—the 5/-, 10/- and £1—where it occurs midway across the bottom of the stamp.—*Stamp Lover.*

(To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS—

THE scheduled exhibit of The Rockville (Conn.) Stamp Club has been postponed until January 31.—K. M. WHITE, Sec.

NASSAU, Bahamas, has now joined the ranks of countries using a machine cancellation, quite similar to ones in use in the United States, consisting of a circle with "Nassau Bahamas 1928" in a circle, and "Dec. 30" in a straight line in center. Then an advertising slogan in a box to the right in three lines reading, "Come to Nassau Bahamas, Ideal Tourist Resort." This cancellation now places Nassau in the group of colonials using similar postmarks such as St. John's, Newfoundland, Kingston, Jamaica, Hamilton, Bermuda and Port of Spain, Trinidad.—W. M. MCFARLAN.

THE Southern Tier Stamp Society will hold a dinner meeting at the Baron Stueben Hotel, Corning, N. Y., Monday, Jan. 28, at 6.30 P. M. Lyman J. Seely of J. O. Moore, Inc., will speak on "The Pioneers of Aviation." Mr. Seely's connection with the Curtiss Aeroplane Co., during the early days of its existence, in an executive capacity, together with his philatelic slant, will make this a most interesting subject to Air Mail Cover Collectors. Frank W. Wright, 305 College Ave., Elmira, N. Y., is President, and Kenneth B. Levegood, W. Church and Lovell Ave., Elmira, N. Y., is Sec'y and Treas.

JAMES BYERS sends us a letter received from the Washington, D. C., postmaster, in which he is advised that that office cannot accept orders for the new 5c airmail envelopes, which require addressing or the affixing of self-addressed stickers. This letter resulted from a request made by Mr. Byers in connection with the new 5c airmail envelope.

THE Yorkville (N. Y. C.) Stamp Club recently held its sixth annual Christmas meeting at its rooms at 1568 Second Ave. About one hundred members and friends were present. Various officers and members were called upon to address the club, which they did informally. A surprise was served when Mr. Shenitz appeared in the attire of a French chef and announced a real philatelic menu. A lively auction sale was held and refreshments were served. Local philatelists are invited to attend the meetings of the club, Friday evenings.—L. REINER.

A UNIQUE and very interesting wholesale pricelist is at hand from L. Rosenberg, Berlin, W. 35, Germany. Mr. Rosenberg is a member of the A. S. D. A., as well as the A. P. S., and made a visit to the United States quite recently. The list before us covers a wide range of offers with prices per ten and one hundred. A useful index is noted. This pricelist should be very acceptable to every dealer, and we urge interested parties to write for a copy.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the advertisement of the Stamp Exchange, formerly at Auburn, Cal., and now located in San Francisco. The firm recently held its 97th auction sale.

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AIR MAIL NEWS

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lajara and Mexico City. This part of the route will go into operation in the very near future. A further extension will be made to the South and Southeast from Mexico City to Puebla, Oaxaca, Tehuantepec, Tonala and Tapachula on the Guatemalean border. Another route will be established from Ciudad Juarez—on the U. S. Border—through Chiahuahua, Torreon, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, Queretaro and into Mexico City.

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George F. Wild advises that he has been in touch with Aviator's Post, No. 734 of the American Legion with regard to the use of a cachet during the forthcoming Aviation Show to be held in New York, Feb. 6th to 13th, and that from all appearances the Post Office Department may sanction an official cachet, as was done in Chicago. Mr. Wild further states that it is intended to have a special post office booth in the Show, and that an exhibition of Air Mail covers may be one of the features. The Show is being held for the benefit of the widows and orphans of aviators, and the Government, as well as the Aeronautical industry, is inclined to give it a boost in every way possible. Mr. Wild kindly offers to handle covers for collectors on the usual basis — *ready to mail* — and anticipates being in attendance at the Show every evening. Collectors residing in and near New York are urgently asked to attend the Show.

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Just as this week's News column closes, the first of the Miami Air Meet and Dedication covers have arrived. These are cancelled January 7th, and arrive in Boston today, January 8th. The cachet used is quite similar to that applied to covers at Los Angeles during the Air Races, but much larger, and consequently much more distinct. The cachet certainly tells the whole story, "Municipal Airport Dedication—All American Air Meet—Miami, Jan. 7-8."

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Under date of January 8th, the Post Office Department announces a postponement of the First Flight on FAM No. 5, from Miami to Cristobal, C. Z. The original schedule called for the first southbound trip to occur on January 11th, the new date is *February* 4th. Any mails already received at Miami for first flight will be retained and despatched February 4th, in the absence of instructions from senders for other disposition.

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PERMANENT CANAL ZONE, 1928

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On June 24, 1929, the Bureau of Posts of the Canal Zone will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its establishment (on June 24, 1904), and it is quite probable that another denomination in permanent design will be ready for issue on that occasion.

October, 1928.—Permanent series for Canal Zone. Line engraved and recess printed (from flat plates) by Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C. Unwatermarked, perf. single line 11.

1c green (Gorgas) Oct. 3.
2c carmine rose (Goethals) Oct. 1.

Stamp Booklets, Nov. 5, 1928

Booklets of 2c stamps (25c and 49c) were also requisitioned, but as these are not printed from 400 subject plates (as used for the sheet stamps) but from special plates of 360 subjects, these were not dispatched to the Isthmus until October 12th (1c booklets with stamps in the Gorgas design have not yet been ordered).

The booklet stamps were printed from plates of 360 subjects (20 horizontal by 18 vertical), with a ¼ inch margin between each third horizontal row, and then cut into 60 panes of 6 stamps each (2 horizontal by 3 vertical), with a margin at the top for binding. The stamps of these panes (perforated 11) are imperforate at the outer edges. On the sheets of 360 stamps, the plate number appears in the upper margin (over the 14th stamp), and in the lower margin (under the 7th stamp), but in cutting into the small six stamp panes, the lower margin with plate number (and side margins as well) is trimmed off, leaving only the one in the top margin, and through this top margin two wire staples pass in binding the small six stamp sheets between covers.

The 25c stamp booklet contains two panes of six stamps each, and the 49c booklet, four panes, with interleaving wax sheets.

The six-stamp panes placed sideways with the top to the left, are stapled at the left between colored covers, 79x43mm, bearing on the front a double lined circle (on an engine turned device) lettered "Canal Zone—Postal System", and to the right, nine lines of printed matter, viz., "The Panama Canal (curved)—25c (on a shield)—This book contains—Twelve—Two-Cent—Canal Zone—Postage Stamps—Price—Twenty-five Cents." The inside and back covers contain postal information.

The 25c booklet cover is buff, and the 49c cover pink. The letter press is in red.

One set of four plates (of 360 subjects) was made up—115457, 115458, 115459, 115460.

	Printed.	
	Sheets of 360.	*Stamps*
2c,	5,300	1,908,000
	Dispatched.	
	Booklets.	*Stamps*
25c,	94,920	1,139,040
49c,	23,700	568,800
	118,620	1,707,840

These booklets, 25c and 49c, were issued Nov. 5, 1928.

Stamp Booklets

Nov. 5, 1928. Permanent series (Goethals).

2c (25c) carmine-rose,—red on buff cover.

2c (49c) carmine-rose,—red on pink cover.

Canal Zone on United States

In Scott's catalogue (1929) the statement is made that type i. overprint (flat "A") is known on all values except the 3c, 17c and 20c. This is not correct, as the ½c and 1½c (400,000 of each printed) issued April 15, 1925, exist only with the flat "A" overprint.

The 14c (50,000) in the shipment of Sept. 26, 1927, were doubtless sharp "A" overprinted, but I have not yet seen this variety.

The 50c (50,000) sent out during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and probably partially, if not all sharp "A" overprinted, was issued about July, 1928, as it was sent me by the Philatelic Agency, on July 21st.

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JOHNSON STAMP CO.	19
ANCHER STAMP CO.	18
H. A. KEIGWIN	14
HAWKEYE STAMP CO.	11
PALMER STAMP CO.	11
CURHAN STAMP CO.	10
W. W. BETTS	9
FENWAY STAMP CO.	7
D. B. NAGLE CO.	7
L. W. HUDSON	6
W. MIKKELSEN CO.	6

The detailed record for the three months is as follows:

Johnson Stamp Co.	59
Ancher Stamp Co.	41
Palmer Stamp Co.	38
W. W. Betts	36
H. A. Keigwin	31
Hawkeye Stamp Co.	28
D. B. Nagle Co.	23
T. D. Bottome	17
N. Joseph	17
A. R. Perry	16
Wm. R. North	13
Rev. E. A. Butler	13
Eugene Klein	13
Paul F. Cornish	10
Lakeview Stamp Co.	10
Curhan Stamp Co.	10
G. W. Wirth	9
Gibbons Stamp Co.	8
Geo. W. Deering	8
State Stamp Co.	8
Alma Newcomb	7
Fenway Stamp Co.	7
Phil Lundsted	7
S. T. P. A.	6
W. Mikkelsen	6
L. W. Hudson	6
R. S. Carter	6
F. E. Hadley	6
F. C. Lawrence	6
W. H. Dodge	5
Chas. W. Schmidt	5
Wm Monjar	5
J. H. Blackney	5
Brooklyn Stamp Co.	5
A. Bauer	5
R. E. Lee	5
Midwest Stamp Co.	5
E. P. Seebohm	5
Geo. T. Bush	4
Covert Stamp Co.	4
C. H. Hollister	4
R. A. Wight	4
W. H. Avery	4
Louis Morrison	4
R. D. Roberts	4
A. P. Schmelzer	4
A. H. Gustafson	4
Harry M. Bryan	4
Liberty Stamp Co.	4

Three each:—E. E. Ericson, J. E. Guest, Golden Gate Stamp Co., Kolar Co., A. A. Leve, Marvin Allion, E. Paiman, H. E. Reuter, Vic Sherman, A. H. Tam, Henry Wetjen, P. C. Smith, O. K. Stamp Co., A. W. Dunning, Dudley Stamp Store, E. H. Hughes, Indian Stamp Co., Independent Stamp Co., Reliant Stamp Co., Rio Grande Stamp Co., Solar Stamp Co., E. D. Weber.

May we send you some subscription forms?

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Bridgeport, Ct.

—Fourteen New Members Admitted at Annual Meeting, Jan. 3.

By R. S. FOSTER.

At the January 3 meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club the following officers were elected for the year of 1929:—Pres., F. J. Wieler; Vice-Pres., Geo. Gordon; Sec. and Treas., R. S. Foster; Vice-Pres. in charge of Juniors, Gordon Taylor; Trustees, Messrs. Steinkamp and Loveland.

Fourteen new members were admitted, and the Club is showing the healthiest condition since its inception in 1909, and the outlook for the present year is fine.

The report of the Exhibition Committee in connection with the stamp exhibit held at the Public Library in December was voted a big success. The Library wished us to hold it over for another week, but it was decided that the four days in which it was open would be enough. It was voted to make this exhibit an annual affair. Any communications may be addressed to R. S. Foster, 1604 Laurel Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

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William J. Kotab, 12706 Melgrave Avenue, S. W., is a linotype operator. He is a quiet and unassuming young man, and to look at him you might not suspect that he receives letters from Commander Richard E. Byrd, but the fact remains that he does.

He also receives letters from Capt. Alton U. Parker, pilot with the Byrd expedition to the Antarctic. At Parker's request he is clipping all the stories about the expedition that appear in the *Plain Dealer,* and mailing them to Parker's wife.

Kotab is an inveterate stamp collector and all this correspondence improves his collection. One cover he is particularly fond of (stamp collectors never call envelopes envelopes; they always call them covers), was autographed by Commander Byrd and mailed at sea when the bark C. A. Larsen passed the Royal Mail steamer Maturka, just east of the international date line, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The cover carried a 2-pence New Zealand stamp, which was yellow, and a 5-cent United States stamp, which was blue. The 5-cent stamp was put on so the letter would come to Cleveland by air mail after it reached San Francisco.

It passed through a cancellation machine in the San Francisco post-office at 2 p. m., Nov. 23. Two days later it was dropped in William Kotab's mail box. The letter, it developed, was from Capt. Parker.

A letter from Commander Byrd was mailed at Dunedin, New Zealand, Nov. 29. The postmark was City of New York, the base ship which is temporarily a branch United States post-office. On the back of the cover appears a cachet of the open Antarctic Sea with drifting icebergs and floes and a monoplane flying above them.

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India 1921, 9 pies on 1a, pair.
Iceland 1925, 10a, 20a, 50a, used
Ireland 1922-23, 2p, block of 4, used
Indo-China 1907, 75c, used
Indo-China 1907, 30c on 75c, used
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United States

New 5c Air Mail Envelope

It is officially announced that the new 5c air mail envelope will be placed on sale in Washington for the first time on Saturday, January 12th. It is expected, at the present writing, that only size 13 will be available. Later sizes 5 and 8 may be had by the collector. These are printed on white only, with the usual red and blue markings around the edges.

Molly Pitcher Variety

One who has handled a great number of postage stamps through the Post Office Department writes in regards to the oddly spaced "Molly Pitcher" varieties, "I did not see many of them, but there were some few." The same valued correspondent writes that it also occurred in the case of the 2c Hawaiian Island overprint.

2c White Plains Stamp

The philatelic fraternity has always been much interested in the 2c White Plains stamp, which was issued at the time of the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, and was placed on sale for the first time at the Exhibition, where the stamps were being printed. The illustration shown on the stamp is from a painting by a local White Plains artist, Mr. Edmund F. Ward, who attended the Exhibition, and became much interested in stamps.

The collector will learn with pleasure that a collection is now being taken up in White Plains among the school children to start a fund in order that this picture shown on the stamp of the Alexander Hamilton Battery may be reproduced in bronze for the new post office shortly to be erected in this small, enterprising New York town. Dr. Jason Samuel Parker is entitled to a great amount of credit for putting this town upon the philatelic map through the issue of this special commemorative stamp.

George Rogers Clark Variety

The sketch for the George Rogers Clark Campaign variety announced in this column a few weeks back has been approved, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now working upon the die. It is hoped and expected that the larger portion of the thirty-five million ordered will be available for distribution immediately after the stamp goes on sale at Vincennes. This will be the last new variety issued by the Coolidge Administration, and it is to be hoped that if a new Postmaster General is appointed that he will be one favorably inclined to the philatelic fraternity. Stamp Collectors would be exceedingly pleased to find this honor conferred upon the present Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, and if Mr. New is not re-appointed, it would not be surprising to see such an appointment made. Stranger things have happened, and it is doubtful if a better equipped man is available to the new administration, for Mr. Glover is thoroughly familiar with all activities of the Post Office Department.

Revenues

Mr. J. W. Wilson informs us that he has recently inspected five sheets of the 1c carmine-rose, overprinted "Cigtte. Tubes", in which one stamp on each sheet in the same position is without the period. We do not recall this variety having been noted heretofore.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter reports that there is a possibility of a new overprinted 25c Canal Zone stamp being issued in connection with the establishment of the air mail service with this country, whereby a fee of twenty-five cents per ½ ounce is charged.

Mr. Carter also sends a clipping from the *Panama-American* of December 20, 1928, where a great objection is made by the Postmaster General of Panama, because of the fact that much of the mail for Panama, which is a separate and independent country, is designated as the Canal Zone. In other words, letters arrive addressed to Balboa, Panama, U. S. A., and mail meant for Panama is addressed to Panama, Canal Zone. Further letters are sent to Colon, Canal Zone, instead of Colon, Panama. These incorrect inscriptions have aroused the ire of the Director of Mail, and he announced that in the future all such mail will be returned to the country of origin.

Complaint is further made that large users of international mail in Panama post their communications from the Canal Zone Office. This, it is stated, is due to the fact that the Panama postal service is not efficient, and it is thoug that efforts will be made to change the conditions.

Philippine Island Air Mail

Through the courtesy of Mr. Walt Bruggman we are furnished with photographic copy of a communicati from the Acting Director of Po wherein he certifies that 228,700 of t recently overprinted "L. O. F." air m stamps were surcharged and distribute consisting of the following quantities each denomination:

Quantity	*Denomination*
101,200	2c
50,500	4c
12,000	6c
10,000	8c
10,000	10c
8,000	12c
9,000	16c
8,000	20c
7,000	26c
7,000	30c
6,000	1 peso

These, we are told, were overprint and placed on sale at Manila on Nove ber 9, 1928, to commemorate the arrival the Philippines on this same date of fo British flying boats from Singapore their London-Orient Flight. The A ing Director also certifies that as so as the overprinting was completed at Government Bureau of Printing, plates for surcharging were destroyed

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Abyssinia.—The *Economist Bulle* prints the following:—

"A new series of tall upright oblo has now appeared with the alternate p traits of the Prince Regent Ras Taff and Empress Zauditu, ⅛m brown-ora and blue, ¼m indigo and orange, ½ gray-green and black, 1m carmine a black, 2m dark blue and black, 4m yell and dark olive, 8m olive and olive-bro 1t red-brown and violet, 2t green and y low-brown, 3t dark brown and green. commemoration of the opening of general post office at Addis Ababa above described entire series has b overprinted in black, red or violet, w four lines of Amheric inscription. F of the above mentioned values were ov printed in either black, red or violet, w a cross and crown and two lines of scription to commemorate the king's c onation, ⅛m, ½m, 2m, 8m and 2t."

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*2347 2c black .....
*2349 2c black .....
*2350 3c pink .....
2352 3c pink, buff .....
2368 3c green .....
*2420 5c blue, die B .....
2421 3c red .....
*2426 5c brown .....
2429 1c light blue .....
*2436 3c green .....
*2448 5c blue .....
*2451 5c brown .....
*2462 1c blue .....
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2491 2c red .....
*2492 2c red, fawn .....
*2493 2c red, blue .....
*2494 4c green .....
*2495 4c green, die B .....
*2496 4c green, amber .....
*2498 2c brown .....
*2499 2c brown, amber .....
*2500 2c brown, fawn .....
*2506 2c brown .....
*2510 2c brown .....
*2511 2c brown, die B .....17.
*2514 2c brown .....
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Dominican Republic.—We are indebted to Hermann Focke for the following information:—

"I may state that the entire set of the new issue with the ruins of Columbus' home at Santo Domingo is now at hand, consisting of the values of ½c lilac, 1c green, 2c carmine, 5c dark blue, 10c light ultramarine, 20c scarlet, 50c dark green and 1 Peso orange-yellow. The 2c is enclosed for your inspection."

Ecuador.—Provisionals. — To commemorate National Assembly. Commemoratives of 1920 overprinted "Asamblea Ncnal, 1928" (two lines), and surcharged with new value. 2c on 5c blue, 10c on 2c on 7c brown, 20c on 8c green. Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, who report these, also notify us of the arrival of two curious hybrids, viz.:—Semi-official air stamps of Colombia (Nos. 57 and 58 of Champion's Special Air Mail catalogue) overprinted "Provisional" diagonally, "Ecuador" at top, and value at foot. 1 sucre on 20c grey, 1½ sucre on 30c blue.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Finland.—Philatelic provisionals, as foretold last month.—Current adhesives overprinted "Postim. näytt." (upwards at left), "1928" (at top), "Frim. utstalln" (downwards at right), in honour of Helsingfors Stamp Exhibition. 1m orange red-orange, 1½m purple and green.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Holland. — In September-October five airplanes left this country for the Dutch Indies at intervals of one week, all of them carrying mail. Four remained in the Indies, and the fifth returned with mail. In the early part of December, a sixth airplane left Amsterdam with Christmas mail, and is expected back early in January. These are trial flights and forerunners of a regular airmail service between Holland and her Asiatic colonies.—OTTO WEISMANN.

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It is possible, however, that the Post Office authorities have in view the use this stamp will be on telegrams, the minimum rate for which is 9d. Incidentally the postally used specimen should be scarce, as there will be little or no use for it as a postage stamp.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Mauritius.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for chronicle the 10R, King George type, Die 11. The stamp is script watermark, emerald paper all through, chalky surface. The colors are green and carmine.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle the 10 pesos, Hayes Jubilee Commemorative stamp. It is of oblong format, and at the top bears the inscription "1878 Republica del Paraguay 1928." Beneath at the left is a portrait of our late President Rutherford Girchard Hayes, while on the other side is the view of several buildings within a frame. The figures of value are in each lower corner with "Cincuentenario Del Laudo Arbitral Villa Occidental," in two lines between. The color of the stamp is sepia. Our correspondent also informs us that he has received the same value in red-brown as well.

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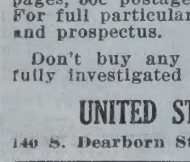

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Sweden.—*Ocean P. O.* Uno Soderberg informs us that on Nov. 24 a new Sweden-America steamship, "T.M.S. Kungsholm" leaves on her maiden trip to New York. For the first time in the history of the Swedish Post Office, an Ocean Post Office has been installed. On this first trip a special cancellation will be used, with which all the letters handed in on the ship will be cancelled.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Austria

—The Austrian Philatelic Agency a Very Limited One.

By A. WAGNER.

I am a collector of mint Austrian stamps and was, therefore, glad to note by No. 1976, page 662, of the WEEKLY that a Philatelic Agency is also being run by the Postal Administration of the Austrian Republic. In reply to a letter asking for a list of the stamps on sale at present, and for general information, I received the enclosed postal from the "Sales Office of Postage Stamps for Stamp Collectors and Dealers, Vienna I," which has been a grievous disappointment to me. The card reads as follows:

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PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE? PHILATELIC RESEARCH?

From the little experience we have had in connection with philatelic exhibitions held in New Zealand, we have come to the conclusion that a fixed table of marks to be allotted for the various classes is not satisfactory. There are so many classes and so many branches and by-ways in philately that it is quite impossible to give a fair judgment by a scale of marks as set by most of the controlling bodies.

The marks which are to be allotted by the judges at the Melbourne exhibition are practically the same as have been set for previous exhibitions in Australia and New Zealand; and although they have, in the past, given general satisfaction, we are of the opinion that serious consideration should be given to the question in the near future. The clause which seems to open up a field for controversy is that which provides for a certain number of marks for "Philatelic Knowledge and Research." What is Philatelic Knowledge and Research? Are we to understand that Philatelic Knowledge is Philatelic Research, or that Philatelic Research is Philatelic Knowledge? Personally we consider that Philatelic Knowledge is quite different from Philatelic Research, although Philatelic Research must necessarily prove that the student has obtained knowledge whilst conducting his research.

If we take as an example, a collection of modern British Colonial stamps which have been copiously annotated by the aid of a catalogue, we find that the collector has displayed a very fair knowledge of his stamps. But this knowledge has not been gained by his own undivided effort of research. He has merely used his catalogue to ascertain practically all there is to be known about these issues. And if he has taken the trouble to memorise much of the knowledge obtained from the catalogue, it can be safely said that he has a very fair general knowledge of the stamps in question. And in recognition thereof, the collection receives full marks for "Philatelic Knowledge and Research" displayed by this collector.

But what of the collector who displays a collection of stamps which offers a wider field for personal philatelic research than does a collection of modern Colonials? The collector of this group has used his own endeavours to probe into the intricacies of his subject, and his collection proves that he has expended much more time and personal effort than has his competitor. Why then should both exhibitions be awarded an equal number of marks?

It seems, therefore, that the whole question should be reviewed, and that marks for philatelic knowledge should be made quite separate from those for philatelic research. Specialized collections of single issues or groups which show individual effort, are surely deserving of a greater number of marks than are those which do not require the same study and research, and the knowledge of which are merely obtained from catalogues and handbooks dealing with the stamps exhibited.—*New Zealand Stamp Collector.*

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(BRITISH NEW GUINEA)

By HERMANN FOCKE.

CONSIDERING that this once so popular country has ceased to be in the philatelic lime-light for over ten years, and no novelties have appeared since 1925, when two values, those of 1½d and 10/- were added to the current issue, it is perhaps difficult to re-awaken the interest in its many varieties which formerly served to give excitement to a good many collectors. Still, being one of—perhaps—the few who have kept faith with these prodigies of by-gone days, I once more want to dwell upon a certain issue, regarding which very little has been said, and perhaps less is known about, nor particular interest shown in aside from the specialist.

We know from the catalogues that the first issue, inscribed British New Guinea, existed on papers of various thickness, and with the rosette watermark in horizontal and vertical position, the rarer varieties being those on thin paper. In perusing the catalogue of Stanley Gibbons, which mentions all of the known varieties, it will be seen that there are two values (the ½d and 2½d) given on thin paper with horizontal wmk., to which I may add the 6d in my collection, and the entire series of eight values on the same paper with vertical wmk., plus a shade variety of the 2½d of both; in my opinion the thin paper with vertical wmk. was the normal way in which this late issue was printed, and the three values with horizontal wmk. may be regarded an accident, or error, if one wants to call them such, and the much higher prices quoted for them may prove my contention.

It will be seen furthermore that Stanley Gibbons gives prices also for the used stamps of all but the three highest values, i.e.: the 6d, 1/- and 2/6, and it is here, where the "rub" comes in, and my story begins.

It is well known, that in 1906, when the name of the Territory was changed to Papua, the remainders of the British New Guinea stamps, which were available in the Colony, were surcharged with what is commonly known as the large, or heavy-faced, overprint, and that only the three lowest values, the ½d, 1d and 2d, are recorded with this overprint on thin paper, which would indicate that they were the only ones, ever sent out to do actual postal duty, altho it was once rumored that also the 4d and 6d, and even the 2/6 values existed with the overprint, but I have never seen them and have my earnest doubts in their having reached the Colony. It would, therefore, appear that none but the three low values should exist postally used, and still we find some of the others recorded, priced highly, for certain, but priced they are, thus they must exist in this condition, but how did they originate?

Having begun to specialize in these stamps around 1905, when the stamps of Br. N. G. were still in issue, and being the lucky owner of genuinely used copies of the 2½d, 4d, 6d, yea and even the 2/6 value, I may be permitted now to tell the story of how I secured these, in my opinion, very great rarities. Some time in 1906 there came to me a price list of a Canadian dealer, specializing in British Colonials, who quoted the entire set of Br. N. G. stamps at very attractive prices, including the 2/6 for which he asked 80c each, and in a mood of utter recklessness I invested in a pair of each value, and lo and behold, when I received them, I noticed a certain difference of their appearance from those already in my possession, though I did not notice then that they were on a thinner paper, as later on they proved to be, when more became known of this variety.

Having always had a preference for postally used stamps, I took one value each, put them on various covers, and these I sent out to the different post offices, which were known to me at the time, to have them returned in the regular way. All of them came back in due course, safe, the sadness of it, the 1/- value which, if well I remember, I had sent to Daru; the 6d value was the first with postmark Samarai, July 3, 1906; the 2½d from Port Moresby, dated Aug. 26, 1906, the 4d (2 of them, as I had secured 3 copies) from Woodlarks, one postmarked with the familiar bars, and the other, together with a 1d cancelled across the pair "WOODLARKS—B. N. G." under the word "REGISTERED," a very rare cancellation to appear on a stamp proper, and finally the 2/6 value from Port Moresby, with date of Nov. 10, 1906, said to be the last day on which

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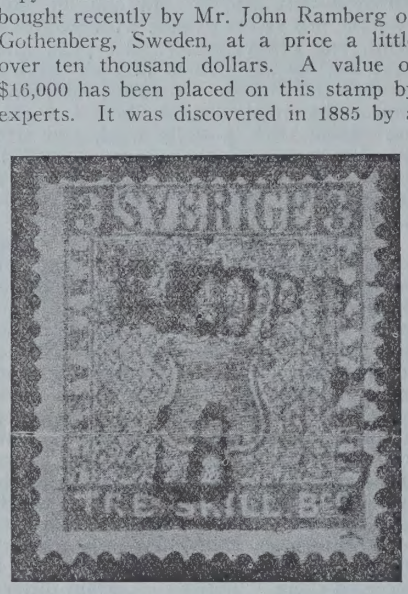
EUROPE'S RAREST STAMP

By K. A. WALLQUIST.

The cut shown here is a photograph of the original cancellation on the now famous Swedish error of the 3 skilling yellow, instead of green, of the 1855 issue. Of the four great rarities of Europe this has been called the rarest, as only one copy is known to be in existence. It was bought recently by Mr. John Ramberg of Gothenberg, Sweden, at a price a little over ten thousand dollars. A value of $16,000 has been placed on this stamp by experts. It was discovered in 1885 by a



fourteen-year-old schoolboy, now Colonel G. W. Bachman of Boras, Sweden, who sold it to the Swedish stamp dealer, H. Lichtenstein in Stockholm. In 1894 it was bought for an unknown price by a dealer, Friedl, in Austria, and later by Count von Ferrari in Paris. At the auction in Paris, 1922, of the Ferrari collections, it was bid in by Baron Leijonhupred of London, for 32,500 gold francs, who later sold it for 30,000 Swedish crowns to Mr. C. A. Tamm, Stockholm, Sweden, who in turn disposed of it.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the J. M. Bartels Co. their catalog of "Envelopes of the United States." The price of the book is 25c and can be obtained from the firm at 116 Nassau Street. As might be expected this catalog is a marvel of completeness and anyone at all interested in envelopes should procure a copy. The Bartels firm has also issued a price list of U. S. stamps, which may be had for the asking.

THE HOUSE IN ORDER

By CHARLES L. HALL.

It has been the writer's personal observation, in talking with, and personally visiting a number of collectors and small dealers in various parts of the country and in all walks of life, that we all have on hand, too many accumulations and odd lots of stamps and not enough completed collections and properly arranged stocks. We really are, most of us, swamped with stamps, thus causing a certain stagnation in our collecting and dealing activities because we have reached the point where we have over-bought, and further buying is retarded because we do not know what we have in stock and we are always putting off the time when we should get everything in first class shape. Collectors should have more collections and less duplicates.

It is perfectly all right to form collections in several branches of our hobby, but before the winter season sets in, in full blast, we should resolve, I believe, to get down to business and properly arrange every single last stamp, cover, postmark and whatnot that we have in our collection. If we have enough duplicates to make a second collection, of any kind, no matter how small it is, it should be neatly mounted and offered for sale or exchange to our friends. A collector who is only mildly interested in stamps because he has not the time to go more fully into the work, will be pleased to buy such duplicates as are made into collections, mounted in blank albums so that he can be proud to show them to his friends or look over them himself of a winter evening. There are thousands of business men who were collectors as boys, who would be glad to purchase just such material.

If we will all put a little study and thought into this problem, we can bring more real collectors into the fold. Collectors have in the aggregate, a large amount of money to spend for worth while, artistically made collections. A small classified ad in the stamp magazines or in the Sunday newspapers of the large cities near you, may surprise you with the number of inquiries from people who are just lukewarm collectors, but with plenty of money to invest. Action along this line will pave the way to cleaning up all surplus, especially with collectors who are not dealers, and will enable them to buy more stamps that they really need and can put into their collection. There are several well-organized exchange circuits, both in and out of the large stamp societies, as well as the sales departments, and right here we come to the problem of not having the time to properly arrange our duplicates and so dispose of them. What the stamp collecting world needs today, is a large number of "secretaries" who can take care of such work. The pay would necessarily be small, sometimes not more than $5.00 per week. This work could be undertaken by people who are "shut in" or confined and who know something about stamps. In large cities as many as a dozen people could be kept

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ROUND-ABOUT—

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GILL'S STAMP GOSSIP, issued biweekly from Portland, Oregon, is edited by Mr. John C. Adams of that city. It is mimeographed, and the December 15, 1928 issue of six pages contains an article on the Colombian Airmail Service, by Mr. Adams, among other readable material.

GARFIELD-PERRY GOSSIP, Cleveland, is a mimeographed double page sheet that is devoted to society notes and information of particular interest to members of this alert and active organization.

RECENTLY, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* contained a brightly written stamp story that was based on the sale at auction of Mr. W. W. MacLaren's stamps at New York on Jan. 10, 1929. Mr. MacLaren provided good copy and his friends should know that he has already started on a new collection, which he expects to have in shape for exhibition in two years.

MR. CHAS. H. FLETCHER, Newburgh, N. Y., wants to know which is the best container for covers. "What is the best way to keep them in good order," he asks, and having nothing of original value to suggest, we refer the question to readers. The cover albums sometimes used are huge affairs, some of which are imported from Germany.

THE annual meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society is slated for January 15th, and at the meeting of February 5th, an auction sale will be held. Arrangements probably will be made whereby the junior members may get together on Saturday afternoons once or oftener during the month.

MR. W. G. ROBB, Sterling, Ill., corrects the name of the "Dictionaire de Bureaux de Poste du Monde," the list of the world's post offices, as given in the WEEKLY some time ago. We omitted "du Monde" from the title, through an oversight.

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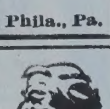

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The owner of this collection spent upward of eight or nine years in systematically searching for stamps in old homes, courts, law offices and the like throughout the country, and during this time retained for his own collection the choicest pieces that came to hand. At the recent sale, these were spread to the four winds.

The 3-cent 1851 on a temperance cover from Concord, N. H., showing a female figure brought $52.00, while another showing an illustration covering the entire envelope, depicting scenes of drunkenness, etc., sold at $13.50. Fine campaign covers brought prices ranging from $16.00 to $83.00, depending upon condition, the latter price being paid for one showing a portrait of Abraham Lincoln with the inscription "The cold water candidate."

Covers showing the 3c 1857 carried through the lines from the Confederate States north and bearing the cancellations of the Adams Express Company at Louisville, brought $120.00, $210.00, and $210.00 respectively for three items, the higher price being paid for unusually choice copies.

A Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express showing an error in cancellation sold at $115.00. Railroads on the early issues brought anywheres from $1.20 up to $70.00, the latter amount being paid for a 5c 1847 with Northern Railroad postmark.

Cracked plate covers on the 3c 1851 brought from $52.50 to $85.00, and perforated copies of the same stamp sold from $42.00 to $102.50, the latter price covering a very choice cover with a greenish-blue postmark.

In the general issues, where cancellations were not the main consideration, a 10c 1847 used from Canada showing a crease brought $390.00.

The record price of the sale was paid for a 10c 1847 split showing enormous sheet margins at the right. This was bid up to $1,200.00, which is believed to be more than a similar copy will bring for some little time to come.

Throughout the sale, odd cancellations brought prices that could not have possibly been estimated before the sale, for some items brought $2.00 or $3.00, while others of not much more importance, such as a shield on the 3c 1861 brought $52.00. Masonic cancellations throughout were high.

One of the most important plate positions of the 3c 1851 namely, the co showing the bust and medallion, re position 74R6, on a very neat cov reached $85.00.

Stamps off cover, when describ as superb, brought anywheres from thr quarters to double catalogue or more.

Just as soon as, however, an imp fection was noted, the price was mate ally lowered. As an illustration, a spl did copy of the 1869 with inver center, slightly damaged, brought $360.00, whereas a copy of the 24-cent similar condition where an attempt h been made to clean the cancellati brought but $350.00.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS

A Study in Shades from Stamps of Various Countries

By HERMANN FOCKE.

The new 1½d stamp issued recen for this Colony has been described brown, a convenient way of getting aw from the question of the exact sha but if one would put side by side all stamps catalogued as brown, one wo have a fine variety of shades, and wo not know which of them applies to t little 1½d stamp.

To say the truth there is no stamp the British Colonies of recent issu which if laid next to this newcom would match its color exactly, for stance, the 1½d Malta, also brown, entirely different, and the 1/- of Grena although similar, is called orange-bro and is also of a different hue.

There are three stamps of almost same shade, that I can think of for present to compare with, the 60 Pfg. Germany, 1924, Scott's No. 337, cal red-brown, the 6 cent Holland, 1925 1927, Scott's Nos. 175 and 186, cal orange-brown, and perhaps the 50 c values of Dutch Colonies, issues 190 called under Curacao and Dutch In red-brown, and under Surinam (No. lake-brown. So there you are! In opinion the best description for the 1½d V. I. would be Cinnamon.

As had to be expected, with the appearance of the 1½d in rose-red, rather carmine-red, and return of penny postage, the 1d violet of V. I. 1d to change its dress also, but like a g it did not don its old dress of 1922, cal rose-red, but bought a brand new one a more vivid color of deep carm More work for the shade specialist.

The 1½d red has been mentioned a coming rarity, but I think that the violet will be the better of the tw postally used.

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Mr. H. M. Southgate, Chevrolet hase, Maryland, sends us a vial of riginal gum he has collected off of tamps. This method is keenly adised for those who collect stamps and um separately. In case a stamp is ot O. G., one can point to the phial. h! Gee!

We have used the term 1-2-3 in conction with various townmarks. In the niversal machines, the inner legends of e townmark show in the first line, the onth and day, in the second line, the arest hour or half-hour of the time of ncelling, and in the third line, the year te. This pattern conventional die thus ndardizes the placing of these lines as 2-3. One would believe that the setting these types would be an easy matter, t we have found certain cities which ntinually run the hour first, or perhaps e year date. Minneapolis and Aurora, inois, both run their towns non-standd, as well as Erie, Penna. Of course, ere are hosts of other towns which, w and then, put in the months upside wn, and even invert the entire townrk. In general, however, one finds e exceptions in the Universal machines ly. The Internationals, Americans, lumbians, usually are the same. Anyy, that's the idea of the 1-2-3.

As the New Year advances, slogan ncels are coming along mostly with the form Correspondents and Air Mail ves Time boxes. About February first, icago will tell us it's time to Let's . The Register or Insure and Adess Your Mail slogans are getting ver and fewer. The slogan fans are sy waiting for this year's dies, and te a few cities and dies are missing far. The flu epidemic got a number the sick ones.

The precancel envelope one reads so ch of, is just another effect of the ½ P. L. and R. In some localities, use of a one cent precancel stamp was mitted only when the regulation notice s printed above the stamp. The precel envelope solved this difficulty, and course, evoked a necessary issue. The cancel envelope is not a fad, nor a latelic creation, but rather a help to ter mailing, to better business, to bet prosperity.

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24	3c red	5.25	.30
24c	3c Thin paper	—	.75
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34	3c dull red	1.20	.08
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39a	15c blue gray	2.75	.90
	1882-90		
40	½c black	(.30)	.07 .07
41	2c blue green	2.10	.12
42	3c vermilion	(1.25)	.25 .01
42a	3c carmine red	9.50	.32
43	5c gray	(1.75)	.35 .03
44	6c red brown	(5.00)	.75 .55
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45a	10c dull rose	(8.00)	1.50 .60
	1892-93		
46	20c vermilion	1.10	.24
47	50c deep blue	1.20	.30
48	8c gray	1.75	.12
48a	8c blue gray	2.50	.20
48b	8c slate	2.00	.10
48c	8c violet black	2.00	.18
	1897, Jubilee Issue		
50	½c black	(3.00)	.50 .60
51	1c orange	(.50)	.07 .05
52	2c green	(.50)	.08 .05
53	3c bright rose	(.60)	.08 .02
54	5c deep blue	(1.50)	.27 .25
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	1897—Leaves in 4 Corners		
66	½c black	(.25)	.05 .05
67	1c blue green	(.35)	.07 .01
68	2c purple	(.50)	.12 .02
69	3c carmine	(.50)	.08 .01
70	5c dark blue	(.70)	.14 .06
71	6c brown	(2.20)	.45 .40
72	8c orange	(1.75)	.35 .15
73	10c brown violet	(6.00)	.95 —
	1898—Numerals in 2 Lower Corners		
74	½c black	(.15)	.03 .02
75	1c gray green	(.15)	.03 .01
76	2c purple	(.35)	.07 .01
77	3c carmine	(.75)	.12 .01
78	5c blue		.34 .06
79	6c brown	(5.00)	1.10 .75
80	8c orange	(3.50)	.75 .30
81	10c brown violet		.60 .12
	1898, Map Stamp		
82	2c lavender and carm.	(.60)	.10 .05
83	2c blue and carmine	(.60)	.10 .05
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84	2c on 3c carm. (1897)	(.85)	.18 .09
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86	2c carmine	(.30)	.06 .01
	1901-2		
87	20c olive green	(10.00)	1.90 .52
88	7c olive yellow	(2.50)	.45 .22
	1903-08, King Edward Issue		
89	1c gray green	(.20)	.04 .01
90	2c carmine	(.30)	.06 .01
91	5c blue	(.75)	.14 .02
92	7c olive bistre	(1.25)	.27 .04
93	10c brown lilac	(1.60)	.32 .06
94	20c olive green	(5.50)	.90 .18
95	50c purple	(35.00)	5.75 .80
90a	2c carmine, imperf.	(.30)	.07 .07
	1908, Quebec Tercentenary Issue		
96	½c black brown	(.25)	.06 —
97	1c blue green	(.35)	.08 .05
98	2c carmine	(.35)	.08 .02
99	5c dark blue	(1.40)	.30 .22
100	7c olive green	(1.50)	.32 .21
101	10c dark violet	(3.00)	.70 —
102	15c red orange	(3.00)	.70 —
103	20c yellow brown	(5.00)	1.00 —
	Quebec set	(13.50)	2.95 —
	1912-18, King George		
104	1c dark green	(.10)	.02 .01
105	2c carmine	(.15)	.03 .01
106	3c brown	(.24)	.06 .01
107	5c blue	(.45)	.10 .01
107a	5c indigo	—	.03
108	7c olive bistre	(.60)	.12 .01
109	10c plum	(.75)	.18 .02
110	20c olive green		.45 .12
110a	20c olive yellow	(1.10)	.25 .04
111	50c black	—	.16
	1914-19, Coil Stamps		
112	1c dark green, perf. 8 horiz.		.48 .20
113	2c carmine, perf. 8 horiz.		.10 .04
114	1c dark green, perf. 8 vert.		.06 .03
115	2c carmine, perf. 8 vert.		.06 .02
116	3c brown, perf. 8 vert.		.07 .05
117	1c dark grn., perf. 12 horiz.		.07 .07
118	2c carmine, perf. 12 horiz.		.07 —
119	3c brown, perf. 12 horiz.		.10 —
	1917, Confederation		
120	3c brown	(.25)	.06 .02
	1922-23, New Colors and Values		
121	1c yellow	(.08)	.02 .01
122	2c yellow green	(.12)	.03 .01
123	3c carmine	(.24)	.06 .01
124	4c olive bistre	(.24)	.06 .02
125	5c violet	(.28)	.07 .01
126	10c blue	(.80)	.20 .02
127	$1 orange	(5.00)	1.25 .10
	1923-24, Imperforate		
128	1c yellow	(1.00)	—
129	2c green	(1.00)	.20 —
130	3c carmine	(.32)	.10 —
	Coil Stamps		
131	1c yellow, perf. 8 vert.		.02 .02
131a	1c vert. pr. imp. between		.08 —
132	2c yel. green, perf. 8 vert.		.04 .01
132a	2c vert. pr. imperf. between		.12 —
133	3c carmine, perf. 8 vert.		.06 —
134	2c yel. green, perf. 12 horiz.		.05 —
	1924-25, New Colors		
135	7c red brown	(.40)	.10 .03
136	8c blue	(.40)	.10 .03
137	10c bistre brown	(.50)	.12 .01
138	50c black brown	(2.50)	.65 .05
	1926 Surcharge		
139	2c on 3c carm. (1 line)	(1.50)	.35 .35
140	2c on 3c carm. (2 lines)	(.60)	.15 .15
	1927, Confederation Issue		
141	1c orange (Macdonald)	(.08)	.02 .02
142	2c grn. (Confederation)	(.12)	.03 .01
143	3c carm. (Parliament)	(.20)	.05 .03
144	5c violet (Laurier)	(.32)	.08 .02
145	12c blue (Map)	(.60)	.15 .10
262	20c red (Transportation)	(1.00)	.25 .17
	Complete Set (6)	(2.10)	.55 .32
	1927, Historical Set		
146	5c violet (McGee)	(.30)	.08 .04
147	12c green (Laurier and McDonald)	(.60)	.15 .12
148	20c carmine (Baldwin and La Fontaine)	(1.00)	.25 .09
	Complete set (3)	(1.80)	.45 .23
	1928, Bilingual Series		
149	1c yellow	(.08)	.02 .01
150	2c green	(.12)	.03 .01
151	3c carmine	(.16)	.04 —
152	5c purple	(.28)	.07 —
153	8c blue	(.40)	.10 —
154	10c green	(.52)	.13 .05
	1928 Air Mail		
155	5c brown	(.28)	.07 .05
	Coil Stamp		
156	2c green, perf. 8 vert.		.03 .02
	1906, Postage Due Stamps		
226	1c violet	(.08)	.02 .02
227	2c violet	(.15)	.04 .02
228	5c violet	(.28)	.07 .03
229	4c violet	(.24)	.06 —
230	10c violet	(.50)	.13 —
	1875-89, Registration Stamps		
251	2c orange		.20 .04
253	5c yellow green		.25 .05
254	8c blue		4.75 5.75
	1898, Special Delivery Stamps		
260	10c blue green	(.80)	.20 .14
260a	10c, Type II		.80 .30
	1922		
261	20c carmine	(1.00)	.25 .08
	1915, War Tax Stamps		
304	1c green	(.15)	.03 .01
305	2c carmine	(.18)	.04 .02
	1916		
306	2c+1c carmine	(.35)	.09 .01
306a	2c+1c, Type II		9.00 .30
307	2c+1c brown	(.30)	.06 .01
307a	2c+1c, Type I	(50.00)	10.75 .45
	Coil Stamps		
308	2c+1c car. (perf. 12x8)	(.40)	.10 —
309	2c+1c carmine, perf. 8 vert.		.20 .04
310	2c+1c brown, perf. 8 vert.		— .03
310a	2c+1c, Type I		.85 .15

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MILITANT RELIGION ON STAMPS

PARADOX OF CHRISTIANITY AS WAR INSPIRATION REVEALED BY STUDY

By KERMET E. PARKER.

Militant Christianity—that strange, paradoxical side of the religion founded by one of the mildest and most peaceful beings who ever lived—proclaims its hybrid self from the faces of several postage stamps issued by the government of those lands which were torn by the medieval wars between Christians and pagans, and which still build their legends around national heroes chosen from the knights of that time.

The greatest conflicts of the time were the Crusades, and the deeds of the armies which struggled across Europe to combat the Moslem in the Holy Land live on, on postage stamps, as well as in history and fable. Possibly the most lasting concrete result of the First Crusade was the organization of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem—a sedate body of nobles which has endured to the present day. This order was a very aristocratic and strict one, and its members for centuries waged war against the Mohammedans.

Knights Ruled Two Islands

In 1309 the Knights Hospitallers conquered the Island of Rhodes, which they held for more than two centuries against the assaults of the Moslem armies. At last, however, they were forced out under an honorable capitulation in 1522. They then retired to Malta and made their headquarters on that island until 1798, when Napoleon secured their surrender. Since that time the order has not been a land-holding organization, but it still exists and wields great power. Its members have always been drawn from the nobility, and at one time Paul, the "mad czar" of Russia, was its grand master. Its long history is recalled by Maltese stamps bearing the famed Maltese cross, the symbol of the order.

Richard the Lion-Hearted, probably the most famous of all the Crusaders, is pictured on a stamp which was issued by Cyprus last year to commemorate the semi-centennial of British domination. The story of Richard's campaigns against Saladin, his traitorous imprisonment in Germany, his dramatic return to the England of Robin Hood's day, and his eventual death while besieging a feudal baron is too well known to bear repetition at length. The Cypriote stamp shows a heroic statue of him on horseback.

Mountaineer Defied Turks

A hero of a different sort was Skanderbeg, the great national figure of Albania. Born George Castriota early in the 15th century, he was taken by the Turks as a hostage and was trained in the Turkish army, where he took the name of Iskander Bey. But all the while he remembered his nativity, and in 1443 he proclaimed himself a Christian and fled back to his Albanian mountains, where he defied the Turks in 13 campaigns before his death. Skanderbeg is considered to have been an invaluable aid to Christianity, having engaged troops which otherwise might have been sent against the harried Christian armies on other fronts. Several Albanian stamp issues show the bearded features of this unusual character.

Sobieski Saved Europe

The man who finally laid the specter of Turkish conquest has also found his place on a postage stamp. He was John Sobieski, King John III of Poland. He had won many victories over the Turks, and these had brought him election as king in 1673. In 1683 the Turks reached Vienna and laid siege to the great city, this being the high water mark of their invasion of Europe. And, when the tide of the continent hung in the balance it was Sobieski who hastened down from Warsaw and led the cavalry charge which routed the Turks, stopping their advance forever, and beginning the movement which led gradually to the near elimination of Turkey from the map of Europe. Poland has fittingly honored him by placing a picture of him astride a rearing charger, on one of its stamps.

Several orders of knights who are not so well known as those who battled in the Near East existed in the Middle Ages along the Baltic coast. These

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veral of the little Baltic republics.—
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ATE NO. VARIETIES, 5c AIR MAIL

By HENRY C. DEWITT, JR.

The recent five-cent air mail stamp be-
printed in two colors leads philate-
ts to hope to find an inverted center as
urred in the twenty-four cent stamp
1918.

The two plate numbers and the word
OP" lead us to collect plate number
cks of six, eight or ten. These come
y in tops, but there is a right and a
t pane. The left pane having a red
te number, a blue plate number, and
word "TOP" in red; the right pane
ring the word "TOP" in blue, a blue
te number and a red plate number.
e numbers on the right pane being
ceded by the letter "F", signifying
shed.

A very interesting error occurs on
e No. 19597. This plate being of the
ter (blue) it should have the word
OP" so that it will print on the right
e. The word is, however, on the left
e, and prints over the red "TOP" on
plate used for the border, so that the
it pane does not have the word
OP", and the left pane carries it
e, the red and blue printing being
osed one upon the other.

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05 on which the "F" appears with the
le plate number.

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Plain enuff isn't it?

Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

The most important development this week has been the news of Col. Lindbergh's request to be allowed to pilot the plane that will make the First Flight from Miami to Cristobal, FAM No. 5, on February 4th. As the newspapers throughout the country carried the news in headlines, there is sure to be a heavy mail carried on the First Trip, notwithstanding the high rate of 25c per half ounce.

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Another important announcement comes from the Canadian Post Office in Ottawa. Another series of special flights are to occur beginning January 28th, the terminals being Ottawa and Halifax, N. S. The first route will embrace Ottawa, Montreal and St. John, N. B., and the second will connect St. John with Halifax, N. S. The former will operate semi-weekly and the latter daily except Sunday. Planes will leave Ottawa at 5.45 A. M., Montreal at 7 A. M., arriving at St. John at 12 noon. Direct connection will be effected with the Halifax plane. The return plane to Ottawa leaves St. John at 12 noon, arriving in Ottawa the same evening. No mail will be carried between Ottawa and Montreal for delivery in these two cities. Special cachets will be used at all the above points and the rate is 5c for the first ounce and 10c for each succeeding ounce or fraction. Special delivery and registered service will be available. It is intended that the two routes will operate for a period of three weeks.

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The new 5c Air Mail envelope made its initial bow on January 12th, and we can't say that it makes much of a hit with collectors seen in the last 24 hours. In fact, the comments were far from complimentary. Personally, I believe the envelope looks fairly well, but wish the Department would cut down the size of the red and blue "wedges."

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Covers from the Northbound flight of FAM No. 6 indicate that a stop was made at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, although this point was not included in the official schedule. My covers, placed with the Postmaster prior to official publication of the schedule, bear the familiar fancy circle enclosing a crude drawing of an airplane and the word "AVION." In addition, there is a double-lined semi-circle carrying the two words "PREMIER VOL". Covers are cancelled January 9th. The San Juan cachet is an outline map of the route and includes a tri-motored plane flying West. The wording—"First Flight —Airmail From—San Juan—International F. A. M. No. 6." Covers are cancelled at 7 A. M., January 9th. The cachet used at Santo Domingo consisted of a large oblong, divided into thirds by a vertical line. On the left side of the line "Correo Aereo" with a small plane dividing the two words—to the right—"de Santo Domingo A * Port-au-Prince * San Juan, Pto Roco * Santiago de Cuba." The date stamp reads January 9th, 1929, no time. Covers from Havana to the United States have not been received up to time this note was written.

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Billy Burr sends in a clipping from the Los Angeles *Times* which gives a reduced size cut of a cover dropped from the Question Mark while in flight over the Imperial Valley. The cover bears a 2c ICA stamp, is postmarked "Imperial, Calif." and is addressed to one of the members of the *Times* staff. The stationery on which the letter was written bears a printed heading, "On board the Question Mark over Southern California, January—1929," indicating that it was intended the crew would drop mail as desired. We wonder if any collector secured a cover from this flight.

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The Post Office personnel at Rome, N. Y., took good care of collectors' covers on the recent flight by "smacking" covers on the back with the big cachet in addition to the regular backstamp. The re-

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EDITORIAL

ACTING at once on our plea to write to representatives at Washington to advocate an amendment to the tariff law that will allow the entry of postage stamps, used or unused, duty free, Mr. Henry A. Diamant, St. Louis, Mo., has had printed an ample number of slips, reading: "I am in favor of amending Paragraph 1671 of the Tariff Act of 1922, which comes under Schedule 15, Free List, to read as follows. Par. 1671. Stamps:—Postage or Revenue Stamps, Cancelled or Uncancelled and Government Stamped Envelopes or Post Cards bearing no other printing than the official imprint thereon. Signed ..... Address ..... Town and State .....". He will supply the slips without charge to those who will interest themselves in circulating them. The sooner we get to work the better, and surely there is a will to labor to remove a restriction that sometimes or other is felt by almost every collector. Mr. Diamant's address is 210 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo.

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A LETTER from a reader, Mr. Harvey W. Dwight, Boston, deplores the fact that collectors are beguiled, he says, by U. S. issues to the extent that they give scant attention to other stamps, and he professes to see a danger sign in this monopoly of attention. Yes, if one's experience is limited to certain circles, one gets the idea that only U. S. are welcome, but if one is in a position to really mix with all kinds of collectors, one finds that while our stamps are very popular, they do not wholly eclipse other countries' issues. In this connection, it may be observed that at the banquet of the London Stamp Exhibition, held recently, a speaker "drew attention to the comparative lack of interest taken by British collectors in the stamps of their own country, which he hoped the Exhibition would remedy." Some years ago, if we remember correctly, British stamps occupied a position in the foreground in Great Britain, and it is likely that they will have their day again.

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IN speaking of the recent London Stamp Exhibition, which was "a great success" according to the press notices, all praise is given to Mr. F. H. Vallancey and his associates who labored so manfully to achieve the happy results. While the exhibition space was limited, the display thoroughly exemplified the study of British and Irish stamps.

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A CORRESPONDENT says that the current Canal Zone two-cent is to be surcharged twenty-five cents for use in paying the air mail rate "on the flight postponed to February 4th."

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THE question involving approval selections that are sent unsolicited is included in the broader one applying to unordered goods that has been subjected to analytical inquiry by business bureaus in different places. We have received the following letter from Mr. Herbert S. Lucas, Chicago: "I read recently remarks in your column on unsolicited approval sheets which are the source of annoyance to collectors oftentimes, and which generally cause friction in the relations between the persons concerned. You will be interested in a statement that has been issued by the Chicago Better Business Bureau wherein definite conclusions have been reached, which cover the ethics of conduct of the recipient of unordered goods. In the first place, the person addressed is under no obligation to keep the goods or to pay for them, and what is more, to return them. However, the recipient must make his position secure by notifying the sender to make provision for the return of the goods, even though the holder may demand 'storage charges,' if they are not called for in a reasonable period of time. I quote: 'Unordered goods should not be used or appropriated for use by the recipient unless he wishes to incur liability to pay for them. If he does use them, the recipient cannot legally avoid paying for them by saying that they came into his hands without his solicitation or not at his specific order'."

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THE foregoing findings are to be accepted as authoritative, and their applications may be extended to unsolicited approvals, with slight modifications. Since the post office department maintains that "delivery" is effected by placing the letter or package in the mail box or porch of the addressee, it is incumbent on the recipient to keep the goods intact. When he is written to by the sender, the supposition is that he will tell the sender to call for the goods or pay for the charges for their return. It is apparent that the necessity of keeping the goods intact enters into any legal inquiry; and so the collector who takes out of the lot sufficient stamps to meet the postal charges for return may not be proceeding with strict legality. However, no expense is to attach to the recipient in sending back the stamps, and it is expected that postage for the purpose be sent him. The unsolicited approval sheet has been responsible for many heart-burnings, and philatelic opinion is almost unanimous in condemning it, even though a collector here and there will say that he does not object to them.

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IN some of the reports of the Associated Press covering the suicide of Emil Fuchs in New York, who was the designer of the King Edward portrait on the stamps of Great Britain, and who as well enjoyed the friendship of Edward, the artist is given credit for the design of the 2c White Plains commemorative. Mr. Fuchs was the writer of an interesting series of autobiographical sketches some time ago, in the course of which interesting philatelic reminiscences were given, in the *Saturday Evening Post;* and later he collaborated in bringing forth a striking philatelic study illustrated in the *Collectors Club Philatelist.*

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CANADA is developing its air mail service, and experimental flights are to be made on two new routes on or about January 28th, Ottawa, Ontario, to Saint John, New Brunswick, *via* Montreal, semi-weekly; and Saint John, New Brunswick, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, daily except Sunday. To commemorate the first official air mail service to the Maritime Provinces, special *cachets* will be used at Ottawa, Montreal, Saint John and Halifax. The announcement of the post office department recently distributed contains a number of paragraphs addressed to collectors of air mail. Write to the post office department at Ottawa, Canada, asking for future announcements of the kind.

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MR. FRANCIS J. GROSS of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes that on January 1, 1929, the new 1d and 1½d chocolate of Montserrat and Leeward Islands were placed on sale at Montserrat, B. W. I.

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THE following paragraph has come from Mr. Thorpe L. Updegraff of New York: "I am pleased to see that you have the right idea about advancing philately and that you are ever ready to encourage publicity on it, with the idea of impregnating all the people with it, or at least being informed about collecting. You have referred to the assistance given by the Associated Press in the circulation of stamp news, and I want you to know that our United Press has its eye peeled for philatelic material as you will see from the enclosed stamp statistics that were sent out from Paris in January by the United Press." The hundred words or so told that up to last August there were 56,874 varieties of stamps for the collector and so on, and we welcome the coöperation that the United Press or any other service might extend.

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WHY COLLECT AIR-COVERS?

By ARTHUR B. MOSS

Practically every stamp collector is the proud possessor of at least one or two complete covers to which a certain meaning or special value attaches. There is the pre-stamp group with its peculiar historic significance. What a collection could be formed of the earliest issues of the United States showing fine specimens of the stamps tied on by the various multi-formed and multi-hued cancellations of the period, some of which would be far more rare than the proverbial hen's teeth. A wide range of interest lies in the so-called "patriotic covers"; and the employment of government slogans and mottoes, in the cancellations of recent years opens an instructive and fascinating specialty. And then we have the absolutely limitless field of the many foreign countries each with its own peculiarities and special interests.

The covers we treasure the most are often those with some personal sentimental connection. I have a small size ½ anna King George stamped envelope of India, postmarked from Gyangtse, Tibet, many miles across the border of India, far away on the age-old trade route to Lhassa. Aside from the philatelic interest of the cancellation from a British trading post-office deep in Tibet across the Himalayas, the real value of this cover to me lies in the fact that it brought me a quaint letter of appreciation from a half-breed trade agent for a little courtesy that had been extended to his family. What shall be said of freak covers—albino stamped envelopes; bisected stamps, never officially issued but having passed the postal authorities without connivance of sender or receiver; covers that travelled without any stamps at all and without postage due charge; and so on "ad infinitum."

Among covers, however, the true royalty are the airmails. And of these there are endless varieties that but multiply with the days. Every one, actually flown, has been carried at immediate risk of life and limb. Some bear the actual marks of accident and tragedy. All witnesses to the shrinking of the world's vast distances to an extent that amazes and leaves us gasping. A map of the United States, drawn to represent the speed of air routes of today as means of mail communication, would be only about two-fifths the size of a map drawn to demonstrate the fastest rail service. The unending cachet varieties, official, semi-official and surreptitious, keep the specialist in this field ever on the "qui vive." And each in the procession represents some new route, some new airport, some further shrinking of the map.

What is taking place in our own land in the increasing speed of communication, and in the bringing of distant and isolated areas into direct contact, is happening all over the world. We are weaving a network of air routes that is fast compressing the world to the confines of one total community. For this, our flown covers are the definite and tangible symbols that we may talk about, and see, and actually handle.

There are the new-formed links in the chain binding the Americas together. With the opening of the Canadian and Mexican extensions of our national air system, vistas of rich meaning appear. More than half a ton of mail over the New York to Montreal line on the first two days of operation. Connections for Newfoundland, Labrador, the Far West, and for Europe via Rimouski at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, are immediate. Along the Mexican extension, direct connections for the West Indies and Central and South America are in the offing.

Overseas, wide development is coming likewise. There are the souvenirs of explorational flights, such as the 1926 and 1927 arctic flights of Sir Hubert Wilkins —and now the historically invaluable covers he carried this year from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen on his epoch-making flight. The cards carried by Mears and Collyer this summer when they circled the world faster than the moon will always hold intense interest, even though Collyer may beat his own world's record of less than 24 days if he takes off again. Covers from Commander Byrd's and Sir Hubert Wilkins' antarctic expeditions will be priceless mementos of heroism and faith, true symbols of a new day for the world.

Although not an actual air cover, I would mention here, with the explorational covers, a card, recently given me by a good friend, representing the 1924 expedition to scale Mt. Everest. This bears the ordinary ½ anna green, King George, India stamp, postmarked at Yatung, Tibet, July 9, 1924. Two official cachets of the expedition were applied, one noting that the cover was sent from the Main Base Camp at Rongbuk Glacier, 17,000 feet above sea level. There is also a neat poster stamp of Mt. Everest; and there are proper backstamps applied at the destination in India. This cover holds vividly the memory of the heroic men who were last seen surmounting the final ledges of the world's loftiest pinnacle—and who never returned.

But the covers of covers, at least for this writer, are those actually officially airflown from the four corners of the earth. There are the 1912 Zeppelin flights in Germany. The first definite airmail stamp was issued by Italy in May, 1917, for flights between Turin and Rome. German "subs" were putting shipping out of business so successfully that airmail became sheer necessity. This cover, whether "first flight" or not, is classic. Far away Siam enters; and covers from that weird country can be paralleled by those flown from Teheran, Persia, to Busshire. Regular service is projected, if not actually established, from the distant interior of the Belgian Congo to the Coast. Nearly seventy stamp issuing countries have already found themselves under the need of issuing stamps specially for airmail, and more may be expected to enter the ranks in 1929.

What a day is ours! Vast, sweeping changes astound us in industrial, social, international life. And here, we common men may possess, and treasure, and veritably hold in our own hands the physical symbols of our newest mode of communication blown on the very "wings of the morning to the uttermost parts of the sea." Air-covers will live, least of all from their investment worth, great as that may be in many instances wisely chosen—but fundamentally because of what they really are. They are ties that bind us men, race to race, continent to continent. Carried by the intrepid heralds of the dawn, they mean for the world, faith, trust, honor, unity and peace.—*The Air Mail Collector.*

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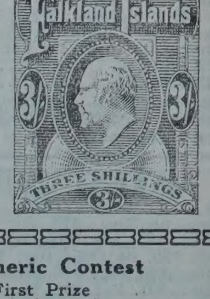

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Mounting Stamps

The correct method of mounting stamps seems, at first sight, a somewhat trivial matter to discuss, and yet I venture to assert that more good stamps are spoiled by careless mounting than anything else. First of all it is false economy to use anything but proper stamp hinges, *i.e.*, the hinges specially prepared and sold by all stamp dealers for the purpose. The cost of these is, now-a-days, so trifling that it is foolish in the extreme to use odds and ends of gummed paper as so many collectors—especially beginners—are fond of doing.

Good peelable hinges should always be used as these can be removed from one's stamps whenever necessary with a minimum of risk, while promiscuous gummed paper can be removed only with a great deal of trouble and, more often than not, the stamp is torn or damaged in the process.

Care should be taken that too much hinge is not attached to the back of a stamp, but only just sufficient to hold it firmly. About an eighth of an inch will be found ample for all practical purposes and this should be attached as near the top of stamp as possible without projecting beyond the edge or the perforations. It is hardly necessary to fasten *all* the remainder of the hinge to the album page. The lower portion should be attached as firmly as possible and then the stamp can be turned over to examine the watermark, etc., without any fear of the perforations being folded or creased.

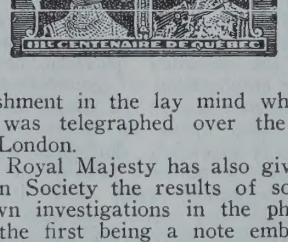
A ROYAL PHILATELIST

Though the rolls of the London Philatelic Society have contained the names of not a few titled personages, it was with particular pride that the members welcomed one of the Royal Family to their circle in 1893. It is understood that the King, then Duke of York, intimated his desire to join the Society and was thereupon elected its Honorary Vice-President by acclamation. In 1896 he accepted office as President of the Council of the Society, and since 1900 has been its highest officer owing to the death of the Honorary President, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

The interest of His Royal Majesty in stamps began, as with most of us, when he was a boy, and as he was brought up in the Royal Navy his voyages naturally gave him many opportunities of acquiring stamps at first hand. In 1892 his collection had attained considerable proportions but was then largely increased by the purchase of another collection of some magnitude, which caused an entire rearrangement into the modern form of movable leaf albums.

It is understood that the collection is now practically confined to the stamps of the British Empire, and the portions of it which have been exhibited show that the royal philatelist is an advanced collector of no mean order. His interest in our pursuit is evinced by his participation in the private exhibitions of the London Society. It is also stated that "his stamps are always placed at the disposition of his fellow-members when they can be of service for any of the purposes of the London society."

But perhaps the greatest event in which the King figures philatelically, was his purchase of the 2 pence Post Office Mauritius at auction in January, 1904, for $7,500. This episode is familiar to the collecting world, but it created great



astonishment in the lay mind when the news was telegraphed over the globe from London.

His Royal Majesty has also given the London Society the results of some of his own investigations in the philatelic field, the first being a note embodying his researches into the vexed question of the method of manufacture of the first stamp of Denmark, and again upon the *Postal Issues of the United Kingdom during the Present Reign.*

Approvals

By A. C. LeDuc.

There seems to be some question in the minds of the readers of this page about approvals. Approvals really mean goods sent on inspection with the expectation of purchase. In the stamp collecting world, approvals mean various sheets of stamps sent to a prospective customer.

When a stamp collector answers the advertisement of some dealer in stamps and asks to have stamps sent to him on approval he must abide by the customary rules set up for the business. Stamps on the approval sheets remain the property of the dealer until paid for by the customer or returned to the dealer. The stamps should be kept in very fine condition so that none may get soiled or lost or damaged in any way. Certainly the dealer is entitled to receive his stamps back in as good condition as he sent them out. It is also important that all those that the customer buys are kept in fine condition for his collection.

Some collectors seem to think that it is all right to keep approval selection any length of time. This is not so as all stamps not purchased should be returned within a day or two after receiving them. Practically all dealers allow 10 days for the customer to go over the selections. This is rarely ever necessary as the general line of approvals can be gone over thoroughly in an hour.

Worn Plate Impressions

The fact that a plate can wear to such an extent as to require re-engraving obviously shows in impressions printed from it and one thus finds such terms as *early impressions* and *worn plate* in philatelic literature. An early impression, as the name implies, is one taken from the plate while all the details of the design are bold and distinct, while in stamps printed from a worn plate the finer lines of the design have disappeared altogether, and the whole is indistinct or blurred. Between these two extremes there are innumerable stages which are more or less explicitly described as *intermediate* or *medium impressions.* These "states of the plate" have considerable bearing on the value of such stamps as the early New South Wales, Mauritius, Tasmania, etc. For instance, Gibbons prices an early impression of the 1d "Post Paid" Mauritius of 1848 at $125.00, while the same variety from every worn plate is only valued at $10.00

Philimeric Contest

First Prize
(Awarded to K. F. S., Minn.)
A benighted old man in Benan
Was prone to exclaim, "Sure I can
"Save stamp and remain
"Quite healthy and sane."
How foolish of him, poor old man!

Second Prize
(Awarded to Tim Iddity, Mass.)
There was a young girl in Quebec,
Who said "Donnez-moi le Seebec?
"La couleur jolie
"Ou la la, plees gimme!"
But I don't know the lingo, By Hec!

Third Prize
(Awarded to H. T. B., Calif.)
There was once an old gink named McGugg
Who possessed the "philatelic bug."
Now, a stamp he could tell
Just by scenting its smell—
Some smeller had old gink McGugg.

Well, he once smelled a stamp from Hoboke
(Of this truth I would feign be outspoken.)
It was fluted on top,
And it pictured a mop,
With the handle part already broken.

This "rare local" went in his collection,
(Such rare stamps were his one predilection
When he found it was fake,
Oh, the pain ! ! and the ache ! ! !
He is now in the lunatic section.

Some Definitions

Livingston.—A small town in th state of Alabama which is philatelical famed from the fact that in 1861 its th postmaster issued a special 5c stamp a provisional measure until the regul stamps for the Confederate States we ready.

L. L.—I. An overprint found upo certain South Australian stamps used the correspondence relating to the Legi lative Library during the period 1868-7 They were replaced in the latter year the general issue of official stamps wi "O. S." overprint.

II. These two letters, in the form a monogram, with one of them reverse form the watermark shown in the ear stamps of Belgium. The initial is, course, that of King Leopold I.

Last Week's Brain Teasers

(Answers to Suarez Questions)

(1) Indo Chine, A4.
(2) Barbados, A10.
(3) Unification of the Rhine wi Germany, in 995. Germany, A49.
(4) J. P. Anderson, 1861, in Stra burg.
(5) Italy, 1917, Surch. on S.P. 1 a AP 1.
(6) Venezuela, A20 and A21.
(7) Cuba, 1855-6, Y¼ on A1.
(8) Silver coin of Amathus. Cypr A15.
(9) 50 milliarde (50 billion). Ge many. A39a.
(10) Lithuania, A19.
(11) Maximilian, Mexico, A5.
(12) Cuba, A50.

NEW CANADA STAMPS ARE IN BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS

We have received from Ivor Giblin and the Marks Stamp Co., newspaper clipping and information regarding the n Canada stamps. The Marks Stamp Co., very kindly sends us the following details: In addition to the new 1, 2 and 10c stam recently issued, seven new stamps have been issued by the post-office department and are on sale to collectors and others d siring special sets today. These stamps are issued by the department to replace the old issue which is at present in use. the new issue the highest value is the one dollar, which is olive-green in color, and depicts Canada's legislative building Ottawa. The blue fifty cent stamp shows a fishing schooner, off the banks of Newfoundland. The twenty cent is pink color, and depicts a threshing scene. Next in order is the twelve cent gray, on which is shown Quebec bridge. The next thr of the set issued today, the eight, five and three cent stamps, show a portrait of King George, and are dark blue, purple a red, respectively in color. The issue has been acclaimed by collectors and others who have seen the advance plates, as t most beautiful set ever issued by this country, and one of the best issues, as far as collections of colorful stamps are concern in the world. Each has a large amount of scroll work around the pictures.

HERE AND THERE—

"I JUST want to let you know about a little joke. I mailed 300 covers from Miami to Nassau with a request to my man down there to return the covers to me. He tore off the stamps and sent them back to me, and threw the rest of the covers in the waste. You see plainly it's a joke, but it's on me this time. Consequently, I am not able to supply them as previously advertised."—E. STRASSER.

WE are indebted to R. C. Bach for a post card sent us from Havana, Cuba. The card was mailed upon the "Araguaya" of the Royal Mail steamship line. The beauty in the card rests upon the fact that it bears the inscription "Posted on the high seas," with the date Jan. 9, 1929.

CAN anyone give C. E. Morrison, Jr., 2 Sheridan St., Lawrence, Mass., the present address of one Richard Kelly, formerly 3400 Lexington Street, Chicago, Ill.? It will be appreciated.

JEAN GERMAK, 49 Rue Ste. Anne, Paris 2, France, has just issued a finely illustrated pricelist for 1929. A fine range of stamps is covered in singles, sets and collections. A copy may be had for the asking.

A NEW house organ is at hand from the C. D. Reimers Co., Fort Worth, Texas. It is dated January, which indicates a monthly publication, and is called "Reimer's Bulletin," "full of sunshine bargains."

HERMAN W. BOERS sends us a copy of the Detroit *News* containing a story concerning Postmaster Charles C. Kellogg. According to a secret ballot taken by the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society he is ranked as one of the most popular postmasters in the country. Mr. Boers pays a hearty tribute to Mr. Kellogg, and writes that he has shown a keen interest in the local societies, and has attended their functions on a number of occasions.

"WILL you kindly advise the subscribers of *Argosy* that we were obliged to skip the December and January issues of *Argosy*, thru the illness of the publisher, W. R. Fradsham. He has been laid off some time now with a very bad attack of the 'flu'."—FRANK F. VILLS.

LOUIS WEISSMAN, 81 Nassau St., N. Y. City, has on hand a lot of Thrace, Greece and Epirus, recovered from Nevins & Williams, who were connected with the recent New York robbery. Mr. Weissman believes it likely that these stamps are stolen property, and he is anxious to return them to the owner.

F. JONES sends us a clipping from the *Norfolk and Western Magazine* in which the editor expresses an interest in stamp collecting, and invites those of his readers who would like to form an exchange club to communicate with him. Mr. Jones also sends us a syndicated cartoon showing the Molly Pitcher stamp accompanied with "What did the father of our country ever do to deserve a blow like this?"

MAX F. BIER, proprietor of the Max F. Bier Co., 91 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has sent us a copy of a very fine pricelist of postage stamps in sets. The list is a very comprehensive one, of 40 pages, and is not only well printed, but nicely illustrated. Anyone interested in purchasing stamps by sets should certainly send for a specimen copy, which may be had for the asking.

OUR dealer friend, Frank Pollard Brown, has taken up his residence in Chicago for a brief season. He can be addressed at 4278 Hazel Ave., Chicago, from Jan. 28 to Feb. 27.

THE 1929 election of officers for the Wayne Stamp Society resulted in the following members being elected: Pres., George Bauer; Vice Pres., J. L. Sipley; Sec., Henry Fritz (Re-elected); Treas., M. Doig (Re-elected); Pub. Mgr., Ward R. Chapin. All members who reside in Detroit, and visitors as well, are cordially invited to attend the meetings, and we can guarantee to make you feel at home. We meet each Thursday evening at the St. Clair Recreation Bldg., Fairview and Canfield. — WARD R. CHAPIN.

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A LESSON ON GREAT BRITAIN

By F. J. MELVILLE.

(*Continued from page 43*)

Three-Halfpence Stamp.—There are only two plates to consider of the 1½d red stamp, with the portrait in a shield-shaped frame, first issued in 1870. The first plate used was not numbered, and is identified as No. 1 by the *absence* of the number. The only other plate used had the figure 3 inserted in the interlaced lines immediately above the lower corner letters, as shown in the diagram. A second plate (number 2) was not used, as it was defective.

Corner Letters.—The corner letters on the early English stamps are apparently always perplexing to the beginner, but they are quite simple to understand. They conform to a system by which every stamp on one sheet printed from one plate has a different combination of letters, and the idea was to make it more readily noticeable if anyone attempted to counterfeit any one stamp. In the first 1d and 2d stamps ("line-engraved") there were 240 stamps to the sheet, arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve stamps. These stamps at first had letters only in the two lower corners, and the first letter indicates the *horizontal row* in which the stamp occurs on the sheet. The other letter indicates the *vertical column* on the sheet. Thus a stamp lettered "A.....A" was the first stamp (column 1) in the first row. This system so far as it concerns the *lower* corners of the stamps printed 240 to the sheet never varies, and consequently in the bottom left corner the letter must always be anything from A to T (the twentieth row) and the right-hand bottom corner letter anything from A to L (the twelfth column).

To make this simple system more perfectly clear, let me give a few examples:—

1st row—AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, etc., to AL.

2nd row—BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, etc., to BL.

3rd row—CA, CB, CC, CD, etc., to CL.

10th row—JA, JB, JC, JD, etc., to JK, JL.

15th row—OA, OB, OC, OD, to OK, OL.

20th row—TA, TB, to TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL.

Letters In All Four Corners.—Later on, when letters were introduced in the upper corners as well, the system was the same; the lower corner letters follow the arrangement described above, the upper ones are the *reverse* of the letters in the lower angles. Thus a stamp lettered

D	B
B	D

is the fourth (D) stamp in the second (B) row.

Letters On the ½d Stamp.—For the ½d stamp of 1870, as the stamps were only half the size, the sheets contained double the number of stamps—480 instead of 240—and consequently the arrangement of the lettering was extended to cover the long horizontal rows of twenty-four (instead of twelve) stamps. So the *column* letters run from A to X (the twenty-fourth letter of the alphabet), but the letters indicating the rows remain from A to T, as there were just twenty rows. The ½d stamps all have the letters in all four corners, but it will save much confusion if collectors will bear in mind that the lower corner letters in every case give the simplest key to the position of the stamp on the sheet; the upper corner letters should always correspond in reverse with the lower ones. A stamp lettered T.....X at the foot should be lettered X.....T at the top, and so on.—*Stamp Lover.*

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RE-ENTRIES

In the exhibition of Great Britain stamps a section in the line-engraved class is devoted to those interesting varieties now keenly sought for, known as re-entries. Among the exhibitors in this section is Mr. Bertram McGowan, the collaborator with Mr. Chas. Nissen in the great book on the Penny Black.

Mr. McGowan's comments on the distinction between "Re-entries" and "Fresh Entries" will be read by students with special interest. We quote them from advance proofs of the catalogue.

Mr. Bertram McGowan states:—

This is a collection of what are commonly called by collectors "re-entries," and is limited to those which have been found on the 1d red imperf. stamp from Die 1 with first alphabet (exclusive of the "black" plates), being Plates 12 to 131, inclusive. The term "re-entry" should strictly apply only to stamps from plates which have been repaired, and which therefore occur in two states, in the second of which the re-entry has been made. The term "fresh entry" should be used for those stamps which show a duplicated impression of part of the design, caused by an original entry of this stamp or an adjoining one having been made in the wrong place, and the impression of the roller not having been completely erased. "Re-entries" proper are very scarce, and in the collection exhibited there are only three examples out of 167 stamps shown. These are the stamps lettered EB from the second state of Plate 30, PA from the second state of Plate 33, and KB from the second state of Plate 40. The last-mentioned is rather peculiar, as the stamp shows in the first state marks of an original erroneous entry and in the second state the letter "B" was shifted from the extreme right to the centre of the square. Unfortunately it has not been possible to show this stamp in the second state, but the stamps EB and PA, before referred to, are each shown in the first state for comparison. The remainder of the stamps are good examples of "fresh entries," and it has been thought useful to show these in duplicate where possible for two reasons—first to prove that the varieties are constant; and, second, seeing the stamps are used and portions naturally obliterated by the postmark, to have two copies in order that one or other should, as far as possible, show the whole marks of the defective entry.

Supplementary to the collection proper are shown—(a) some stamps with constant marks, which are sometimes included among "re-entries"; (b) a few examples of double-bottom (or top) varieties, caused by slipping of the transfer-roller, which are very numerous, and should be kept separate from a "re-entry" collection; and (c) stamps showing a duplication of the lines of one or other of the letter squares, some of which possibly are examples of an original erroneous entry.—*Postage Stamp.*

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(Clipping from A. R. Davis.)

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Bureau of Standards is making a coöperative study with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of United States postage stamps. The request was prompted by occasional complaints that stamps did not adhere satisfactorily and that sheets of stamps sometimes tore across the stamps instead of along the perforations. The proportion of defective stamps would appear to be small when it is considered that while 85,000,000 stamps are produced daily, the complaints received average less than one per day. Moreover, as concerns the adherence of stamps, it is problematic as to how many complaints are justified in view of such hazards as improper affixing of the stamps, the use of envelope papers resistant to adhesives, and unfavorable storage conditions.

Tests of the raw materials made by the Bureau of Standards indicate that both the stamp paper and the adhesive are satisfactory. The paper, which is a uniform, well-sized sulfite sheet, takes both ink and adhesive properly and has satisfactory strength. The adhesive is being compared experimentally with commercial gums, and the results thus far indicate that the present formula is the best obtainable. The present paraffined inter-leaving sheets in stamp books have been found to have objectionable features. Glassine paper, a hard, transparent, moisture-resisting paper, has been found, experimentally, superior to the paraffined paper, but its workability in the manufacturing process has not been established.

The printing and gumming operations are done as a continuous process by means of an ingenious machine devised by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The rotary printing presses take the paper from a roll, and progressively wet the paper for printing, print by means of a rotary plate roll, and dry the ink. The printed paper is then coated with adhesive by means of a gumming roller, the adhesive is dried, and the paper then wound in rolls. The work is next taken to the perforating machines, which break the adhesive to make the paper lie flat, perforate the paper between the stamps, and cut the paper in sheets.

One complete printing, gumming, and drying unit is being used for experimental purposes. It has been found to be highly efficient mechanically. There is, however, a possibility that some defective stamps have been turned out as a result of over-drying and because of variations in the wetting of the paper and the tension on the paper in printing. On the experimental press, experiments are being carried out with the introduction of temperature control and air circulation in the drying. Satisfactory drying of the adhesive has been accomplished at a temperature 60° F. lower than that ordinarily used. The tension on the paper has also been controlled accurately by using a simple indicating device.

Studies of the affixing of stamps, including consideration of automatic stamp-affixing machines, and studies of the reaction of the adhesive of the stamps to the different types of envelope papers in use, are in progress.

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The story of Molly Pitcher has bobbed up prominently many times in literature and the drama. A well-known playwright wove her into a melodrama in which the late Katherine Kidder attempted to carry on a popularity achieved by several seasons of "Madame Sans Gene." The redoubtable Molly was given a scene there in where she was expected to outfence with an ordinary fireplace poker, a fencing teacher villainess armed with an unbuttoned foil. She did it. It was not convincing and it lacked considerable of being art—but it was Molly. And we let it go at that.

It would please "Captain Molly" to know she was on a stamp. She was not a very good advertiser, as we remember her. We don't recollect that they ever did much for her in a material way. She probably had gone to her reward before she ever had a picture made. So we must, perforce, take her resemblance on the postage stamps of today with the faith built almost entirely on the way we think she should have looked—working that cannon the way she did, and all.—*Jackson News.*

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By HERMANN FOCKE.

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It will also be remembered that evil-minded critics discovered in the King's face the nude body of a woman, with arms uplifted, the King's eye being the head, the upper part of his nose the right arm, and the unshaded part of the cheek the torso of the figure.

The artist's work, however, had pleased His Majesty, and the picture was permitted to remain on the stamps until his death in 1911.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 55*)

...t is that covers sent to Rome from ...er points on the route where no First ...ip cachet was used, now bear the offi... cachet of that city. We compliment ... Rome folks for their thoughtfulness.

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Mr. A. J. Steinhardt has shown me a ...er from the Spokane Chamber of ...mmerce, dated January 2nd, that reads ...to be mailed when the extension of ...M No. 5 is inaugurated. The date for ...s extension has been unofficially set for ...y 1st, etc."

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The Madison, Wis., dedication is still ... in the air, according to a letter from ...stmaster Devine to Mr. Albert Winter. ... date has been set as yet, and the Post...ster says the local papers will carry ... details when a definite date is decided ...n. Will some collector residing in ...s city please take note and keep us ...rised?

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Mr. R. A. Smith of Shreveport, La., ... notified collectors through a circular ...er to the effect that no definite date ... been arrived at for the dedication of ...Municipal Airport. Plans are under ...t for the city to purchase land, but ...thing definite has been done. Probably ...ummer date will be arrived at.

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According to a clipping received from ... Ralph Moffett, the Oakland Speed... ...t affair will occur shortly. A wharf ...nder construction now and as soon as ... is completed, service will begin. Mr. ...ffett also states that he has been ad...d by the Detroit Chamber of Com...ce that a special cachet will be used during the week of the Detroit Aviation Show and that a special booth will be opened, as was the case last year. The Detroit dates are April 6th to 13th. Covers to the Postmaster.

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Will Mr. Frank Mitchell Wright please communicate with Mr. Frank W. Wright, 305 College Ave., Elmira, N. Y.? Or anyone who knows the former Mr. Wright please bring this note to his attention?

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Mr. H. C. Carpenter advises me that the cachet used at Cincinnati on December 17th was applied at the Post Office and not by the Chamber of Commerce, as was listed in this column. Mr. Carpenter also states that the application of the cachet was done at the Air Mail desk in the Cincinnati Post Office and is classified as a semi-official.

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Air Mail Week at South Bend, Ind., was held January 19th-26th. A cachet was applied to mail on the first day. * Col. Lindbergh is to visit Akron, O., the latter part of the month. * Washington, D. C., will have a Municipal Airport which will be dedicated this summer. * Mt. Pleasant, Tex., is working on an Airport. * New Haven, Conn., is securing estimates for the development of a Municipal Airport. * A tentative site has been selected for the Lynchburg, Va., Municipal Airport.

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"Cap." Street, pilot of the plane "BACARDI," loaded with Bach & Greeley, not to mention other things, made a successful flight over Havana on Jan. 10th. "When it's Cocktail Time in Cuba" Cap. Street is usually among those present and it is pleasing to note that RUM 7-11 opened with appropriate ceremonies although on a somewhat exclusive basis. No, gentle reader, you aren't expected to "get" this note!

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Co-operators sent in some good stuff the past week. Keep digging! C. A. Forster*, Albert Winter, A. J. Steinhardt, Harry Leonard, George T. Street*, Victor M. Suarez*, Anna M. Schafer, Albert E. Gorham*, Judson N. C. Knapper*, J. H. Wall, Billy Burr, John G. Knespert, Harold R. Blackstone, John Rausch, H. C. Carpenter, Frank W. Wright, Ralph Moffett, Wilfred T. Foster*, Charles Urnick, Jr., Robert C. Davidson, Dr. R. P. Brook*, Acme First Flight Club, L. B. Gatchell.

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"Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.
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Letters endorsed for dispatch on the speedboat between Oakland Air Field and San Francisco, California, cannot be so connected as no mail contract has been let for service via that route, consequently all letters are being returned to senders.

H. L. TODD, Postmaster."

The foregoing, received as Air Mail from Mr. John Rausch, tells its own story. Evidently the Speedboat has struck a snag!

AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Indiana Stamp Club held its first meeting of the new year at Room E, Chamber of Commerce Building, Indianapolis, Friday evening, January 4th. Election of officers for the coming year was held and these men were named: LeGrande Payne, president; Marion Clark, vice-president; Louis Otto Ward, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The following will form the executive committee: C. O. Warnock, Floyd Shockley and Glenn Padgett. The meeting was enjoyed by all, the election running smoothly, as the choosing of these worthy men was practically pre-arranged. The out-going president, Harry Coburn, was presented with an appropriate token in appreciation of his untiring efforts during 1928.

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United States

2-Cent Vincennes Stamp

It is expected that the proof for the new 2-cent Vincennes stamp will be approved during this coming week, the middle of January, and it is understood that a good supply of the variety will be available at most of the large post offices on the second day after issue. It is suggested that dealers and collectors wanting unused copies should secure them locally rather than through the Philatelic Agency, as at the present time they are far behind in deliveries, and it is not likely that the service which they desire to give can be given to the new stamp.

It will be placed on sale at Vincennes, Indiana, on the first day, February 25, 1929, and first-day covers should be obtained from that point. There will be no supply whatsoever at the Agency on the first day, for the honor will be given to Vincennes of being the exclusive point in the country where the stamp may be had.

The Bureau has ample time to make up the issue, and no doubt, the supplies will reach even the distant post offices in time to satisfy the collector, so that he will not have to write to Washington, as is the usual custom.

Mr. E. D. Determann kindly sends a clipping from the *Vincennes Commercial* of January 9, 1929, in which the stamp is mentioned, and it is stated that not more than twenty-five copies will be sold to one purchaser. This is an error, as as many unused copies may be purchased as desired. The postmaster will also be pleased to cancel just as many first-day covers as are handed into the post office at that time. He, however, will not use his own employees to stick stamps for collectors on more than twenty-five covers, as he will not have facilities for doing this. Such a step is necessary when it is realized that some are writing into the Department asking them to apply stamps to three or four thousand letters.

Mr. Determann writes that he has urged the Chamber of Commerce to communicate with post office authorities and endeavor to have the air mail stop at Vincennes on its way south and north on February 25th to receive letters from the local office.

5-Cent Aeronautics Conference Stamp

Mr. Warner S. Robison kindly sends for inspection two minor varieties of the 5-cent International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamp, which are worthy of note. A slight scratch on two plates namely—19,659 and 19,661 are noted in the upper right pane. On the first plate the scratch occurs between the ninth and tenth stamps, that is, the last two stamps on the second horizontal row. The scratch begins near the end stamp and runs diagonally into the left copy.

In the case of plate 19,661, there is a slight scratch running horizontally between the eleventh and twelfth copy, the scratch being near the top.

As the scratches are light, no doubt, later printings will not show them, as the constant polishing of the plate will possibly wear them out.

Department Variety

A complete left pane of the 2c War on soft paper has recently been noted in which the entire seventh vertical row shows a distinct stitch watermark. A block of fifty of the 3c of the same series shows a similar stitch watermark through the fourth vertical row.

Playing Card Varieties

In a recent article appearing in one of our contemporaries the question was raised as to whether the Playing Card stamps could be legally collected.

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Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter kindly sends a cl ping from one of the local papers calli attention to the first air mail service be established between the United Sta and Canal Zone during the month January. He also advises that there a possibility of a 25c Provisional Iss being prepared in the Zone to take c of the price charged for the air m service, which amounts to 25 cents p half ounce plus the regular postage. T stamp has not been definitely decid upon, but is being considered.

New 5-Cent Air Mail Envelope

On January 12th, the new 5-cent b circular design Air Mail Envelope w first placed on sale at Washington. Th design shows an airplane in flight wi "U. S. Postage" at the top, and "Via Air Mail" at the bottom, with a large wh "5c," surrounded by a blue backgrou in the center. It certainly cannot be c sidered attractive and as previously m tioned, gives one the impression of a price tag. It is so small in connecti with the envelope, with red and bl border, that it is not noticed at fi glance. It is vastly different in appe ance from any envelope variety e issued.

So far, only the size 13 on white is available, and these are postmarked "U. S." in single line monogram, with "19" horizontally across the top. It is pected that the size 5 and size 8, will be on sale at the Agency during the wk of January 14th.

France.—The following is from the *New York Times:*—By an order of the French Minister of Posts issued Dec. 6, a Joan of Arc stamp will displace the normal issue of the fifty-centime stamp on and for six months after April 9, 1929, the latter being the five-hundredth anniversary of "La Pucelle" raising the siege of the city of Orleans and her defeat of the English. The same ministerial order also announces the winning design for the stamp in a competition instituted by the Ministry of Fine Arts last summer. This design presents a simple peasant girl in the costume of Domremy, as it was in the fifteenth century, showing under her armor, on a gayly caparisoned charger, with the flu-

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Falkland Islands.—The *South African Philatelist* learns from the *Daily Telegraph* that the designs for the new series of stamps will be made from those submitted by Capt. Amerdras, harbormaster at Port Stanley, and will make their appearance shortly.

Kishengarh.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 2a mauve, 4a brown, 8a violet and 1 rupee green, similar in design to 1928 issue, with pin perf. have come to hand.

Nicaragua.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received the 5c blue, Telegraph stamp, surcharged "Correos R. de C. Vale 1 cent" in red.

South Africa.—A new 3p postage due stamp in blue has been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Union of South Africa.—The November issue of the *South African Philatelist* states that the rumor persists that as soon as the contract with Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., expires a complete new issue of postage stamps will appear. It is stated that the plates will be engraved in England, but all impressions from them will be made at Pretoria. If the new set eventuates it is expected that it will be overprinted for S. W. Africa.

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Uruguay.—Whitfield King & Co. advise of the appearance of 2c black on green Express stamp. The stamp is of the type of SD1. Also a parcel post stamp of smaller size has been issued in the following denominations: 5c black on yellow, 10c black on blue, 20c black on rose, and 30c black on green.

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* 1923, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25,30,50,75,1Fr,	1.96	.82
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Abyssinia.—We have received our full supplies of the new stamps showing portraits of the Empress Zaoditou and Prince Tafari. These stamps are in the new currency, Mehaleks and Thalers, sixteen Mehaleks equal one Thaler. The denominations of this new set are as follows:—⅛, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8 mehaleks, 1, 2 and 3 thalers.

Alexandria and Port Said.—The Caisse d'Amortissement stamps have now been issued in a new colour, 15+5 milliemes lilac, the orange-coloured stamps are obsolete and unobtainable.

Bolivia.—Three new air stamps have been issued, 15c green, 20c blue and 35c red-brown. By arrangement made between the Bolivian Government and the Lloyd Aereo Boliviano Company the stamps have been put on sale at certain Post Offices in Bolivia and are used to prepay the additional cost of conveyance of letters by Air Mail. These stamps being authorised by the Government will be included in our catalogue.

Dutch Indies.—The new permanent Air Post stamps are to hand, 10c mauve, 20c brown, 40c carmine, 75c green and 150c orange. The provisional issue has had only a very short life and is likely to improve in value.

Egypt.—Two new stamps have been issued to commemorate the Medical Congress now being held in Cairo. These stamps were put on sale on December 15th, the 5 milliemes representing the statue of Im Hotep, God of Medicine, and the 10 milliemes, a portrait of the late Mohammed Aly Pasha, Viceroy of Egypt. The special issue to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the birthday of Prince Farouk will not be issued until February. There will be four denominations, 5, 10, 15 and 20 milliemes, each bearing the Prince's portrait.

Finland.—We have been unsuccessful in obtaining a full supply of the two stamps issued at the Philatelic Exhibition at Helsingfors. We are informed that each day the Exhibition was open there were long queues waiting to buy these special stamps, and although our correspondent made several attempts he only got to the counter once before the supplies for the day had been sold.

Holland.—The new Charity stamps are to hand, 1½c+1c, 5c+3c, 7½c+2½c, 12½c+3½c. Each denomination shows a portrait of a celebrated Dutch professor, Minchelers, Boerhaave, Lorentz and Huyghens; the additional charge on these stamps goes to the Child Welfare fund.

Japan.—Four stamps have been issued to celebrate the coronation of the new Emperor of Japan, the values being:—1½ sen green, 3 sen mauve, 6 sen carmine and 10 sen blue, all on yellow paper. These stamps were issued on November 10th, the 1½ sen and 6 sen being the same design, showing the Imperial Throne called "Takamikura," the bird appearing in the centre is called the "Ho-o" or "Phoenix," the symbol of the crown and its golden figure is placed on top of the Takamikura. The 3 sen and 10 sen stamps are also of the same design, representing the Daigo-Kyu, where the Daigo-Sai, or great thanksgiving takes place.

Latvia.—In addition to the set of six stamps recently issued to celebrate the ten years' Independence of this country, a further set of six stamps, similar in design, was issued, a surtax of 10 santimi on each stamp being charged, this surtax going towards a fund for the erection of a Statue of Liberty. The denominations issued are as follows:—6, 10, 15, 30, 50 santimi and 1 lats, 20,000 of these sets were issued perforated and 20,000 imperforate. There was a great scramble for these stamps at the Post Office and only ten sets were sold to each applicant.

Leeward Islands.—Two high values have been issued, 10/- red and green on green, script watermark, and £1 black and purple on red, watermarked multiple Crown C.A. in block letters. These stamps are of large size and of the same type as the high value Nyasaland stamps.

Luxembourg.—The Charity stamps for this country were issued on December 12th, values as follow:—10c+5c, 60c+10c, 75c+15c, 1fr+25c, 1½fr+50c. These stamps show a portrait of the baby Princess Marie Adelaide.

Paraguay.—We have received some new high value stamps for this country, 10 and 20 pesos, the former being in the type showing a portrait of Columbus and the latter the Map design as shown in our catalogue under type 26. For some reason unknown to us it has apparently been necessary to issue both these stamps in three different colours, 10 pesos, blue, vermilion and red, whilst the 20 pesos appear in green, purple and red.

Russia.—We have seen advance illustrations of the two Child Welfare stamps that are to be issued this month, the denominations are 10+2 kopecs and 20+2 kopecs, the former representing Industry and printed in black and red, the latter Agriculture, printed in black and blue.

San Marino.—A set of handsomely engraved Parcel Post stamps has been issued for this small Republic, similar to those of Italy, except that they are not perforated down the centre. Full supplies are on order and if they arrive in time they will be included in this month's distribution of new issues.

Surinam.—A set of Charity stamps has been issued for this Dutch Colony in weird futurist designs showing a nurse attending a sick person. The denominations and colours are:—1½c+1½c blue, 2c+2c green, 5c+3c violet and 7½c +2½c red.

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Denominations.	Quantity printed.	Quantity sold.	Quantity destroyed
2 Mils	21,500	8,724	12,776
3 "	16,500	5,989	10,511
4 "	15,500	5,531	9,969
5 "	25,800	16,522	9,278
10 "	11,800	4,401	7,399
15 "	16,200	8,279	7,921
20 "	9,600	3,289	6,311
50 "	8,500	2,523	5,979
90 "	6,300	2,197	4,103
100 "	6,300	2,202	4,098
200 "	5,600	1,798	3,802
Total,	143,600	61,455	82,145

It will thus be seen that of the total number printed of all denominations, considerably more than half were destroyed, whilst of the highest value less than one-third were sold. We have just received a letter from a correspondent at Amman stating that complete sets are being sold locally at £3 and we understand that even higher prices are being charged in Egypt.

Upper Volta.—A complete new set of both postage and postage due stamps has been issued for this French Colony. There are 23 values in the postage set, from 1 centime to 20 francs in three different designs, the low values, 1c to 10c show a picture of one of the native chiefs; the 25c to 90c, a rather bashful-looking negress; the higher values, a native warrior on horseback. The postage due stamps are of the same design as those of the current set of Upper Senegal-Niger.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin.*

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SOME NOTES CONCERNING THE RARER PART PERFORATE PAIRS OF THE FIRST ISSUE ACCOMPANIED BY VALUATIONS

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

While it is evident from the accumulations of Advanced revenue collectors of the past or present, that the Part-Perforate group of the first issue revenues of the Civil War period never has possessed the magnetism of the Imperforate section, it must be recognized that these stamps represent distinct varieties, approved, regularly issued and thus obviously collectible, and particularly so by specialists.

The original intention of the Government was clearly to provide nothing but perforated revenues, but shortly after the firm of Butler and Carpenter of Philadelphia, who held the contract for the production of these stamps, began to make deliveries on September 27, 1862, it became apparent that the capacity of the existing perforating machines was inadequate for handling the output of the printing department. Appreciating this condition, recognition was promptly given by the Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue and remedial measures took the form of a telegraphic order to Butler and Carpenter, under date of November 7, 1862, to "Fill all orders for stamps with utmost despatch without perforating."

Subsequently through the addition of new machinery by the contractors and the growth of the reserve stock in the vaults, conditions permitted returning many of the imperforate sheets for finishing, and that this was done is clearly attested by the Butler and Carpenter records, which were all available to the Committee which prepared the "Boston Book" in 1899. Equally clear is the fact that this deferred perforating must have been thoroughly attended to or else the entire initial supply of certain values and titles received some degree of perforation, since even today they are unknown in imperforate form.

Naturally the general revenue collector is quite satisfied with single specimens, and here lies probably the reason for the ennui displayed in connection with Part Perforates, for wide differences in catalogue quotations obviously can be taken advantage of by the unscrupulous. Wide margined perforated examples offer the possibilities of fraud without detection, for claims to the contrary notwithstanding, the person never lived who could identify the perforation varieties of the first printings by the paper. For this reason the informed collector demands pairs or larger multiples of all these particular stamps, and the writer has nothing in his own accumulation but such pieces *imperforate between.* Even such items while bearing the prima facie evidence of genuineness must frequently be carefully scrutinized since partial reperforation of some of the cheaper imperforate pairs has been resorted to by the fakirs, and their products noted in collections.

The present discussion will be confined to the rarer pieces only, and further limited to a treatment of the group which can properly be termed Non Fakeable.

1c Proprietary

While pairs of this dull, unattractive stamp may and probably do repose in small collections or unappreciated accumulations, the fact remains that the evidence at hand justifies its classification as Rare, and I have only seen a single piece upon the market in over ten years. This must likewise have been the experience of others at an earlier period, since it was lacking in the properties of Messrs. Ackerman, Lapham and Bister, and all of these were specialized collections of exceptionally high rank. Mr. A. G. Bishop owned a block of four, which is quite probably unique, but unfortunately somewhat defective. There are some horizontal pairs imperforate between the stamps, but with diagonal perforations as well, and various individuals have advanced the theory that the perfect pieces known came from the portions of a sheet untouched by this irregularity in perforation. However, I do not subscribe to this assumption, which is unsupported by shades, cancellations and dates of usage. Concerning the latter there is a fine vertical pair dated July 9, 1863, while my own, also vertical, bears the date March 5, 1864, representing a nine months interim for a stamp, which, irrespective of degree of perforation, was used at the average rate of four million a month for nine years. With regard to present worth of a perfect pair the Specialized rating of $15.00 is merely nominal and the writer will be glad to purchase any at double this figure, or to take a block at $125.00, if such an item without defects has to date been blushing unseen.

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but a multiple imperforate is still quite unknown and the part perforate strip or pair is decidedly rare. No data is available concerning the usage of the latter, except that some were employed in July, 1864, but where or by whom is shrouded in doubt. Anyone having the facts that would round out this chapter would, through the presentation of such information, receive the sincere thanks of the writer and other earnest students. The best piece known to me is a vertical strip of four, and well worth full catalogue of $150.00 to anyone seeking a fair degree of completion in their collection.

2c Proprietary

The existence of a fair number of satisfactory imperforate singles has always led me to be hopeful of unearthing a pair, but patience and search is as yet unrewarded. Possibly the pleasure remains for another. In any event the part perforate multiple has long been known, and while a fine, desirable piece, is not by any means, in spite of some opinions otherwise, as good as the Playing Cards just discussed. In addition to a few pairs I know of vertical strips of three, four and five, Mr. W. S. White picking up one of the latter in a leading New York auction for $17.00, as against a price of $57.00 for a defective pair brought about by an uninformed commission agent. At the moment a block is apparently unknown, but is entirely within the range of possibilities, as about 100 million of these blue stamps were used altogether.

3c Foreign Exchange

While there is no record of any partly perforated stock of this stamp in the Butler and Carpenter books, and pairs were unknown as late as 1899, a horizontal piece, imperforate vertically, turned up in the Eagle collection and passed to Mr. White. A few years ago the same gentleman secured two more similar but poorly centered pairs from a New York dealer, and the report has been current, but unconfirmed, that a holding of fair quantities is known. The present specialized catalogue lists a pair at double the valuation placed upon the 2c Proprietary which appears rather radical, but to deliberately rate such an item as 33% better than the pair of 2c Playing Cards is ridiculous, for the latter even on a price parity would invariably be taken by the informed. One pair of Foreign Exchange was marketed by Mr. White at $40.00, another, offered by a dealer, at an exhorbitant figure was refused by a wealthy and enthusiastic collector, and subsequently by several others, proving that it is idle to visualize or quote fantastic levels, which a very narrow market will not support.

3c Proprietary

In common with the stamp just reviewed the 3c Proprietary was unknown in multiple part perforate form to any collectors during the nineteenth century, and when the wonderful Eagle property began to be dispersed about fifteen years ago the only representation in this line was a reconstructed strip of three. This piece remained unique until Mr. Stromberg turned up a pair in Illinois, since which time I personally know of three more in collectors' hands. Regarding the specialized price I feel that the list is high enough, but the utter lack of any multiples for so many years, combined with the value always placed upon a single copy, has probably had a psychological effect upon the compilers. Still there were four times as many (Perforated and Part-Perforate) issued as of the 2c Playing Cards, so I will follow the law of averages and string along with the latter, at least until greater illumination is shed upon all these rare varieties.

10c Contract

A study of all of the 10c titles, both from the standpoint of the imperforate and part perforate stamps, is extremely interesting, especially with reference to the known multiples today, and the evidence of the contractors' books up to early in 1864. Indications point to the original supply of imperforates in the vault ranging from Inland Exchange, as most plentiful, down through Bill of Lading, Certificate and Contract, of which there were about equal quantities to the Power of Attorney, of which the record tends to reveal about one-fourth as many as of Inland. Now the actual situation today presents the imperforate Power of Attorney pair as overwhelmingly the rarest, Contract unknown in this form, Certificate and Inland readily obtainable, and B. L. the commonest. This latter title in turn is the rarest of the 10c part perforate pairs, with Inland far and away the commonest, hence it is easy to understand that there was no uniformity on the part of the contractors in reperforating, either in whole or in part, any particular portion of the imperforate supplies. To revert to part perforate multiples of Contract, of which I, personally, know of around a dozen examples, the main difficulty appears to be in the matter of condition, as some are most ordinary. The list price of $15.00 a pair I consider too low, especially for a perfect piece, the badly defective item in the Hetrich collection recently bringing $25.00 at auction. However, the public sales results frequently differ widely, as witness my procurement last month in New York of a good strip of four of "Contract" at less than half the price of the Hetrich pair. Incidentally Mr. White had a block of four.

70c Foreign Exchange

Of all the part perforate revenues this stamp is probably the least likely to appear in the form of additional pairs or larger, and is one of the three items in this group which Mr. Eagle diligently sought, but never secured. The value did not readily lend itself to multiple use, the initial supply was extremely limited, and the four known pieces are now so old that their early history is lost. Some have maintained that only a portion of one sheet of 85 stamps escaped perforation, and a pair which I formerly had tends to support this contention, which, however, will quite likely never be positively confirmed. There was a

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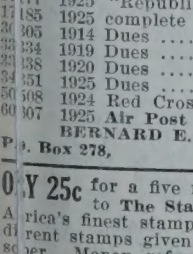

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An agreement was entered into by the Dutch Government with the discoverer; for this mode of transport extra postage was due to be paid by using special stamps, named "Marine Insurance Stamps" by Gibbons and Scott, issued by the government; the discoverer and undertaker received a certain percentage of the stamps sold. So they are almost similar to the air-stamps issued in 1928 in Holland for the flights Holland-Dutch Indies, of which the company carrying the mails also receives a certain share in the proceeds of the stamps sold.

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THE WORLD'S GREAT STATUES in STAMP DESIGNS

Greek Issues with the Hermes of Praxiteles. The "Headless Victory" on an Uruguayan Stamp

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

¶ Are you a lover of Statuary? Would you possess examples of the work of the master sculptors of all ages? Then you need only set to work upon collecting the many examples of picturesque postage stamps whereon they have been reproduced in miniature.

FROM ancient Egypt, where the art of the sculptor flourished, come the well-known statues of Rameses II in the great temple at Thebes and one of Amenhotep III, builder of Luxor, who appears on the Statiscal Congress commemoration stamps of 1927. Persia contributes a bas-relief of King Darius on his throne, from the ruins of Persepolis.

Greek Masterpieces on Modern Stamps

Sculpture reached its apogee at the hands of the Greek masters, whose finest work has been handed down to posterity upon postage stamps. The Hermes of Praxiteles, discovered during the excavation at Olympia, is seen in all its glory in the design of the 2-drachmai stamp of the Olympic Games series of 1896, whilst the head alone is reproduced upon a 10 lepta denomination of the island of Crete issued in 1908. To the same school belongs the famous Victory statue by Peonias.

Myron's Disc Thrower, of which there is a replica in the British Museum, figures on another stamp of this series, as well as in the Belgian Olympic set of 1920. It is a far cry from Samothrace to Montevideo, but for a stampic representation of the celebrated "headless Victory" associated with that island we must turn to a comparatively recent emission of Uruguay which commemorates the success of the national football team in the Olympic Games of 1924.

A characteristic subject of the Italian Renaissance that has inspired many stamp designs is the classical bronze "Mercury" of Giovanni de Bologna, preserved in the Bargello at Florence. This beautiful piece of statuary adorns not only the Greek stamps of 1901, but also certain issues of Uruguay and the negro republic of Liberia.

Giovanni was a pupil of Michel-Angelo, whose group of the "Libyan Sibyl" from the fresco of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican has also been adapted to some stamps of the Italian colony of Libia, *circa* 1924. An unidentified statue of Diana of the Ephesians, unearthed during some excavations near Tripoli, is also represented upon certain stamps of this country.

Two stamps of the Saar Valley depict a curious example of French wood sculpture dating from the early Twelfth Century, in the Madonna of Bliescastel, a figure of the Virgin supporting on her knees the crucified body of Christ. It reposed originally in the priory of the Guillemites at Grafinthal, but was removed to Bliescastel at the time of the French Revolution, where it still attracts numbers of devout pilgrims.

Houdon's Bust of Washington

Several of the portrait busts of bygone Presidents which appear on postage stamps of the United States are the work of eminent sculptors who visited the great Republic shortly after its severance from the Mother Country. Most familiar of all is the profile bust of George Washington after the French artist Jean Antoine Houdon, now in the State House at Richmond, Virginia. Cerrachi's bust of Benjamin Franklin has also been extensively introduced in the designs of the United States postage stamps over a lengthy period.

The gigantic statue of Liberty by Bartholdi, which guards the entrance to New York Harbour, may be found not only upon the contemporary 15 cents stamp of the U.S.A., but also as the subject of a set of Peace commemoration stamps which appeared in Uruguay in 1919.

"The Fighting Newfoundlander"

A striking example of modern sculpture in postage stamp form exists in the 3 cents Newfoundland stamp of 1923, e central figure of which is the bro statue of a "Fighting Newfoundland" by Capt. Basil Gotto from the V Memorial at St. John's, the capital. T figure of "Peace" which surmounts Victoria Memorial outside Buckingh Palace, furnished the design of higher values of the Peace celebrat stamps of Barbados (1920), whilst sc of the groups surrounding the base Sir Thomas Brock's monumental w are seen upon the New Zealand "Victo series of that year.

This does not by any means exha the list of well-known statues in wh the designers of the world's post stamps have found inspiration, but su cient has been written to show the timate relationship which exists betw Philately and Sculpture.—*Bazaar.*

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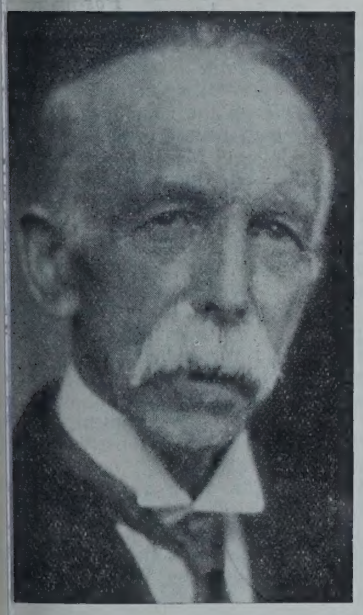

DEATH OF E. C. FARNSWORTH

Portland, Maine, has lost a veteran philatelist in the death of Edw. C. Farnsworth. He passed away Jan. 21, at the age of 75. Mr. Farnsworth started collecting in the sixties, and has been interested in stamps during his entire life. He had specialized in Br. Cols., U. S. Postage, revenues and Match and Medicine. In the last named field especially, he ranked with Adenaw, Andreini, Carter etc., in his study of these stamps. Mr. Farnsworth was widely known as a philatelist, author and philosopher. He was a classmate of the late Robt. E. Peary, Arctic explorer.

Mr. Farnsworth left considerable property, one interesting item being a bequest of his collection of postage stamps," also patriotic war envelopes in 17 or more volumes" given to a nephew, Hugh M. Farnsworth, with the understanding that they are to be kept as remembrances and sold.

The Real Goods

The Average General Collector can find plenty of sets in our regular set list of interest to him, but for the more advanced we offer the following exceptional sets picked from our numerous recent purchases. Look the list over carefully, because it contains many items seldom advertised. All sets unused unless mention is made to the contrary.

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BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Resignation of Mr. Markee

Press of business has caused Mr. Markee to resign as Air Mail Editor of the WEEKLY. We regret very much that we are compelled to make this announcement, and so will many of our readers. Mr. Markee will continue until we secure a new editor—who will make application for the position?

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Evidently the First Flight of FAM No. 6, northbound, was well patronized by collectors, judging from the number of covers sent for chronicle in this column. So far, I have not noted any variations in cachets or cancellations. Specially printed envelopes were quite prevalent, some of them being very attractive in their design.

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Official notice of delivery of air mails at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, was contained in the postal *Bulletin* under date of January 14th, the first stop of the southbound plane being scheduled for January 21st.

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The postponement of the First Flight of FAM No. 5 to Feb. 4th, has given collectors a chance to double their coverage in view of Col. Lindbergh's announcement that he will pilot the plane. Additional word has been received from the American Air Mail Society that the Colonel will pilot the return trip as well. No mail will be carried for intermediate points between Miami and Cristobal, and the same plane will make the return trip, the date being problematical, although it is hoped that no great delay will occur.

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A clipping from Harry Leonard states that the current 2c value of Canal Zone stamp has been overprinted "AIR MAIL —25 cents" in blue ink, and that 50,000 were put on sale January 11th, the original date of the inaugural flight from Miami. The same clipping also states that there may be a further delay in starting flights, February 13th being given, due to incomplete arrangements by the contractor.

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Looks like the speedboat affair at Oakland, Calif., is another "Off again, on again" proposition. Last week, just as the column closed, came word that the P. M. at San Francisco was returning all covers held there, a printed slip being attached to covers stating the cause of return. Now comes a letter from the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, dated January 12th, saying "no definite date." Your guess is as good as anybody's!

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Henry O. Meisel writes that he will have something good for collectors on March 4th, who communicate with him. Address Clintonville, Wis., Route 5, Box 70. * * G. H. Curtis sends clipping that gives news of an air beacon for the

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BAHAMAS: Unused, 12, 13, 15, 19, 22, 23, 26 to 30, 33 to 37, 44 to 54, 58 to 60, 64 to 69, 101 to 103, 301-316 (no 305); Used, 14 to 24, 61, 301 to 316.

BARBADOS: Unused, 60 to 69 (no 64, 66), 79 to 85, 88 to 94, 100 to 103, 108 to 114, 117 to 124, 127 to 134, 140 to 147, 201, 251; Used, 2, 8, 9, 14, 16, 19 to 21, 24, 32, 33, 50 to 56, 60 to 67, 70 to 75, 79 to 82, 88 to 94, 101, 102, 107, 120, 127 to 130, 148 to 150.

BERMUDA: Unused, 1, 3, 4, 7, 14 to 48, 55 to 66, 71, 94, 301, 302; Used, 1 to 5, 15 to 27, 29, 35 to 37, 301, 302.

CAYMANS: Unused, 1 to 6, 8, 10, 12, 21 to 28 (no 25), 31 to 39, 43, 44, 101 to 106.

DOMINICA: Unused, 12 to 19 (no 14), 21 to 25, 35 to 39, 46 to 51, 151 to 155; Used, 5 to 9, 19 to 22, 25 to 32.

GRENADA: Unused, 20 to 25, 38 to 52, 55, 62 to 64, 68 to 74, 79 to 85, 91 to 98, 201, 202, 308 to 313; Used, 1 to 5, 5d, 7a, 8, 9, 11, 301 to 310.

JAMAICA: Unused, 18, 19, 21 to 28, 31 to 36, 40 to 43, 50 to 53, 57 to 68, 76, 77, 89, 90, 251, 254, 301 to 311; Used, 1 to 11 (no 4), 13, 16 to 29, 31 to 36, 50 to 53, 61 to 65, 76, 77, 251 to 254, 308, 309.

LEEWARDS: Unused, 1 to 11 (no 4), 17 to 26, 29 to 43, 46 to 54, 59 to 77.

ST. CHRISTOPHER: Unused, 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13 to 16, 19; Used, 3, 6, 11.

ST. KITTS: Unused, 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 13, 15 to 19, 24 to 31, 37 to 43, 101, 102.

ST. LUCIA: Unused, 4, 6, 7, 11, 17, 19, 27 to 30, 33 to 36, 39, 41 to 44, 47 to 60 (no 56), 64 to 85, 201, 202; Used, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14a, 17, 20, 24, 30, 36a, 38 to 40.

ST. VINCENT: Unused, 2, 14, 14a, 40, 42, 45, 49 to 77 (no 53, 70), 80 to 82, 90 to 95, 99 to 113 (no 103), 116 to 126, 201, 202; Used, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 13, 24 to 28a, 36, 41 to 43, 45, 47, 48, 52-a-b, 82.

TOBAGO: Unused, 13 to 16, 19 to 24, 24c, 26, 26b, 30; Used, 9, 21, 22, 26, 31.

TRINIDAD: Unused, 2, 3, 8, 48, 59, 61, 71 to 80, 84 to 93, 97, 98, 100 to 107, 151 to 167, 204, 205, 208, 209; Used, 1, 6, 12, 22, 48 to 53 (no 50), 55 to 60, 63, 65 to 72, 74 to 77, 79, 80, 84 to 95 (no 90), 100 to 104, 151 to 167, 202, 203.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: Unused, 1 to 7, 9, 12 to 15, 18 to 26, 52, 53, 158 to 165; Used, 1 to 10 (no 8), 52, 53.

TURKS: Unused, 1, 2, 3, 40, 41, 44 to 57 (no 53); Used, 41, 45, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55.

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Waterhouse

—Eminent British Philatelist Takes Renewed Interest in U. S.

(It is not generally known that Sir Nicholas Waterhouse has resumed the collecting of U. S. stamps. The lure of the hobby has again cast its charm around this eminent philatelic authority as evidenced by his exhibit before the J. P. S.)

The Christmas spirit was in the air at the J. P. S. London meeting on Friday, December 21st, and it showed itself at the outset when the President rose to address the large gathering of members, and introduced the guest of the evening as St. Nicholas. Perhaps just a *lapsus liguæ,* for it was Sir Nicholas Waterhouse who had come to show us a few selected pages from his wonderful collection of United States stamps.

Sir Nicholas has always had a penchant for "New Yorks" and showed a very rare specimen with the initials R.H.M., and some of the most notable shifts or re-entries.

Among the 1861 issue were two remarkable covers, each bearing a 90 cent. All the early 90 cent United States stamps are rare on covers. One of these was used with other stamps to pay a 96 cent rate on a letter to Zanzibar, and the other addressed to a bank at Liverpool probably contained a heavy pass-book, and the high postage was due to its weight. The full set of premières gravures was displayed.

In the 1869 issue were some beautiful copies, always difficult to get in this pretty issue. The 30 cents inverted flags was shown, along with one of the fakes of this great rarity, made by the late Dr. James Petrie.

Another outstanding item was a block of four of the 24 cent of 1870 with red postmark. Only one other used block is known, and that has a blank postmark. The block shown was acquired at a London auction a little over a year ago, when the bidding started at £5, someone else said £6, Sir Nicholas immediately took the field with a bid of £97 and ultimately got it for £120.

The 2c brown of 1873, with clear double impression, was another unusual item. Of the 1901 inverted centres, Sir Nicholas said the 2 cent was as scarce as the 30 cent 1869 with flags inverted.

Mr. Frank Godden proposed and Mr. G. Bridgmore Brown seconded the vote of thanks to Sir Nicholas.—*Postage Stamp.*

DEATH OF THORS BERG

A large circle of our readers will learn with sorrow of the death of Thors Berg, which occurred Jan. 22. For months he has used the WEEKLY, and had built up a large clientele among our subscribers. The sad news comes from Mr. J. Murray Bartels who writes:—

"It is with extreme regret that I have to inform you of the sudden death of our good friend, Mr. Thors Berg of High View, N. Y. He suffered a sever attack of mastoiditis which affected his brain before he could reach the hospital at Middletown, N. Y. On his arrival it was found to be too late for an operation.

His loss will be keenly felt by the many collectors of 20th Century British Colonials with whom he had built up a large trade in the last two or three years. During the World War he was engaged in the export business, and made substantial profits. These he invested in British Colonial stamps of which he held the largest and most valuable stock in America.

A Norwegian by birth, he came to this country shortly before the war. Being fond of rural life he built a home on a mountain near High View, N. Y., from where he conducted an extensive stamp business. He was a bachelor in his early forties, and is survived by a brother in St. Petersburg, Fla., and a sister in Norway. The funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 24, from the home of his old friends, the family of Capt. Norman in Brooklyn."

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CANAL ZONE AIRMAIL, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Service on Contract Air Mail route No. 23, between New Orleans, La., and Atlanta, Ga., 479 miles (operated by the St. Tammany Gulf Coast Airways, Inc., of New Orleans), and CAM No. 19, between Atlanta and New York, 763 miles (Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., of Philadelphia, contractors), was inaugurated on May 1, 1928.

In his report for 1927-28, the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, writes:

"On account of the increase in number of letters mailed locally for conveyance by the U. S. air mail routes, special dispatches were made up to New Orleans to connect with the air route from Pilottown to New Orleans, and thence with the New Orleans to New York air mail route."

The Pilottown to New Orleans route, 80 miles, known as FM-3, is operated by A. E. Cambas, of New Orleans.

On December 1, 1928, service was inaugurated over CAM No. 25, between Atlanta and Miami, Fla., 595 miles (Pitcairn Aviation, Inc.), and on the same date, over CAM 30, between Chicago, Ill., and Atlanta, 785 miles (Interstate Air Lines, Inc., of Chicago). This provides air mail service from New Orleans via Atlanta to both Chicago and New York.

Subsequent to the opening of the air mail route from New Orleans to New York, on May 1, 1928, the Bureau of Posts of the Canal Zone had manufactured at the Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, Canal Zone, a supply of 2c air mail envelopes, with blue, white and red horizontal stripes, in two sizes, No. 6 (6½x3⅝"), and No. 9 (9¼x4⅛"). Of the former, 10,000 were made, and of size No. 9, 5,000. These are sold at the regular retail price of the other stamped envelopes. Size 6 was issued May 21, 1928, and size 9 a few days later. The difference between the stamped value (2c) and the prevailing U. S. air letter rate (i.e., 10c per half ounce) was added in postage stamps.

On June 7, 1928, by Order 7773 of the Postmaster General of the U. S., announcement was made that effective 1st August, 1928, the air letter rate would be 5c for the first ounce, and 10c for subsequent ounces. For this service, a special 5c air mail stamp was prepared (described, and announced for issue on July 26, 1928, in a notice of June 19, 1928), printed in red and blue, with the central design representing the Beacon Light on Sherman Hill in the Rocky Mountains.

In July, 1928, the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, ordered from Washington, 50,000 (later increased to 200,000) of the new 5c air mail stamp, overprinted "Canal Zone," which requisition was not approved, inasmuch as there was no air mail service operating in or from the Canal Zone. When it was learned that this requisition would not be honored, remittances for the new stamp, which had been accumulating at the Philatelic Agency, Balboa Heights, were returned, with the following circular:

"The Panama Canal.
Canal Zone.
Bureau of Posts.
Philatelic Agency.
BALBOA HEIGHTS, C. Z.
September 10, 1928

Collectors and Dealers:

For some time the Director of Po has been negotiating with Washingt endeavoring to obtain the new 5c mail stamp surcharged for use in Canal Zone. These negotiations h been unsuccessful, and it is not lik that the Canal Zone will have an air m stamp in the near future.

The amount of your remittance inte ed for air mail stamps is being retur herewith.

Respectfully,
(Signed) R. GRAHAM,
Postmaster.

Further quoting from the Director Posts report for 1927-28:

"When the route is established to ami and Key West, special air mail s will be made up and routed via Haba

The air mail route from Key We to Habana, Cuba (FM-4), 104 miles, o rated by the Pan-American Airways, I of New York, was inaugurated on O ber 19, 1927, and from Habana nort to Key West, on October 29, 1927. Sept. 15, 1928, air mail service f Miami to Habana was established. a short time, the plane from Mi stopped at Key West to take on mail on hand for Habana, but this soon discontinued. The return se from Habana to Miami, and contra for by the Cuban Government, it is ported will be started shortly after first of the year.

The Director of Posts of the C Zone also mentions the through se to Panama in the following terms:

"It is expected that the air mail r to Panama from Key West via Ha and Central American ports will placed in operation during the co year."

On July 10, 1928, the Postmaster eral of the U. S. awarded to the I American Airways, Inc., the contrac carrying mail by air from Key W Fla., to the Panama Canal Zone, a bid of $2 per mile. This route (FM is 1,640 miles long, and provides for at Habana, Cuba; Merida, Mexico; ize, Br. Honduras; Tegucigalpa, R lic of Honduras; Managua, Nicara San Jose, Costa Rica, and Cristobal, nal Zone, with service daily.

Announcement of the inauguratio the air service to Cristobal, Canal Z temporarily reduced to two round a month, was made in the *Postal letin* of December 21, 1928.

"International Air Mail Service.
Second Assistant Postmaster Gener
WASHINGTON, December 19, 192
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Collector's Contest

All you need to do is to show the WEEKLY to your friend—why not do it at once?

Elsewhere is a list of the premiums given for new subscribers. The five prize winners for Jan. cannot win another MONTHLY prize but they may win on the three months total. Remember 3 mos. gives one point, 6 mos. two, and 1 year four. No renewals counted.

DATA ON CONTEST

¶ Send for a supply of our 25c yellow subscription forms.
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¶ The new subscriber gets a premium.
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¶ Mark each remittance "For Subscription Contest."
¶ Get busy in your stamp club.
¶ Renewals not counted.
¶ Contest for Jan. is on, now.

FIFTH REPORT ON POINTS

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A SPECULATIVE ISSUE

POPE PIUS XI AND KING ALFONSO XIII OF SPAIN APPEAR ON NEW STAMPS

Translation by HERMANN FOCKE.
(M. Galvez, Madrid, dealer.)

Distressing news comes from Spain, nouncing the issue of two sets of 14 lues each of postage stamps, the proeds of which are destined to continue excavations in Rome of the Catanbs of St. Damaso, for which Pope is XI has granted permission for his gy to appear on the stamps at the side H. M. King Alfonso XIII of Spain.

But mind you, the stamps are not to sold all over Spain, but exclusively the cities of Toledo and Santiago, there only under certain restrictions, only during the days from Decem- 23d to January 6th last, from which er date on, the distribution is to be rusted to a certain dealer of Madrid, also had secured this privilege for so-called Red Cross set issued in y, 1927.

he stamps have been printed by terlow & Sons, Ltd., in London, and goes without saying that they have luced, as usual, a set of striking apance, but the circumstances connected their issue is such, that we collect- should certainly think twice before sting our good money in the stamps, it would be to the best of philately eneral, if the catalogues would either ain entirely from giving these stamps gnition, or treat them as highly—or scott mentioned in reference to anoth- set—"rank speculative stamps for tly local use."

his method may appear radical and rary, but if no stop is made in these almost daily issues of "pasters", it t be long before the collectors will must lose heart, and a severe blow ealt to the hobby in general.

he stamps are large, of oblong shape, long by 1⅛" high, printed in two irs, the effigy of His Holiness apng at left, and of H. M. the King ght, facing each other, framed by a with a tassel at both ends, tied in a in the centre at top.

scriptions: "Correos—España" at top, "Pro Fide et Artibus" (For Faith Arts) at bottom, with values in e tablet at either lower corner.

The two lowest values have been printed in two shades, to make the issue more interesting yet, and the number of stamps issued is the same for each value for both cities mentioned, as follows:

For Santiago

2 centimos	violet and black
2 "	lilac and black
3 "	blue-black and lilac
3 "	blue and lilac
5 "	olive and lilac
10 "	yellow-green and black
15 "	blue-green and lilac
25 "	carmine and lilac
40 "	dark blue and black
55 "	red-brown and lilac
80 "	red and black
1 peseta	gray and lilac
2 pesetas	brown-red and black
3 "	rose and lilac
4 "	violet-brown and black
5 "	gray-black and lilac

For Toledo

2c deep blue and carmine,	1,230,000
2c light blue and carmine,	210,000
3c sepia and blue,	822,000
3c olive and blue,	190,000
5c brown-violet and carmine,	575,000
10c yellow-green and blue,	337,000
15c gray-blue and carmine,	337,000
25c rose-carmine and blue,	432,000
40c ultramarine and carmine,	102,000
55c black-brown and blue,	92,000
80c black and carmine,	89,000
1p yellow and carmine,	87,000
2p gray and blue,	32,000
3p violet and carmine,	30,000
4p lilac rose and carmine,	28,000
5p orange and blue,	26,000

The reason why the two cities named were favored with this particular issue is given. For Santiago because it had given shelter to the Patron Apostle of Spain, and for its famous cathedral visited by pilgrims of the whole world; and Toledo for being the See of the Metropolitan Prime Cardinal of Spain.

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"How should I know," answered "Pop." "I never traveled around that country, but I do know how long it would take to walk from here to New York."

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EDITORIAL

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Company has accomplished a neat stroke of business diplomacy. We all know how freely criticism of prices in the catalogues flows from lips that are slow to move disapproving as a rule; and now, in effect, the protesting clan is invited into the open and asked to start their oratory suitable for the occasion. The following letter is signed by Hugh M. Clark, treasurer, and evidently was sent to the members of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, and no doubt to others who are supposed to qualify as critics of quotations: "I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a pad of blanks for use in making suggestions and criticisms of the prices contained in the 1929 edition of our Catalogue. I will esteem it a favor if you will aid me by jotting down any comments that occur to you and forward to me. I know of no body of men whose knowledge is greater and whose comments more valuable than the membership list of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, and I earnestly bespeak your coöperation in making the Catalogue more accurate with each edition. . . . May I count on your aid?" We harbor the suspicion that the next edition of the catalogue will be the book of a thousand editors. If this move does not meet with a ready response, the critics should hereafter hold their peace.

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DR. LISTER TUHOLSKE, St. Louis, writes: "In the past year or two, I have become greatly interested in cancellations on British West Indies stamps, and I believe that there is a small number of collectors scattered throughout the United States who are interested in this same side-line. I have looked in vain through the philatelic literature for information regarding which post office the various numeral cancellations signify, so just recently, I wrote to the Postmaster at Bridgetown, Barbados, and I am enclosing a copy of his reply." The postmaster's letter follows: "There are eleven Post Offices, one in Bridgetown, No. 1, referred to as the general Post Office, and one in each of the ten Parishes into which the Colony is divided. The names of these Parishes with their numerals are: Christ Church, 2; Saint Philip, 3; Saint George, 4; Saint John, 5; Saint Joseph, 6; Saint James, 7; Saint Thomas, 8; Saint Andrew, 8; Saint Peter, 10, and Saint Lucy, 11. The word 'Bridgetown' has never appeared on any cancellation, and the numerals are no longer in use, each Office being denoted by name."

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WRITING further on the Medical Congress stamps of Egypt, Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, says: "Although three values were expected, as in the case of the previous Congress issues, no 15m stamp appeared, thus bringing down the face value of the set to half the usual figure. The 5m brown depicts the God of Medicine, Hotep; issue, 300,000, and the 10m red, the portrait of Mohamed Ali, the founder of the reigning Dynasty of Egypt; issue 204,000. The rush to buy the stamps at all the post offices of Egypt (Cairo, Alexandria, and the other larger towns), was tremendous, and scenes resembling those at Port Fuad were repeated everywhere. By the early afternoon, the post offices in Cairo and Alexandria had stopped selling, the 5m having been completely sold out by that time." Mr. Drossos adds the postscript: "My agent in Cairo has again, as on previous occasions, debited me with the cost of a new suit to replace the one ruined in the crush and fights before the post office wicket."

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WE have never filled space to better advantage than by reproducing the halftone of the letter that Roger W. Babson, whose name is almost sacrosanct in financial circles, so keen and accurate are his analyses of investments, that he wrote to Mr. H. E. Harris of Boston. Mr. Babson's letter was published in the *Bi-Monthly Journal* of H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, and the courtesy of Mr. Harris in securing the permission of Mr. Babson for us to use the cut is appreciated. In our opinion, no greater tribute in a practical way has ever been paid to philately, and we are gratified in being able to pass the good words along.

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THIS is how Mr. Kenneth Loucks of Indianapolis rises to the occasion. He writes: "While enthused over the oncoming George Rogers Clark stamp, I thought perhaps Mr. Herschell would like to tell about it to the folks of Indianapolis and the Hoosier State. So taking our own WEEKLY of December 24th, and my Clark data, I went a-visiting to Bill's office and 'sold' him the idea without much trouble; and how he has produced is shown herewith—don't you like his style?" We do! and why shouldn't we since "Mr. William Herschell is considered one of the coterie of Indiana writers along with Kin Hubbard, Nicholson, Ade and Tarkington, and his poems, 'Songs of the City Streets' are read generally. He has the feature in the Indianapolis *News* every Saturday night. I am just interesting him in stamp collecting, and hope to send you work from his typewriter on this subject in the future." Mr. Herschell's article is indeed a feature and is headed: "Indiana Enters Realm of the Immortals with Vincennes Stamp, Commemorating Capture of Ft. Sackville by George Rogers Clark." The illustrations set off the readable text in an impressive manner and the stamp theme is interwoven in a masterly way. We shall have to provide space next week for a generous slice from Mr. Herschell's article, and we shall welcome the day when this brilliant writer will offer himself to be dubbed philatelist.

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WE have just been informed of death of Th. Berg, High Vi New York, who as a dealer had vanced to a position in the foren ranks in this country and who, moreo had achieved an enviable reputation one whose regard for the interest of customers was such as to win, as a re the confidence and respect of his patr Mr. Berg was one of the first phi elists to make condition a principal e quirement of the truly collectible sta Mr. Berg was born in Norway in 1 and while a student at the Royal Academy sustained an injury that sulted in his change of base academicl to the University at Oslo. He cam this country in 1912, and became a ciated with a firm of ship agents brokers, in which he succeeded to a p nership some years later. When company was sold some years ago, Berg was inclined to stamps in a gre degree than ever. As a collector he gathered a fine collection of Ceylon, the expanding opportunities for tra profits from stamps swayed him to e under the commercial banner. Mr. was a real lover of stamps, and he shipped at the shrine of condition. his business relations he was indepen and individual, but he brought to bea his transactions with his fellows a s bility of spirit that attracted not a casual customers who became friends. The loss that collecting suffered in the passing of Mr. Berg be best realized by Mr. Berg's fri and it is they who will find themse thinking of him for a long time to c

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MR. FRANKLING S. SMITH, sey City, N. J., knows whereo speaks: "Referring to the request of C. F. Mueller in the issue of Jan 7th, regarding U. S. Stamped Paper enues, I might say that E. B. Ste published a list in his 'Price Catal of the Revenue Stamps of the U. S 1888, containing 'Stamped Paper of U. S., Pre-Revolutionary Period, 1 1765; Post-Revolutionary Period, and Rebellion Period, 1862-66 to 1 It was not claimed that the list was plete, but Mr. Sterling said that n every collector of revenues had a specimens." In the past, we often occasion to refer to the last editio "Sterling's Catalogue of U. S. Reven 1888, for revenue stamped paper v ties in particular, and as a consequen such notices many letters were rece from readers importuning us to get work for them. One by one, we wee dled copies from Mr. Sterling, finally, he sent us his last copy, w was used by him for making correc in and additions to for a subsec edition of this catalogue, which, ever, never was published.

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Mr. Bryant to the Mgr.-Editor

"As you are aware, the numerous issues recently presented by the post office department have resulted in a greatly increased interest in the stamps of our country, and is daily adding to the great host of collectors, who are more and more specializing in these issues. This has become so pronounced that the philatelic press devotes large amounts of space to the various groupings in which they may be classified, i.e., precancels, covers, bureau prints, air mail, etc. To the foregoing groups another field may now be added as worthy of attention. I refer to plate numbers and plate markings in all their various characteristics. As the tendency of the times leans to such marked interest in our country's stamps, so does interest increase in this latter field, so that now every issue of practically all philatelic magazines contain notes and data on these subjects. The number of collectors interested in this field is considerable, and a healthy and flourishing society has grown as the result. However, up to the present time no serious effort has been made to systematically present in the philatelic press, a complete and exhaustive record of the wealth of interesting data that is available on these subjects.

With this in mind, and after careful deliberation, I am convinced that the time has now arrived when the establishment of a special column devoted to these subjects will fill a long felt need, and find a welcome response from the readers of MEKEEL'S. It is of sufficient importance to attract a large number of leading philatelists, and will greatly help to create the interest of beginners and prospects. The subject of plates and all the various sub-divisions that present themselves is indeed a wide one, and much data is on hand to furnish excellent material for presentation to readers of the WEEKLY. I have broached the subject to several officers of the Philatelic Plate Number Association, and they are quite enthusiastic. Being a member of that association, naturally I am in touch with many of its members. The consensus of opinion is that the column, if properly conducted, will be an instant success, and will do much to spread and maintain the general knowledge of plates and plate numbers.

Atherton's column, as conducted during the past few years, has been a great source of information in its chosen field, and it is my ambition to conduct a like column devoted to plates and plate markings. The entire range of plate markings will be included within its scope. Arrows, guide lines, stars, letter 'A' and 'F', initials, numbers, defects, errors, flaws, and all individual characteristics constitute a wide field for specialism. Each phase will be carefully covered, and from time to time supplemented with special articles. As its heading states everyone is invited to write in for information. By arrangement with several leading members of the Philatelic Plate Number Association the cream of the plate specialists of the country have offered their services in an advisory capacity, and are willing to actively cooperate when necessary. Thus, if some reader writes in for information on some technical question that the editor is unable to answer from records on hand, a transcript of the inquiry will be forwarded to one of these specialists, who has agreed to answer at once and send back for publication. This feature alone is a valuable asset to any magazine. Mr. Ward, in his column has done much for plate specialists, especially in furnishing lists of numbers as prepared. Such information should continue to appear in that column. The data contained in the proposed column is that of plates that actually went to press, together with such information on individual plates that may be gleaned from nation-wide correspondence. Records of imperforate sheets are not kept at the Bureau, and the only way these numbers may be obtained is through the efforts of interested collectors.

I suggest that a bi-weekly appearance will be ample for a start, but if necessary, material for weekly presentation can be arranged. The Philatelic Plate Number Association has its own official organ, and is not directly concerned with the proposed column, but many of its officers and members have promised to collaborate with the writer as individuals, and its many records pertaining to plates and plate markings are available through Mr. R. W. Becker, the treasurer and founder of the Association. Once started, you may rest assured that material will be forwarded regularly for publication, correspondence handled efficiently, and that everything will be conducted on the same high standard usual throughout the WEEKLY. Further issues are about to appear, and a very bright future is evident for the field covered in the proposed column."

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The Mgr.-Editor in Reply

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—Curious Situation On Short Paid Air Mail Sent Out Jan. 9.

By NELSON F. GERKEN.

When Foreign Air Mail Route 6 was inaugurated January 9, a friend, a high official in Porto Rico, posted to me a letter franked with 7c postage, flown on the initial flight San Juan to Miami, thence through to destination—St. Louis—where it was backstamped.

A letter was enclosed stating it was originally reported at San Juan that postage on letters flown to the states would be 5c plus regular postage, or 7c per one-half ounce, but this was later nullified by an order from Washington, fixing the rate at 10c plus regular postage, or 12c, as the air mail fee. In the meantime, however, a considerable quantity of first flight mail had accumulated at the post office, and rather than disappoint those who had sent such mail for posting, the postmaster at San Juan appealed to Washington, and was authorized by the Department to forward all short paid mail as if fully paid, merely imprinting a rubber stamp notation, "Postage due ..... Cents," and inserting the deficit so that same could be collected on delivery at destination.

My letter came through without any deficit notation, nor was any shortage collected, and am wondering if other collectors received short paid first flight mail out of San Juan on this trip, or if mine just happened to slip by.

It would seem such short paid covers delivered without postage due stamps being affixed should be of considerable interest as it is not often Uncle Sam overlooks a thing of this kind.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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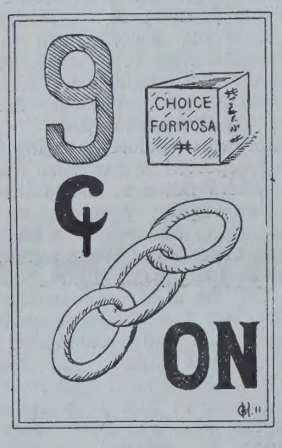

A Philatelic Problem

Juniors may call in their "dads" to help them out on this problem—if they need any assistance. You may have to Feb. 18 to send in answers. Get busy and report:—

Add the digits of a certain year of issue of a U. S. stamp, and divide it by eight, which will give the face value of the stamp. The first three digits added together will give the perforation gauge of the stamp. The face value of the stamp multiplied a hundredfold will give Scott's present catalog value either used or unused. What is the stamp?

The Boy and His Stamps

By WM. B. BALL (12).

Very little does one, who is beginning to collect stamps, know, what an interesting, profitable education is soon to open to him. A boy of perhaps ten, will gather a little money, and go to a nearby stationery store.

"Mister," he asks of the clerk. "Have you any stamp albums?"

The much desired reply will be.

"Oh yes, my boy."

"Well, how much are they?" will be the next question.

"Sixty cents is the cheapest," is the reply.

"Kin I see it?" queries the boy.

One is shown him. It is apparent after an examination of the book, that the lad is satisfied, and he lays 60c on the counter and starts home.

How many boys, now rich men, and how many boys, rich men to be, have done the very same thing? Do they realize what fortunes may be theirs through that meager start? Do they realize that the stamps thus gathered in boyhood may be worth large sums to them when they are grown men? Most boys who are but beginners in this great hobby, expect little more than entertainment with their collections. In many cases a boy will begin to collect stamps, and in a few months, or even weeks, he will have forgotten his album and stamps completely, and his attention will be drawn toward another hobby.

Was it not but a short while ago that he resolved to have a collection that would rival the greatest? Oh certainly, but it had become rather tame. Was not this new hobby of building a shanty in the vacant lot next door much better?

Another lad will industriously save each stamp. He will search his house from cellar to garret, constantly in quest of stamps, old covers, and old finds of correspondence. Perhaps he may stumble on a letter bearing a Confederate States postage stamp. Sitting there in that dusty room gazing at it, his thoughts will take him from that room to the old plantation days. He hears the negroes crooning songs, while at work in fields of cotton. Again he visions a young man dressed in the gray uniform of the Confederacy, stepping into a stage coach, he bids farewell to his loved ones, departing, perhaps, to some military camp to join his regiment. Then the boy does not fail to realize the historical associations of stamps.

Philately

By A. C. LEDUC.

To most people stamp collecting is just stamp collecting, but to the real student of stamps it is more properly called "philately." The word "philately" was invented by a Frenchman, M. Herpin, about 1865, and was derived from two Greek words, *philos* meaning fond, and *ateleia* meaning exemption from tax. It is not very clear why the word was coined.

It may have been the custom for a fee to be collected upon the delivery of letters, but under the new order of things the recipient would have his mail exempt from any tax.

Omar Improved

By EVERETT KLASS.

A big flat rock on a high hill side
Beneath a sumac tree,
A box of stamps and some hinges new,
My album on my knee.

Away up there beyond beck or call,
Where I'll not bothered be,
On a summer day when the sun shines gay
Is a Paradise for me.

Surcharge and Overprint

To aid the Junior to distinguish between surcharge and overprint note the following:—

Surcharge
Change in value

Overprint
No value change

Some More Brain Teasers

By LESTER MARMORSTEIN.

(Answers Next Week)

(1) What country has used the Caduceus for a watermark?

(2) What country issued stamps typewritten on ordinary paper?

(3) Where are the stamps surcharged "Pechino" used?

(4) The stamps of what country bear the words, "Dios, Patria y Libertad?"

(5) What country issued a stamp designed like a book?

(6) What stamp issued in 1851 bears the picture of a locomotive?

(7) What country issued two special stamps to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America?

(8) What stamp bears a picture of Russell Falls?

(9) What country issued a stamp in honor of Lord Byron?

(10) What country has issued special stamps for both domestic and foreign postage?

Junior Dictionary

Livonia.—This country is a former province of Russia and its chief city is Riga. The population consists of Letts and Estonians. The Republic of Livonia or Latvija includes South Livland, Lettgallen and Courland. The natives call the country Latvija; Lettland is the German name; Lettonie or Lettonia is French; and Livonia is English.

Llanes in Asturias.—A seaport on the Northern coast of Spain. During the time the Provisional Government was in power, after the revolution in Madrid in September, 1868, the two stamps used for postage in the district around this port were overprinted "Habilitado por la Junta Revolucionaria" by order of the Provisional Revolutionary Assembly.

L. Marques Centenario de S. Antonio MDCCCXCV.—An overprint applied to certain Mozambique stamps used in Lourenzo Marques in 1895 in celebration of the centenary of St. Anthony of Padua.

L. McL.—A monogram forming an important part of the design of a well-known local stamp issued in Trinidad in 1847.

MOTHER—HER BOY—A STAMP ALBUM

ONCE UPON A TIME — THAT IS THE WAY ALL FAIRY STORIES BEGIN — BUT THIS IS NOT A FAIRY STORY — THE EDITOR OF THE JUNIOR PAGE WAS A BOY — HE HAD A GOOD MOTHER — NONE BETTER EVER LIVED SHE KNEW HOW TO KEEP HIM OFF THE STREET — WHERE MANY POISONS ARE — AND GAVE HIM BOOKS TO READ — PUZZLES TO SOLVE — GAMES TO PLAY AND — BEST OF ALL — A STAMP ALBUM!
THE EDITOR PAYS THIS TRIBUTE TO A MOTHER WHO KNEW HER BOY.

NEWS ITEMS—

WE are indebted to C. A. Ploch of Indianapolis for a fine clipping from the local *Daily News* dealing with the new Vincennes stamp.

A NEW stamp club has been organized in Albany, N. Y., Sherman A. Murphy is President, and Robert Ficken, 1 Woodlawn Ave., is Secretary. Interested collectors can write Mr. Ficken.

FRANK HADLEY and Dick Telfer of Detroit, are motoring to Florida and will then spend a week or so in Havana, Cuba, and other southern points. They expect to be gone about a month. F. J. Kirster is in charge of Hadley's stamp business.—H. W. BOERS.

N. JOSEPH whose advertising (both displayed and in Adlets) is always of an attractive nature, has just issued a handsome air mail envelope for Canadian use. The beaver and maple leaf are conspicuous features. See advertisement.

R. H. MOWER, 12 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal., has just issued a new price list. The booklet has 46 pps and covers a wide range of packets and sets, also various philatelic accessories. Ask for one.

THE Bach and Greeley expedition to Hayti-Jamaica-Cuba was a great success evidently. Both commanders remembered their friends with philatelic souvenirs. A "last day" cover (quite ornate and original) received a fine cachet, plus a ship marking and N. Y. City date cancellation of Jan. 24.

THE Michigan Stamp Club will hold its annual stamp exhibition in Club room in G. A. R. Hall, Detroit, Feb. 16. It will be larger than the one held last year. Many specialized U. S. Collections are to be shown, also foreign, first day covers, air ports and air mail. Special prizes will be given.—H. W. BOERS.

DR. J. G. LIPMAN, director of the New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station, has offered a prize of $5 to Roosevelt Junior (New Brunswick N. J.) High School students on an essay on stamp collecting. The essay is to include details of how stamp collecting has helped the pupil in studying various subjects in school. Regulations concerning the length of the essay and the time limit will be decided by Junior High School authorities.—(ALBERT S. STOKES—Clipping.)

EVERYBODY and his wife are invited by the Garfield-Perry Club of Cleveland to their 39th annual banquet, exhibition and bourse, which is now set for March 16th, at Hotel Cleveland. This definite action was taken at the January 18th meeting after Louis Hanford had thoroughly outlined plans for rapidly developing the Club collection from the good start he gave it several years ago. William Preston is Librarian and is out after still more material.

THE Cincinnati Collectors Club, Branch No. 2, S. P. A., was entertained Jan. 17, by W. J. Aull of Dayton, Ohio with an exhibit of his wonderful collection of 20th century Br. Cols., which is practically complete. His talk on how to make a collection was appreciated by all present. C. D. Putnam, president of the Dayton Philatelic Society, and D. E. Bishop, secretary, were introduced. February 21, Gustave Mosler of Cincinnati will exhibit his U. S., which will have its initial showing.—A. E. HUSSEY M.D.

Sevard's Twinkles

The new Air Mail envelope is out and e think it's a neat trick. Phil Ward hinks the design looks like a price tag, ut unfortunately we never look at the rice tag on anything that costs a nickel, o we don't know. The chap in Buffalo ho designed the light weight Air Mail nvelope and paper is still a few miles head of the Bureau's stationer. Imagine using a 60 lb. paper, or is it 72, for he envelope alone?

St. Joseph, Mich., has tired abbreiating their patron saint, and we note he new machine has Saint Joseph pelled out.

We have several inquiries as to the recancel error MIKWAUKEE. So nuch has been written on the subject hat we thought there could be no more nquiries. The error, we learn, was disovered in the Milwaukee Post Office nmediately on receipt of the stamps. here were 500,000 each of the 1½c and ne 8c stamps in sheets. As there were wo errors per sheet, there should be 0,000 copies of each variety of the eror. The stamps, however, were not all sued, and would not have been, except nat two stations ran out of the 1½c and c stamps, and the errors had to be isued. As far as we can learn, more than ,000 sheets of the 8c errors were reurned to Washington for destruction, nd about 2,000 of the 1½c error sheets. ew of the 8c errors were sold in sheets. learly all of the 1½c errors were sold sheets. A Milwaukee precancel perhit holder informs us that altho he purhases precancels almost daily, he was ble to get but one sheet of the error for the c, but more than 200 of the 1½c. He inorms us that he knew of the error the ay the stamps arrived from Washingon, but none were sold to him. Later, y necessity, the stamps were offered for ale across the counter, but not thru the holesale window. Thus the 8c was ailed at the Parcels Post window, and any are obtainable from mixtures. The ½c is not so scarce, as they were used oundantly by letter service concerns.

Mr. Hoover, beating as he sweeps om New Rochelle, asks about the key tters to plate numbers. The United tates has never used a key letter, but s used key stars to indicate experiental plates. Both Mr. Ward and Mr. outhgate have treated this subject well past papers, and we believe many of are still looking for the hollow and lid stars, and the hand sketched star ar the plate numbers of the rotary isues. The matter of phantom letters in e margin, platemen's initials, the letter near the top right plate number in the t bed plates meaning FINISHED, is subject for an encyclopedia, when ked with the arrows, guide lines, roy guides, separation lines and dashes, oklet varieties and coil stamps lines d plate numbers. Then we have those shes and dots in the earlier issues, as the 3c 1873, and 2c brown, appearing the line even with Washington's uth, to the left, in the medallion, dots der the 3 or 2, dots in the four corners, til one collects dots only;—and then stamp sizes.

One day, after an hour's watching the ld fish, to see if they'd go thru the stle or not, we measured stamp sizes the 3c 1879, and found that 38.6% re 21½mm by 26½mm between perfs. e append this table to emasculate the llible:

m by 26mm	1.0%	21½mm by 26mm	3.6%
m by 26½mm	6.8%	21½mm by 26½mm	38.6%
m by 27mm	1.0%	21½mm by 27mm	9.4%
m by 27½mm	0.4%	21½mm by 27½mm	3.6%
m by 28mm	0.4%	21½mm by 28mm	1.6%
m by 28½mm	0.4%	21½mm by 28½mm	1.4%
m by 29mm	0.2%	21½mm by 29mm	0.6%
m by 26mm	0.8%	22½mm by 26mm	0.2%
m by 26½mm	6.0%	22½mm by 26½mm	2.0%
m by 27mm	2.8%	22½mm by 27mm	0.6%
m by 27½mm	0.6%	22½mm by 27½mm	0.2%

All other sizes range below 0.2%, ich brings to mind the jumbo stamps the early issues. Mr. R. L. Hustis showed us a 6c Continental, which is the largest stamp we have seen thus far. And 16.8% of the stamps showed prominent dots, which no doubt are the original position dots in the plate. We asked the Mrs. to check our figures, but she simply would not. Out playing bridge with her girl friends, whose granddaughters are married.

The Model D Universal with seven lines is still with us, mostly with the usual Town A combination, i. e., without die number or station. Most of these postal markings show worn prints, altho here and there we find a new cut. This machine is easily identified by the seven line wave and the 20mm townmark. Bit by bit, we'll solve this mystery of postal markings.

WE WERE GREEN WITH ENVY WHEN THE AERO CONGRESS USED A COLORED MACHINE CANCEL. AFTER ALL WE'VE SAID ABOUT COLORED MACHINE CANCELS, OF COURSE THERE HAD TO BE ONE REGULARLY ISSUED. ALL YOU FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTORS NOW HAVE SOMETHING UNUSUAL.

We wonder how many have collected the postal markings of the Expeditionary Forces in Nicaragua? There was a war down there, and soldiers sent letters home. We recall coming back from France, some two years after this hero business died out, and nobody seemed to care whether we had fought, slept, eaten, or existed, until we met a stamp collector, who was keen on A. P. O. handstamps. To be a hero, one has to squawk at the right moment; and the same with stamp collectors. Anyone can find a rarity if you can squawk.

Of the Model D Universals, Six Line Fall, we've been talking about, one finds 99% of them of a single type showing a characteristic 20mm town, with the usual 1-2-3 arrangement in the townmark. The auxiliary mark is almost always a six-line wave mark, which begins with a decreasing arc, hence the term, fall. Years ago, the wave mark used in Chicago, had the usual C inserted in the bottom wave, and a die number in the second wave. Of this type of wave mark, we believe none are in existence today, all being of the full wave type. The slogan type for this machine is fast dying out, and we believe Findlay, Ohio, uses the only remaining example.

Mr. A. E. Clattenburg, Jr., of Cynwyd, Penna., kindly sends us a checklist of his odd cancels, a worthy list of many pages which contains many items of colored cancels of the past few years. Altho the colored letter rate cancel is specified for black inks, one often finds smaller towns using a colored cancel. In most cases, this is by error, as daubing a normally black canceler on a magenta pad, or using a handy pad of blue or red ink for postal purposes. A checklist of colored cancels on current stamps appeared in the "Scott's Monthly Journal", to which many additions could be made. Those from Battleships, and from alluringly named towns, are appealing. Moon Run, Penna., Cheyenne Agency, S. Dak., Saint Clair Shores, Mich., Alexandria, Va. (Theological Seminary Rur. Sta.), are as imaginative as is Whiskey Corners, Wisconsin. Try and get it.

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CANAL ZONE AIR MAIL, 1928

(Continued from page 70)

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THE 17c STAMP OF CANADA

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

With the advent of its first postage stamps Canada soon became involved in the morass of two valuations in connection with the English monetary system it had inherited from the Mother Country —"sterling" and "currency." The advantages of the decimal system were manifest in all its transactions with the United States, and it was obvious that sooner or later the cumbrous pence and shillings would have to give way to the more simply computed dollars and cents. This change in the monetary system of the Province of Canada, as it was known at that time, was promulgated on July 1, 1859, and it was immediately reflected in the postage stamps of the Province. A Postmaster-General's circular published regarding this change announced:

"Decimal stamps of the value of 1, 5 and 10 cents for ordinary correspondence, and of 12½ cents for Canadian, and 17 cents for British Packet Postage rates, were obtained in readiness for the commencement of the Decimal Postage Law in July, 1859, and have from that date been issued in lieu of the stamps previously in use."

The designs of the stamps of this new issue were adapted from those of the corresponding values of the pence series hitherto in circulation. The odd value of 17 cents—the only stamp of this denomination issued by our northern neighbour—which is the only one with which we are concerned in these brief notes, had the value SEVENTEEN CENTS in place of TEN PENCE on the inscribed oval around the portrait. Owing to the extra length of this new inscription the ornaments which had previously divided the designation of value from CANADA POSTAGE had to be erased and in their place small ovals were inserted. The numerals "17" took the place of "10cy" in the lower angles, but the legend "8 stg" in the upper corners was unaltered.

This 17c stamp was engraved in *taille douce* by the American Bank Note Company, of New York, whose predecessors, Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson had manufactured the stamps for the pence series. Only one plate was made for this denomination, and this consisted of 100 stamps arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each, and while all the other values of this set showed the manufacturer's imprint in all four margins this 17c stamp is, curiously enough, entirely devoid of marginal inscriptions.

The normal color for this stamp is deep blue, but as there were several printings many shades are found, including one that can best be described as slate blue. The perforation gauges 12, and is the work of a single line machine. Offset varieties, of more or less striking appearance, may be found. As these were simply caused by one sheet being placed on top of another before the ink was properly dry, their philatelic importance is not very great.

Specialists will find it profitable to hunt for the re-entries or double transfers. The most pronounced of these shows a distinct doubling of the upper portion of the left frame line. Another shows a dot of color at the right of the inscribed oval band, with a thin vertical line passing through this dot parallel with the outer frame line. Another re-entry shows a line in and above the letters GE of POSTAGE. Guide dots may also be found—generally outside the center of the left frame line.

Slight variations in the paper may also be noted. The paper varies from yellowish to white and its texture from thin to fairly thick.

This value is known entirely imperforate.

A total of 599,999 stamps (we should like to know what became of the odd one) was received from the printers, and of these 516,026 were issued to postmasters. As this value became practically useless after a while it is probable that some of these were returned to Ottawa when the 1868 issue made its appearance. This stamp has shown considerable appreciation in catalogue value within the last few years, but really fine copies are by no means dear at full present quotations.

The portrait on this stamp is that of Jacques Cartier, the explorer and founder of Canada. At one time there was considerable discussion over the identity of the original, it having been claimed that the subject was Sebastian Cabot. However, it was eventually positively proved to be Cartier and the portrait was undoubtedly taken from an engraving reproduced from a three-quarter length painting of Cartier in the Hotel de Ville, at St. Malo, France, the birthplace of Cartier.

Jacques Cartier, as we have already shown, was born at St. Malo in Brittany in 1494. His early youth was passed upon the sea, as was customary with most youths of this village at that period, and it is probable he was already acquainted with the coast of Newfoundland when Francis I of France appointed him to the command of the two ships which, on April 20, 1534, set sail from St. Malo for the purpose of exploring the district beyond the fishing grounds. Cartier touched at Cape Buenavista, on the east coast of Newfoundland, then passe northwards along the coast and, sailin southwest through the Straits of Be Isle, he discovered the mainland of Ca ada and he claimed the same for Fran by erecting a wooden cross bearing t inscription "Vive le Roi de France Next year a second expedition was plac under his control to explore the estua of the St. Lawrence. He penetrated far as Hochelaga, a large fortified villa at the foot of a hill, to which he ga the name of Mont Royal, and which the site of the modern city of Montre But he did nothing more and return on May 16, 1536, disgusted with t climate and with his crew weakened scurvy, a disease then unknown Europe.

The only other stamp of Canada which Cartier's portrait appears is t 1c value of the Quebec Centenary iss on which he shares honors with Samu de Champlain.—*Philatelic Opinion.*

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29		7.50	4.00
30		7.50	4.00
36		1.00	.50
37		1.25	.65
38		3.00	1.50
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It was at Zagreb that the first spe-ally designed stamps were issued to mmemorate the liberation of the South-n Slavs. They bear the date 29 Lis-pada (October), 1918, but they were t issued until November 28, 1918. This as a limited issue, and it was counter-ited locally. In January, 1919, there llowed a neat little series of litho-aphed stamps for Croatia, showing a ryatide of Victory, a Jugo-Slav. flag-arer, and an eagle perched upon the uble-headed eagle of the Hapsburgs.

These interesting little stamps have not en so closely studied by philatelists as e separate issue for Carniola made at ubach in the striking "chain-breaker" signs, although, being lithographed, ey present some similar points of in-rest. The vigorous "chain-breaker" sign gradually superseded all the sepa-te issues for other parts of Jugo-avia, and there are no longer any dis-ctive stamps for Croatia.

In 1925, when the Croats wished to ve a set of stamps to commemorate the llenary of the ancient Croat Kingdom, mps were prepared, but the plan met h such opposition at Belgrade that it s abandoned.

The ten years that have elapsed since Armistice have been marked in sev-l of the New European States by mp issues celebrating the tenth year their foundation. The Republic of tvia celebrated its first decade on No-nber 18th, and has a set of pictorial mps in hand showing views of the ef towns, and on the highest value the tional Theatre, where the independ-e of Latvia was proclaimed. Aus-a has issued a set of four stamps ring a portrait of the President, on occasion of the tenth anniversary of Republic. The values are 10 gros-n sepia, 15gr brown, 30gr grey-black, 40gr indigo.—***Postage Stamp.***

AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 69*)

Aviation Show in New York. * * South Bend, Ind., used a cachet for Air Mail week, Jan. 19-26.

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Will any collectors of Air Mail covers, residing within a twenty-five mile radius of Boston, interested in forming a local unit to the American Air Mail Society, please communicate with me at once? Also, collectors residing outside this radius, who may be able to attend meetings once or twice a month.

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A large number of newspaper clippings reach me each week, and from these I endeavor to secure items that are of interest to readers. Obviously, I cannot guarantee their accuracy as to time or place of events. Readers who sent covers to Spokane, Seattle and Yakima, in anticipation of an early contract flight, based on the item which appeared in the Dec. 24th issue, would do well to read the item over again and note that "soon", as given by the newspaper clipping, may mean almost anytime, but not necessarily "at once". As you *should* know, we usually have plenty of advance notice on domestic contract flights, so the sending of covers on a newspaper item is inviting extra expense and possibly disappointment.

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Lynchburgh, Va., Breckenridge, Tex., Graham, Tex., Warren, Pa., Washington, D. C., are all good Airport possibles. * * Oklahoma City is to have an Air Show in March. * * Greenville, Tex., no definite date as yet. * * Mr. R. A. Chenoweth advises that the Pasco, Wash., dedication will occur on April 6th. Chamber of Commerce has details in hand. * * Chas. G. Riess sends a card from Looneyville, W. Va., and says we are all heading that way! More truth than poetry in the statement!

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Coöperators for the week were E. J. Newcomer, Herschel Nash, L. B. Gatchell, Maj. C. M. Lopez*, Harry Leonard, Roger Morse, Henry O. Meisel, J. G. Kuespert*, A. K. Story, Frank W. Wright, Ralph Moffett, Charles L. Hall, C. A. Forster, G. H. Curtis, R. A. Chenoweth, Otto Weismann, J. Henry Wall.

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Mr. Otto Weismann writes that the sixth trial flight from Holland to Java was successfully negotiated and that mail was landed at the latter point (Batavia) for delivery Christmas day. The plane returned at once with mail for Holland, destined for New Year's day delivery. More trial flights are expected in April, and a regular weekly service will start in 1930.

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Mr. Frank W. Wright sends a tear sheet from an Elmira paper of Jan. 13th, wherein is illustrated three souvenir covers, the property of an Elmira, N. Y., collector. The noticeable feature of the article is the fact that no attempt has been made to deface the reproduction of the U. S. stamps, all of which appear in normal size.

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A correspondent at Nassau writes he made inquiry of the P. O. as to why the discrepancy in rates between Miami-Nassau and Nassau-Miami, the former being 7c, and the latter 2c. The answer given was—"The Miami-Nassau service is an *air mail* service, the Nassau-Miami service being *Mail Carried By Air* at ordinary postal rates!" Barnum was right!

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The *Postal Bulletin* dated January 19th gave unusually clear directions for collectors contemplating sending covers to the Canal Zone via First Flight of FAM No. 5, as well as how to handle their return covers. This little attention to collectors' interests will be appreciated by those lacking definite knowledge of "the ropes."

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I also find in stock at the present time several twentieth century U. S. errors, which will be gladly submitted to interested parties. It is only when an important collection is purchased that these pieces, which are quickly sold, become available. The collection now being broken contains blocks which will be broken into pairs of the following:

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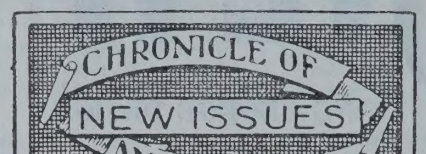

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

2-Cent Vincennes

Mr. E. W. Determann sends a further clipping from the *Vincennes Sun* of January 17th, relative to the issuing of the new 2c red and black stamp at Vincennes, Indiana, on February 25th next. The Vincennes Chamber of Commerce has taken note of the event and will use it to the advantage of advertising the city. There is every reason to believe that the Post Office Department will arrange to have the air mail plane stop at Vincennes on this special day. The mail contractors are, as a rule, most pleased to aid the Department in granting such requests, for it not only advertises the service, but will result in the carrying of an unusually large amount of mail. The local postmaster is already receiving numerous requests for first-day covers, and as previously announced in this column, any collector may make application for any number not exceeding twenty-five, providing he furnishes addressed envelopes. If quantities in excess of this amount are desired, it is suggested that the dealers or collectors arrange with some local agent to take care of their requirements. The stamp will be on sale in most of the larger cities of the country immediately following its appearance in Vincennes, and it is again recommended that these stamps be purchased locally, instead of through the Philatelic Agency at Washington, in order to prevent delay, as they are still materially congested.

As there will be thirty-five million issued, there is of course, the prospect of the appearance of an inverted center, and it is suggested that collectors follow their post office carefully when these stamps finally appear. It will give us great pleasure to announce the finding of such an error.

New Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to January 10, 1929.

Plate No.	Denomination.	Class Ord.	Series.	Subjects
19644-645	2c	"	1922	400 Crvd.
19646-649	20c	"	1922	400
19650-653	½c	"	1925	400 "
19654-657	2cComm.Inter.Civil Aero. Conf. (Wright Bros. Aeroplane)		1928	200
19658-661	5c Do. (Modern Air Mail Plane)		1928	200
19662-665	2cDo.(Wright Bros. Aeroplane)		1928	200
19666-669	5c Air Mail Center		1928	100
19670-673	5c Air Mail Border		1928	100
19674-677	5c Air Mail Center		1928	100
19678-681	2cComm.Inter.Civil Aero. Conf. (Wright Bros. Aeroplane)		1928	200
19682-687	2c	Ord.	1922	170 Crvd.
19688-695	5c Air Mail Center		1928	100
19696-707	5c Air Mail Border		1928	100
19708-711	2cComm.Inter.Civil Aero. Conf. (Wright Bros. Aeroplane)		1928	200
19712-715	5c Air Mail Border		1928	100

It will be noted in the list that the Bureau has made plates for the ½c rotary. On seeing this, I immediately phoned to Washington to learn in behalf of our readers if such a stamp was to appear. I am informed that the plates were made up in order to fill a small order for additional requirements, but it was later decided to print these from the flat bed press so that there would not be a new variety.

The list also includes the recently issued International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamps, as well as the additional plates for producing the current 5-cent air mail variety. It is expected that the new air mail envelope will tend to lighten the demand for the stamp.

Grilled (?) Coils

Several of our readers have submitted from time to time copies of our current and earlier coils, with what appears to be a stitch watermark, consisting of a set of vertical, parallel lines about one-eighth of an inch long, running entirely across the horizontal coil.

This is not applied at the Bureau, but is found on stamps coming from a coil machine, and is due to the little wheels that turns and forces the stamps out after the money has dropped into the slot. It is in no way official, and damages rather than adds to the variety.

Envelopes

Mr. H. Clay Reed reports the finding of a new envelope of the old issue with 1925 watermark. This is the 1916, 4c black, size 8, extra quality, high back, watermark 27.

Washington also announces the appearance of the new size 6 envelopes furnished under the present contract.

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Carter, we have received the new 2c Goethals issue overprinted in two lines in blue—"Air Mail—25 Cents 25," for use in payment of postage on the newly established air mail route between the Canal Zone and the United States.

The surcharge is so applied that "Air Mail" is across the top and "25 Cents 25" across the bottom, with the new figure of value falling over the old figure "2." Mr. Carter writes that fifty thousand have been issued, and he is under the impression that nearly twenty thousand were sold on the first day.

Mr. C. H. Calhoun, Chief of the Division of Civil Affairs, states that these were printed at Mount Hope, and further advises that when the first flight is made to the States that a special cancellation will be used.

Mr. Carter also writes that during the present fiscal year it is expected that one million new 5c stamps will be issued, oblong in size, and carrying a picture of the Gaillard Cut, taken in 1913, at the time the dry excavation was completed, just before the water was turned in. There will also be issued five hundred thousand 12c stamps in brown-violet, bearing portrait of Col. Gaillard, f whom the name of Culebra Cut w changed. The third stamp to the ser will be a 50c lilac-brown, of which t hundred fifty thousand will be issu and these will bear portrait of the f mer Governor Jo. C. S. Blackburn.

These stamps will commemorate t twenty-fifth anniversary of the openi of the Canal, and will be placed on s in June, 1929.

Mr. Carter writes that in referring Governor Blackburn as "Governor," t those in charge in the early days did definitely bear such a rank, but that are now referred to in this manner.

Abyssinia.—*Post Office Commemoratives.* On Oct. 27 we listed the ⅛, ¼, ½, 1 and 2 mehalik values, and we n learn that the set has been compled with the addition of the 4 and 8 meha values and the 1, 2 and 3 thaler values—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Canada.—We are indebted to Mr. Roberts for copies of the 4c and postage due stamps, both in violet, soft paper.

Information regarding further stamps is sent by Mr. C. A. Forster Mr. Henry A. Kiehl. Added to the and 5c King's Head stamps mentio recently is an 8c in a light blue shade. the pictorial series there is a 12c car blue, with a view of the Internatic Bridge; 20c red, Harvesting Grain sc with mountains in the distance an view of the fast Continental Limited press; 50c dark blue, pictures a Y Race, while the $1 olive-green, shows Parliament Buildings pictured on the Confederation stamp of 1927.

Canal Zone.—Emile Mizrahi subm for our inspection the new 25c air stamp. The current 2c Goethals is charged at the top "Air Mail," and a bottom, "25 cents 25." 50,000 printed.

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France.—*Champion's Bulletin* informs us that there are two spacings of the Ile de France overprint, one measuring 6mm between the surcharge and the lower of the two cancelling bars, the other 8mm. The latter is by far the rarer of the two, only existing on 300 of the 10fr on 90c and on 100 of the 10fr on 1fr50c.

Iceland.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* reports that in 1930 a stamp will be issued commemorating the Millenary of the Althing, the Icelandic Parliament.

Italy.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for chronicle a 50c+10c olive-green stamp bearing the likeness of the portrait of King Victor Emanuel II, and the dates "1878 1928." The stamp is to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the death of this late King.

Latvia. — Monument Commemoration Stamps have been issued. The values are the same as the Independence series, and also bear the inscription "1918—1928." The object of this series (which has a premium of 10 sants. on each stamp) is to raise funds for the erection of a memorial to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Independence.

The following graphic notes come from our Riga correspondent, G. H. Jaeger:

The Monument Commemoration stamps have been issued in 30,000 series each, perforated and unperforated. The unperforated stamps appeared at the counter on November 17th, and were all sold in a couple of hours. The counters were crowded, as only 10 series were sold to each person. The perforated stamps of this issue appeared at the counter on November 20th, and were also sold in a few hours. These stamps were sold in Riga only at the counters of the Chief Post Office, and, besides, only in two Latvian cities, Libau and Mitau, whereby Libau received for sale in all 1,000, and Mitau 500 series.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Mexico.—Copies of the 25c myrtle green and sepia, perf. 12, type as before are to hand from Mr. R. Roberts.

Monaco.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2fr sepia and violet, surcharged "1f50" in black.

New Zealand.—There is a movement on foot to provide the New Zealand Dependences of Union Islands, Fanning Island and Pitcairn Island, with a small set of stamps, probably 5 or 6 values, ½d to 1/-. At present these islands use New Zealand stamps. Perhaps the current New Zealand may be surcharged for the purpose. There are also rumors of a fine new set of New Zealands for the Dominion, the set to consist of pictorials and King Georges ½d to 5/-. It is 13 years since New Zealand had a change.—WILCOX, SMITH & Co.

Portugal.—Two more provisionals are to hand from Mr. R. Roberts. This time the 20c grey has been surcharged for use as "15"c, and the 25c pink bears the overprint of "15"c also. Both stamps are of the Ceres design.

Also by a later mail comes the 24c blue-green, surcharged in like manner and value as those mentioned above.

Roumania.—A second printing of the Air set has now arrived. It differs in two noticeable respects from the first. The stamps are now watermarked with horizontal wavy lines instead of vertical, and the paper has now been gummed after printing, instead of before, with a very poor, brown, sparsely applied mucilage.

The total first printing was, we understand, 200,000 sets. The second was 90,000, but our agent tells us that owing to the bad gumming and perforating only about half of this number exists in a collectible condition. — *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Russia.—This year's Child Welfare stamps, forecast in these columns in November, will be on sale throughout the year. Similar stamps can be expected each year in future, and commencing from 1930 the year of issue will be indicated upon them.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

Saar.—*1928 Charity Issue.* Maison M. Fischer (Paris), enable us to give the following details of this series. On Dec. 15 the values were given. 40c, Blind Beggar; 50c, Blind Beggar; 1fr, Blind Beggar; 1fr50c, Almsgiving; 2fr, Almsgiving; 3fr, Almsgiving; 10fr, brown, Raphael's Charity. The "Blind Beggar" is from the picture by the Belgian painter, J. L. Dyckmans (1811-1888). The original picture is in the Antwerp Museum. "Almsgiving" is from the picture by Schiest, another Belgian painter. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

Sweden.—Mr. U. Söderborg tells us that on the 24th December a new Swedish liner, T.M.S. *Kungsholm,* made her maiden voyage to New York. She is the first Swedish vessel to contain a post office, and on this first trip a special cancellation was used.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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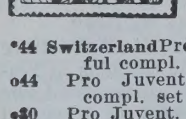

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—Chapter 18 Elects Officers and Names A. P. S. Candidates.

By P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Sec.

Philadelphia Chapter, No. 18, A. P. S., met in the club room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, Thursday, Jan. 17, with President Philip Dengler in the chair.

The following were nominated for A. P. S. officers: Pres., Gustav M. Mosler, Ohio; Vice Pres., Dr. W. C. Hennan, Adolph F. Boehm, Charles F. Mann, all of Ill.; Sec., H. A. Davis, Colo.; Int. Sec., Eugene Klein, Pa.; Treas., Howard H. Elliott, Mass., and Directors at large, A. H. Wilhelm, Calif., and Harry M. Konwiser, N. Y.

The election of officers for Chapter 18 resulted in Philip Dengler for President, and H. Peyton Hopkins for Sec.-Treas.

Mr. Klein suggested that the A. P. S. convention for 1930 be held on board ship during a two weeks' cruise to Cuba and the West Indies, a most excellent idea for a vacation. The expense was stated to be exceptionally reasonable with first-class accommodations. The suggestion was favorably received, and we expect to hear more about it in the very near future.

Exhibitions of stamps followed. Mr. Klein started with a nice lot of odd combinations of covers and some scarce Mississippi Steam Boat cancellations. Rev. C. C. Silvester showed some splendid 20th Century U. S. revenues; Dr. S. J. Gittleson a remarkable rare strip of all values of Fiji Unpaids, Nos. 301 to 305; Gordon F. Bottomley, a very fine lot of British Colonies; Maurice Apfelbaum, a large block of 3c 1869, and other blocks; Mr. Brinton, several large blocks of $2.00 and $5.00 stamps, and many other fine items were shown.

Chapter 18 will meet hereafter the third (3rd) Thursday of each month, except July and August. Members and friends to the number of forty-nine were present. Gordon F. Bottomley will exhibit for our pleasure, his very fine collection of U. S. "Blocks of Four," at our next meeting Feb. 21.

U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES
(*Continued from page 66*)

block of four in the large accumulation of Mr. Strauss, as well as two vertical pairs, Mr. White taking the block at $400.00, while I added the pairs to my own collection, but subsequently turned one over to a friend for $175.00. The fourth piece, another vertical pair, was purchased by Mr. E. Perry for $100.00 more than ten years ago, and has been held by his customer since that time. All of the pieces are somewhat off center, the block particularly so, but the proven rarity permits no choice, although the condition did interfere with its resale.

$1.00 Inland Exchange

The uninformed may immediately question my inclusion of this pair in the list of non-fakeables, but the reason is found in the fact that it is entirely different in character from any known imperforate, and probably resulted from a mistake in a sheet of a late printing. A bogus pair may easily be made at any time, and possibly sold, but most certainly not to any who have seen the genuine. It is my faint recollection that Mr. Arthur Ballard told me that the original piece was a block which Mr. Eagle subsequently separated to provide a pair for trading purposes, but both gentlemen are now gone, and this detail remains unsettled.

$25.00 Mortgage

This stamp, while listed and accepted as a part perforate, should, in the interests of accuracy and customary procedure, be carried as a variety "imperforate vertically" of a perforated stamp. All known pairs are horizontal, imperforate between, but likewise perforated all around outside, thus showing that one vertical line of perforations at least was omitted. The date of usage was usually April, 1864, and the stamps are always of good, full color, and never of the softer shade noted in some of the imperforates. Concerning quantities, the writer knows of seven pairs, with others entirely probable, hence he is not in accord with the current listing of $200.00, which is out of line on the upward side in comparison with pieces two or three times as rare. It is admitted that a pair of $25.00 is a large attractive item, the oddity of perforation renders it an object of curiosity, but on what grounds it is rated better than the pairs of 70c Foreign, or the $1.00 Inland is a mystery.

These notes cover all of the real first line pairs in the part perforate group, but if responses from readers indicate a reasonably broad interest in the subject, consideration can later be given to other rare but dangerous pieces, i.e., those which may be the result of manipulations. Meanwhile the suggestion is offered that an examination be made of any old lot or collection of revenues, or particularly a batch of notes of the 1863-64 period, for it is from such obscure sources that the items now known have been largely obtained. The writer in turn will be pleased to be informed of any new finds, or to receive for examination or purchase, anything in these rarer part perforates, although blocks of even the cheaper varieties are solicited, and in the case of the fakeable stamps, are especially desired on the original document.

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(Clipping from J. M. Thomas)

Roanoke has a stamp collectors' club. It was organized Jan. 16, and has an enrollment now of about twenty members. The organization meeting was held in the Norfolk and Western Railway magazine office, and Robert A. Turner, of the railway publicity bureau, was appointed temporary president and secretary. Mr. Turner said today that there are many stamp collectors in Roanoke and adjac territory and that interest in the prac is greater than is known to the aver person. Regular meetings of the c will be held at the magazine office on first Wednesday and last Thursday each month. Membership, it was s is open to anyone interested in stamp lecting. Mr. Turner said that sev excellent collections of stamps were hibited at the organization meeting evening. The temporary president hibited his highly specialized Scandi vian collection. All meetings will held in the magazine office.—*Wo News.*

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By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

THE appearance of a portrait of Pope Pius XI upon a newly-issued Spanish stamp calls to mind that in days gone by the Vatican rejoiced in a particular postage stamp issue of its own. That was before the unification of Italy had been brought about by the efforts of Garibaldi and Cavour, when the Pope still held temporal sway over a portion of Central Italy covering an area of 16,000 square miles with Rome as its capital, and known as the Pontifical States or States of the Church.

It was in the time of Pope Pius IX that a reorganisation of the postal service within the Papal provinces was ordained by a decree dated November 29, 1851, and signed by Cardinal Antonelli, providing *inter alia* for the future prepayment of postage by means of adhesive stamps ("Bollini"). A further ordinance of December 19 of that year set forth the denominations that were to be available to the public for the first time on January 1, 1852.

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The actual printing of the Papal stamps was entrusted to the Director of the Printing Office of the Apostolical Chamber, M. Salviucci, who in turn employed a Roman type-founder named Jean Valagna to provide the necessary dies engraved with the device of the Papal Tiara and crossed Keys of Heaven, one of gold (signifying Power), and the other of silver (denoting Knowledge). Three crowns encircling the tiara represent the triple dominion of the Church militant, purifying and triumphant, whilst the two streamers typify the Literal and Mystical senses, respectively.

Different frames enclosed this central design in the case of each value, but the stamps bore no other indication of their origin. The actual engraving was the work of two Roman engravers, Doublet and Decoppet by name.

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waste in cutting up the sheets, they varied from 64 to 120 subjects.

Initial Series Imperforate

The initial series of eight stamps was issued imperforate, three additional denominations being included in the following October in consequence of the conclusion of a postal treaty with Austria, comprising 8 and 50 Bajocchi and 1 Scudo. Owing to the variety of coloured papers obtained from various sources numerous shades may be noted. The rarity of this emission is the 50 Baj. deep blue in the worn impression (*circa* 1864), listed today at £15 unused and £10 used. Many stamps of this issue exist also cut into fractions and used to defray a fraction of their nominal values.

Consequent upon the introduction of new currency in Centesimi in lieu of the former "Bajocchi," equal to about one half-penny and peculiar to the Papal States, a decree of the Minister of Finance ordered in 1866 the preparation of new postage stamps. The dies were accordingly re-engraved by another typefounder named Montarsolo and on September 21, 1867, seven values in "Centesimi" made their appearance.

Perforation Adopted

By order of Prince Massimo these were printed on highly-glazed paper, with a tinted surface, but varieties are known upon unglazed paper also. The 3 centesimi is scarce postally used, and fetches about £5 in fine condition.

In 1868 (February) the convenience of perforation was adopted, and all supplies issued between that date and October, 1870, were perforated 13 by means of a single-line machine. Meanwhile political events had been moving rapidly. On September 20, 1870, the Italian army entered Rome after a very feeble defence by the Papal guards, and in the following month the stamps of the Pontifical States ceased to circulate.

Collectors require to be on their guard against private reprints of these stamps which are on the market in considerable numbers.

The Pope Makes Stamp History

Although, as related above, the Vatican had at one time its own stamps, the head of His Holiness did not appear upon them. This year, however, by special dispensation the portrait of Pope Pius XI is reproduced in company with that of King Alfonso, in the design of a special Catholic issue to be sold in the Spanish cities of Toledo and St. Jacques de Compostelle from December 23, 1928, to January 6, 1929, only in aid of a fund for the restoration of the Catacombs of St. Damascus and St. Pretextatus is illustrated.—*Bazaar.*

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

MORE ALCAZARS, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The Alcazar de Colon series of the Dominican Republic, introduced in October, 1928, with the 1c, 2c and 10c, was completed in December, with the issue of the ½c, 5c, 20c, 50c and 1 peso, all in the same design, the denominational numerals and words at the bottom of the stamp only being changed. The margins of the sheets (50 stamps) are plain, without plate number, or marginal inscription.

Hair lines, white spots, etc., are in evidence on many of the stamps, some more or less constant, and others due probably to foreign matter adhering to the printing stones.

On No. 44 in the sheet of ½c there is an accent over the "E" of "Centavo", and on No. 3 of the 20c there is an accent over the second "E" of "Veinte."

Another more important variety in the ½c is on the 19th stamp of the sheet. The door in the second story of the palace appears as a window, or as if an attempt had been made by partially closing the opening to convert it into a window. Photographs taken when I was in Santo Domingo City in August, 1919, show that as a door it is correctly shown on the normal stamps.

In sheets of the 5c, on No. 45, there is a large white spot, having the appearance of an extra window, in the north wing, of the second story.

The 1c and 50c are very similar in color (blue-green and yellow-green), as are also the 2c and 20c (carmine and rose-red, respectively).

1928. Alcazar de Colon, Santo Domingo City. Lithographed locally in sheets of 50, unwatermarked, and perforated single line 11½.

½c claret. December, 1928.
1c blue-green. October, 1928.
2c carmine. October, 1928.
5c deep blue. December, 1928.
10c pale blue. October, 1928.
20c rose-red. December, 1928.
50c yellow-green. December, 1928.
1 peso yellow. December, 1928.

Pan-American Airways Air Service, 1929

In a notice of December 19, 1928 (published in the *Postal Bulletin* of December 21) formal announcement was made by W. Irving Glover, Second Asst. Postmaster General, that "air mail service on F.A.M. No. 6, from Miami, Fla., to San Juan, Porto Rico, and back, will begin Jan. 9, 1929," the rate being "10 cents for each half ounce or fraction in addition to regular postage."

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Planes leave San Juan on the same days, at 8 a. m.; reach Santo Domingo City by 11 a. m.; spending the night in Eastern Cuba; arrive at Habana the next day at 1.15 p. m., leave at 3 p. m. and reach Miami by 5.15 p. m.

The first plane from San Juan, NC-5192, on Jan. 9th, was in charge of L. Rowe, previously connected with West Indian Aerial Express of Santo Domingo; and the first from Miami, NC-9637, was piloted by S. O. Swanson.

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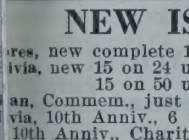

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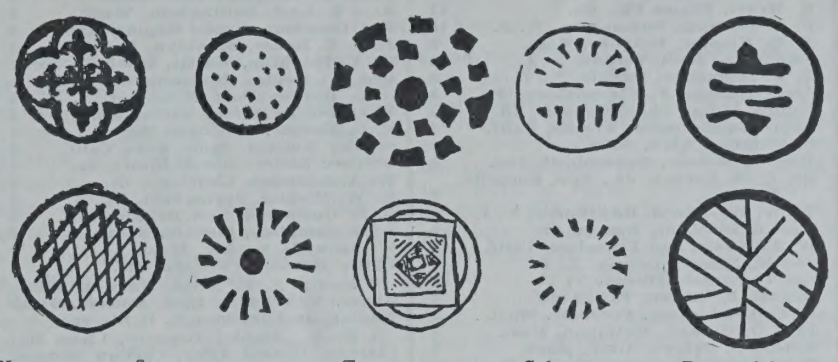

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10	30c '57	?	Black	T. F. Keith.

Circular Designs.—Have you ever noticed how large a percentage of cancellation on early U. S. stamps have a circular form? Probably 50% of them are circular. These above designs are some that I had saved as of the round types, and there are some which we seldom see. Have seen but one of each of No. 1 and No. 10, while I have seen more than one of each of the other eight designs.

No. 5 is an odd thing, it has somewhat the appearance of letters of a foreign language, maybe Japanese. Have seen several, and they are all distinct, and of the same identical design. Who knows what this thing means and the town of origin? No. 8 is made up of delicate lines, and when evenly hit is really a handsome cancel.

This is the 41st group of cancellations which have been shown in the Forum. Averaging about ten per group, you have now about 400 different cancellations. The coming 20 groups have considerable of interest, many traced from the 3c 1851-57 stamps in the collection of Dr. Carroll Chase, and some of these are very interesting and scarce. A number are from a large collection of U. S. Departments, and on these stamps we find cancellations which never seem to appear on "Postage" of the period. Then I traced off all the cancels from my own lot of Black Jacks that I liked, and some are interesting, with a couple that are not yet duplicated to my knowledge.

These three large lots, added to what has arrived since the third series of groups started, gives us some rather nice new cuts to add to the scrapbook of cancels.

For some time I have been saving lists of names of printers and booksellers which appear printed on the Civil War Patriotic Envelopes. This is a start of a list only, and is compiled from some couple of thousand patriotics that I have had access to in the past six months. Should you care to send in names of any others imprinted on your patriotics, there are many who are interested in these names.

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DATA ON CONTEST

¶ Send for a supply of our 25c yellow subscription forms.
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E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	20	Robt. K. Story, Beverly, Mass.	4
R. Myers, Elkins Pk., Pa.	17	Axel F. Leaf, Bellingham, Wash.	4
F. A. DeCamp, Succasunna, N. J.	10	Rol. Goodman, Grand Rapids, Mich.	4
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	8	Jesse E. Baker, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4
Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	8	W. L. Leighton, Seattle, Wash.	4
A. P. Schmelzer, Buffalo, N. Y.	8	Geo. W. Henley, Bloomington, Ind.	4
Alex LaRoche, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	6	G. G. Hollingshead, Montclair, N. J.	4
Capitol Stamp Shop, Chicago, Ill.	5	Raymond E. Martin, Phila., Pa.	4
Louis Gundelfinger, Fresno, Calif.	4	F. D. Markee, Needham, Mass.	4
F. Seifert, B'klyn, N. Y.	4	Stanley Hosmer, Santa Rosa, Calif.	4
Wm. T. Wilson, Logansport, Ind.	4	Bernard Bailey, Marshalltown, Ia.	4
Dr. S. H. Carney, Jr., New Rochelle, N. Y.	4	W. A. Langdon, Cleveland, O.	4
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Paul C. Oliphant, Warren, O.	4	A. H. Gustafson, New Britain, Ct.	4
W. E. Waste, San Francisco, Calif.	4	L. M. Campbell, Lincoln, Nebr.	4
Jan M. Fraser, Astoria, N. Y.	4	W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash.	3
Lee T. Parker, Albany, N. Y.	4	Philip Hanson, Portland, Me.	3
Mrs. R. F. Barton, Taft, Calif.	4	2 Each: A. R. Milot, Mary A. Whittinger, N. Frichler, L. A. Bowers, Oscar	
H. C. Vanderbeek, Ferndale, Mich.	4	Kaplan, Joel DuBose, A. L. Stevens.	
Fred O. Ohlund, Mattapan, Mass.	4	1 Each: Stanley Gregory, Cleon McClarran, Donald Levy, Carlton Benson,	
Robert O. Briggs, Athol, Mass.	4	E. Schaefer, Helen M. Corvall, William	
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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

R. A. BRYANT, Editor,
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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Before going into details and explaining the various plate markings, a few lines concerning our column will enlighten readers as to its purpose. The column is to be conducted in the interests of all, the novice as well as the more advanced collector so that something will be found of interest to everyone. In succeeding issues, it is planned to take each phase of plate markings and explain in detail their various characteristics in the hope that this feature will prove helpful to prospective beginners.

The first step to be taken by anyone contemplating collecting plate markings is to obtain a check-list of plate numbers. This is absolutely indispensable. Fortunately, readers of the WEEKLY are presented with such a list through the medium of the column conducted by Mr. Ward. These lists should be carefully preserved for constant reference. They form an excellent source from which to check your plate holdings, and are in fact the only accurate lists of current numbers available to the average collector. Readers will find that these lists are usually issued in advance of the actual appearance of the numbers listed, a feature that makes them of great utility.

Beginning with the current issue a complete record is to be kept of each and every plate as the numbers appear. Notes on plate numbers, guide lines, arrows, spacing, initials, letters "A" and "F", imperforate sheets, booklet panes, coils, color varieties, errors, plate flaws and defects, surcharged stamps, and in some instances, bureau prints, will be chronicled. As individual plates develop certain characteristics and these are discovered, this additional data will also be included, thus forming a comprehensive and exhaustive record of every plate that actually goes to press. This is quite an undertaking, but with the coöperation of reader-contributors it can be accomplished, and as the list grows it will prove invaluable as a source of information on plates and allied subjects. Readers are urged to send in all information as outlined above for chronicle. Acknowledgment will be made in this column and due credit given.

We will start our record with number 19,000 (or earlier if advisable), and include everything from then on. Thus readers will have the advantage of using Mr. Ward's list as a ready reference in their search, and that list will also be the basis upon which we will work. All data submitted will be presented under the number of the plate, if known, and all notes will be so arranged. By keeping to this system it will be easy to locate any desired item by merely referring to the plate number.

Guide lines are frequently puzzling to many collectors who are not familiar with their purpose, and a brief outline will help beginners to understand the subject.

The flat press printings still in use on some denominations of the current issue are in sheets of 400 stamps, having a continuous line running through the center of the sheet from the middle of one side and top. These two lines divide the sheet into quarters, and are intended as a guide for the cutters. To indicate how and where the sheet should be cut, an arrow is placed at the beginning of the line on the left side of the sheet. The sheet is fed into the perforating machine with the circular knife running on the line. The end of the line on the right side of the sheet is always plain and does not have an arrow. The sheet of 400 stamps is thus divided into halves, and the stamps are perforated in one direction, parallel with the cutting. There is an arrow at both the top and bottom of the sheet so that both halves can be fed into the perforating machine following the arrow and line, and the center cut by the knife divides the halves into quarters.

It is a difficult job to cut on the line, and generally the knife will follow to one side or the other. When both guide lines on any quarter sheet are visible at the point of intersection, one stamp will show both lines. It will be the only stamp in that sheet of 400 to have this distinction. This condition may occur to any one of the four central stamps of the entire sheet, thus making four varieties of the double guide line stamps. Many collectors save the double guide line and arrow stamps, which occur in eight positions, of each denomination

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Mr. Harry L. Lindquist was re-elected sident of the Collectors Club, New k, at the annual meeting held on uary 17th, and Mr. Charles Curie named again as vice-president. Mr. G. Reichelt succeeded himself as sec- ry, and Mr. Jos. A. Rich was made surer. This is the third term for Lindquist, who also edits the *Col- ors Club Philatelist*, one of the best rs of the times.

he annual reports of the officers in- ted to the members that the organi- n was in strong condition; that the ry was being maintained in good ; that friendly meetings with other p organizations were being held; the membership is 679, a gain of 32 the year, and that 148 of the mem- were resident members.

competition, consisting of twenty s, followed the meeting, and the dis- cases on the third floor were used how the sheets. The judges were: C. Kennett, Hazlewood, Ohio; C. H. ff, Newark, New Jersey, and J. ray Bartels of New York. They the following awards: First, Percy Vorms of England, for his Ceylon s; Second, John J. O'Dononhue, field, N. J., for his U. S. covers, acing Colleges, Hotels, Patriotics, ials, etc.; Third, Sigmund Rothes- , Freeport, Long Island, for his ellany. (Mr. Rotheschild is doing recruiting work today than any individual, we believe.) Honorable ion, A. F. Lichtenstein for Argen- covers and stamps; and Laurence B. n for his New York postmarks. ng those who exhibited were en G. Rich, Belgian Precancels; erick S. Eaton, Connecticut Stamp- overs; Beverly S. King, U. S. Rev- ; Paul MacGuffin, Spain; Elliott , Miscellaneous U. S.; Hans Lager- British Honduras on covers, and Brunswick covers, and A. V. Paal- Air Mail Covers.

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By LYMAN J. SEELEY.

"Some three or four of your members have asked me to talk on as many different subjects, each of the suggested topics being a handfull. But the original invitation, as I recall it, called for some discussion of the one- and three-cent stamps of 1851-57. I intend to stick to that because it fits in with a discussion I had a few weeks ago with one of America's leading stamp dealers.

We had been talking of the various ramifications of stamp collecting; debating as to whether the technical or the historical side was making the greater appeal at this time. All of a sudden he popped out with something to this effect:

"Whenever I hear anyone speak of the investment value of stamp collecting I get red-headed. It is and must be pure nonsense. Everybody knows that no matter what he buys in any store a certain percentage of his purchase money represents selling expense, rent, light, heat, insurance, overhead and profit. People collect stamps primarily for diversion; not to make money. It is just as unreasonable to advise a man that he can spend money for stamps for his collection and expect to get out at a profit as it would be to buy a ticket for the theatre, see the show, and then expect to cash the experience."

All of which, so far as it goes, is perfectly true. Something like 40% of the retail price of a new automobile represents sales expense and another 10% or more the manufacturer's profit. Costs of distribution, classification, registration, etc., on comparatively common stamps such as small boys paste in their albums must represent a very large percentage of the value. To those who collect stamps as casually as boys once collected cigarette pictures, the little money they spend represents just so much amusement, plus a certain amount of history and geography they can hardly escape acquiring.

But it is not true of the collector who is not satisfied to merely fill the spaces of a printed album, of one whose pleasure in stamps comes from a close study of them. Such a collector can pay more than his stamps are worth if he is overanxious to secure a certain variety, or if he does not know how to sell his stamps when he decides to dispose of them. The chances, however, are all in favor of showing a profit in cash in addition to the years of enjoyment he has had, in the case of the stamp student.

Any boob who can find a trunkful of 5 and 10c 47's in an abandoned attic can turn them into what looks like a fine profit. Unfortunately, trunks full of 47's are few and far between, but right under nearly every collector's eyes are scarcer and more desirable items if he can recognize them at sight. For that reason I choose to talk somewhat about the one- and three-cent stamps of 1851-57. They are comparatively common; and few collectors of any experience fail to run across a lot of them sooner or later. A great deal can be learned about them from the Scott Specialized U. S. catalog. Hardly one collector in a hundred owning the book appreciates its resources. From the standpoint of advanced specialization it leaves a lot unsaid; but if half the owners of it studied it until they understood one-half its contents a talk like this would be superfluous.

Real "finds" are being made every day. A few come as the result of searching old attics and trunks, but the bulk of them are made by studious collectors; and the finds are made in the stocks and accumulations of leading dealers. Here are a few instances:

We have a representative in Europe whose instructions are buy any sound U. S. stamps offered in quantities of a dozen or more. In one lot of 300 10c bank notes, bid in at less than $4.00, there were 153 Supplementary Mail cancellations. Another interesting lot was an album page of 1c 1857s. There were 30 or 35 copies, listed as Type II. They cost about $30, and the lot when examined yielded three fine copies of Type Ia; two or three fine copies of Type III; half a dozen Type IIIa; a full o.g. mint copy of Type IV; the balance consisting of several varieties of Type II. A very pleasing "find," and one well calculated to offset a number of bad "buys." A more usual error was made at the last International Exhibition in New York not long ago. An out-of-town dealer "specializing" in U. S. exhibited in his stand a recent find of 1c '51 covers he thought particularly interesting because of a large "1ct DUE" stamped on the covers. The mark was interesting, but not more so than the stamps, which were rated and priced as Type V, when actually they were Type IIIa from the rather scarce Plate XI. They had been handled and passed up by a dozen collectors of U. S., who thought two or three dollars each too much to pay for the postmark, so the owner was glad to offer a discount

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One of the most sought for of U. S. stamps is the real type I of the 1c 1851. From catalog illustrations I assumed for years that any fool could distinguish a Type I at sight. I never found one, but I filled album pages with what I thought were Types II and IV. But when E. R. Jacobs of Chicago first ran his eye over those pages he showed me that I had four copies of Type I, even though they were not No. 7 R from the early state of Plate I. They were the stamps now classified as Type Ib. I think they were positions 3, 6, 8 and 9 in the same row. The scrolls were there all right when I looked for them with a glass. The Type I of the perforated stamps is quite another animal. The scrolls or balls under the lower label of the perforated Type I are as clear as any other portion of the stamp, but the scrolls from the top row of Plate I are generally quite faint, even on the famous No. 7, unless it happens to be printed in the deep blue shade. Type Ia is another matter; strongly marked in most copies I have seen. At an English auction—

There are several distinct varieties of Type II. They come imperf. from plates 1, 2, 3 and IV; and perforated from plates II, IV, 11 and 12. Those from the early state of Plate I have fairly well-defined outlines, but generally not so clean cut as copies from Plate II. Plate IV copies are easily distinguished from the other by the unevenness of the erasures at top and bottom. They look smeary and unfinished; sometimes there are parts of scrolls below the labels; and sometimes the outer lines at top and bottom are thin or broken. In the Type II stamps those from the top rows of Plates IV and XI are the most desirable, but are far from easy to distinguish.

Plenty of collectors deceive themselves about Type III stamps. Sometimes they mistake the Type V stamps from Plate VI, which have side ornaments almost complete, for the real Type III; more often the Type III stamps seen in collections are certain positions or impression from Plate IV. It is the only case I know of where the same position may print as Type III in one printing, and as Type IIIa in the next. The Simon-pure article most of us are looking for in vain is 99 R.II. Hen's teeth are common as huckleberries compared to this particular stamp. It is very easy of identification once studied. The illustration in the specialized catalog shows the identification mark. It is a shift or double transfer in the ornament at the lower right, just opposite the extreme end of the lower label. It looks like a thorn in the center of the scroll. There are very good type III positions from Plate IV, but they are worth only a fraction of 99 R.II, and cannot be mistaken for it if you remember that shift.

Type IIIa is a stamp very often passed by as the cheaper Type II. It is distinguished only by a break in the outer line at the top or bottom of the stamp. The varieties from Plate IV I consider fairly common stamps, uncertain in their outlines and not particularly attractive. But there are two varieties from Plate XI well worth looking for. They seem to be at least ten times as scarce as those from Plate IV, and they are more satisfactory because more uniform. At the exposition in New York an out-of-town dealer sold a find of these stamps on cover at $1.50 to $2.00 each. They were lying on his table as I wandered past. Three or four collectors had looked them over and passed them as Type II, failing to notice the odd little gap in the line above the upper label. The first copy I picked up was one of the fine shifts, perfectly centered, and easily worth its catalog value of $30.00 off cover. Here, of course, was a legitimate find, without attic hunting.

No need to say much of anything about Type IV, as they are the commonest of the 1c 51s. They are distinguished by the recutting of outer lines at top and bottom; scarce only when perforated, or in the inverted shifts.

The stamps we have reviewed up to this point are all fairly uncommon, ranging in catalog value from $3.50 to $2,000.00. But there are just as good finds relatively to be made among the common Type V stamps if you take the trouble to study them and learn to recognize the minor varieties. There is, to me, more kick in finding the curl on shoulder variety, or the "earrings", or a fine shift, among a lot of 35c stamps as in finding a few 5c 47's in an attic. More so, I believe, because the attic find represents nothing more than luck, or perseverance. The discovery of the fine minor variety is the fruit of patient and interesting study.

How does one learn these details? Until recently they could be learned only by personal study, exchange of notes with other students, questioning of dealers, etc. But in recent years students have freely given their findings to fellow collectors. Stanley B. Ashbrook of Cincinnati has written a most interesting and instructive monograph on these one-cent stamps of 1851-57. Elliott Perry has plated and written up the minor varieties of the 10c '47, and it was published by the *Collectors Club Philatelist*. Next month will appear Dr. Chase's great work on the 3c stamps of 1851-57. Chase & Ashbrook wrote up the varieties of the 10c of 1851-57, and it was published several years ago.

There are reference works on many phases of collecting; and any man who talks of collecting stamps from an investment standpoint, who does not have all available information on his special line, is talking through his hat. Even stamps you must know your grocerie

The talk was illustrated by sine items, pairs, strips and blocks, fr plates showing combinations of types a block of six from the top two rows f Pl IV top Type II; second row, T IIIa; a block from Plate 12 showg types I and II. Strip showing III tween two IIIa-s, etc.

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Cleveland

—Live News from a Live Co spondent in Garfield-Perry Clu

By VANCE HOLDEN, Sec.

First—that Garfield-Perry ban date is wrong. And for fear someth should slip and we do not get furt word to you as planned, the amendm is stated here—Saturday, March 16, correct. Hotel Cleveland is the locat Ladies are invited—wives, sweethea etc.

Anticipate the usual good attenda from out-of-town visitors, since the s rounding cities have always sent a m ber or two for the exhibition, auc and the banquet itself.

The present president of the Clu is "Mike" Lloyd (M.J.); Vice Presid S. W. Green; Treasurer, A. S. Hill- usual. And the writer Secretary. probably a stranger to you since I h only been a member eighteen month so. Have been on your subscription for a number of years, however.

You have, of course, noted that th are three Clubs in Cleveland. The o two having been organized more or recently, quite recently combined int a single club, meeting at Hotel Cleve Our auctioneer conducted their last tion for them, and the feeling betwe the Clubs is quite friendly, altho th has been some little criticism that Garfield-Perry is "highbrow"—not so

Also a few of our dealers have ecently opened new offices—Good—n the new Euclid. And over on the W side you will find a Porter. Things philatelic sense look bright indeed Cleveland.

Stop Press News

SULLIVAN STAMPS SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.

Authority for the Postmaster General issue a special series of postage mps commemorating the 150th anni- rsary of General Sullivan's raid, which ened Genesee county of Western New rk to civilization, was asked in a bill roduced in the House by Representa- e Sanders, Republican of New York.

NEW DANISH CHARITY ISSUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.

The Danish Post Office Department s invited Danish artists to participate a prize competition for a design for a w issue of stamps. The issue will nsist of the three denominations, 10, 15 d 25 ore, and the stamps are intended be sold at a higher price than the face lue. The surplus money received to to the National Association for fight- cancer.

The competition closes February 15, 29, and the competing designs will be dged by a committee chosen from the st Office Department, the Cancer mmittee, and the Academy of Arts. Nothing has so far been mentioned out the amount of the overprice to be arged, or whether it is to be a perma- nt issue or intended to be sold for a nited period only.

A. E. PADE.

NDBERGH'S AIR MAIL FLIGHT

Monday, Feb. 4.

Col. Lindbergh arrived in Belize, Br. nduras tonight at 5 o'clock. He cele- ated his 27th birthday anniversary by oting 500 pounds of mail through the st day of the trip from Miami to istobal. Four hops, Miami, Havana, lize, Managua and Cristobal mark the tallation of the new service.

COND LONDON DEALERS' BOURSE

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Following up the successful Dealers' rse of last June, a second one will staged by London stamp firms June to 12, at the King's Hall of the Hol- n restaurant. It will be a notable nt.

LUXEMBURG 2fr "OFFICIEL"

ESSEN, GER., Jan. 24.

he "beautiful black 2fr stamp show- the charmingly situated small town Clervaux made its appearance early November with the well-known sur- ge "Officiel" in the upper left corner, ch means that this stamp is to serve franking official correspondence. ilst the stamp for ordinary mail mat- has been printed on unwatermarked r, the official stamp appears on paper watermarks resembling an airplane. color of the overprint is black, which not contrast sufficiently with the k background of the stamp proper. , therefore, expected that the present p will soon be withdrawn and be ced by a stamp showing the sur- ge in red ink.

A. WAGNER.

SURRENDER OF FORT SACKVILLE

Motif on New Vincennes Stamp from Painting by Boston Artist

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 4.

A nationally known local artist, Frederick C. Yohn, has won the distinction of having the scene depicted in one of his paintings selected to adorn a commemorative issue of United States postage stamps.

The painting, called "The Surrender of Fort Sackville," is the artist's conception of the surrender of Fort Sackville in Vincennes, Ind., by Col. Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor of Detroit and British commander in the northwest, to Col. George Rogers Clark, the commander of Virginia troops in the west, on Feb. 25, 1777.

Historical Painter

Artist Yohn has been painting historical scenes since his youth, starting in 1893. He is a native of Indiana, and well versed in the history of his section of the country. He first became more than locally known when he illustrated Henry Cabot Lodge's "The Story of the Revolution." Later he illustrated Roosevelt's "Life of Cromwell," which added to his laurels, and then Gen. Funston's "Memoirs." He also does a great deal of magazine illustrating. He has two sons, one a student at Harvard, and the other taking extension courses at Boston University.

In speaking of the selection of his painting to adorn the new issue stamps, he said he had not been officially notified; that he had presented the original painting to the Indiana Historical Society some years ago and he presumed that the negotiations had been between the post-office authorities and the society direct.

Highly Regarded

The picture is very highly regarded in Indiana, depicting as it does, one of the outstanding events in the history of that state. Clark's accomplishment in capturing the fort with but 150 frontiersmen, has been described as the key manœuvre which affected what is now Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

That the subject is a popular one is shown by its reproduction on hundreds of fine English Wedgwood plates, which have been sold widely throughout the country.

FIRST FLIGHT, HALIFAX-ST. JOHN

HALIFAX, Jan. 28.

"Greetings to the WEEKLY upon the occasion of the first air mail flight, Halifax to St. John."

DONALD A. KING.

Date Jan. 28, and a pretty cachet.

RUMORED A. P. S. STAMP EXHIBIT

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 4.

It is rumored that a stamp exhibition on an extensive scale will be held in connection with the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society this summer. Details are lacking.

APPRECIATION OF GREECE

BY ADAM ADMAN.

ere is something undeniably fasci- g about the first type stamps of ce, once you acquire an understand- f them.

ese stamps are unique in several What other example can you find single design gracing every postage issued by a country for a period of ars? And where else will you find eries of imperforate stamps of the of this one.

casual philatelic observer who ines specimens of these first type stamps representing different printings made during this 25-year period, protests when he is asked to believe that all these printings are from one set of plates.

Such is a fact, however. A single design was engraved in Paris by M. Barre, the artist who designed the early stamps of France. All the values were made from the same matrix, an electrotyped plate being made for each denomination. The plate consisted of 150 stamps arranged in rows of ten.

The seven plates, one for each value (1 Lepton, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 Lepta), from which were printed the 1861 issue commonly designated as the "Paris prints," served for printing the issues of the succeeding 25 years without being either reengraved or retouched in any way.

The "Paris prints" were fine and delicate; those that followed were of varying degrees of coarseness. Several causes contributed to these variations, viz: differences in skill of the workmen, wearing of plates, and quality of paper.

A temporary effort to return to the beautiful impressions of the "Paris prints" was made in 1870-71 when the plates were cleaned carefully, removing the accumulations of ink that had begun to fill in the fine lines of the design. Two printings show the effect of this cleaning of the plates. Then the printers became careless again and from 1875 on the printings tell a story of worn plates that grew gradually more and more encrusted with ink. Even among the late printings, however, one value occasionally would be treated more carefully than the others, so that there is quite a contrast sometimes between different values from the same printing.

When plates for two new denominations —30 Lepta and 60 Lepta—were used for the first time in 1876, the workmen were able to obtain results comparable to the "Paris prints" of 1861, but apparently the ink was not wiped off when the plates were laid away, consequently when a second printing was called for a year after the first, the stamps were about as poorly executed as those from the older plates which had been in use for years.

Opinion differs as to the exact number of printings of the various values of this first type. The largest number of printings claimed by any student of these stamps, within the knowledge of the writer, is as follows:

1 Lepta, 28 printings; 2 Lepta, 20 printings; 5 Lepta, 30 printings; 10 Lepta, 26 printings; 20 Lepta, 38 printings; 30 Lepta, 7 printings; 40 Lepta, 21 printings; 60 Lepta, 2 printings; 80 Lepta, 10 printings.

A total of 182 printings of nine values of the same type. Surely, this is a philatelic record.

Although the writer has been studying these stamps only a short time, he has obtained specimens of about three-fourths of the printings listed by this earlier student. These are distinct varieties of paper, color of ink and class of impression and are easily identified when you know what points of difference to look for.

AROUND ABOUT

R. ROBERTS, the well-known London dealer at 430 Strand, has been able to extend his premises with additional room on the first floor. He can now offer better accommodations to his many callers, and also, to still further extend the private and personal attention that in the past has been so appreciated by his clients.

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THAT philately will progress, come what may, is the belief of many amateurs and professionals who show their faith in its future by word and work and the investment of large sums of money in stamps. The only question that enters into the calculation is as to the rate of progression that is to be maintained. Some collectors seemingly are content to trust to the natural increase of collectors but the majority feels that in this day of advertising necessity, methods should be employed to catch the eye of the great public in order that the number of collectors may be increased at a rapid rate. Nowhere else is there to be found so promising a field for sowing seed as in this country. In some sections of our national domain, stamp collecting is practically unheard of and, if in isolated instances faint whisperings of it have met the ear, the tendency is to associate philately with boys and eccentric fellows. A mention of coin collecting, for instance, will meet with some response, even in remote sections, as a consequence of the centuries of traditions behind numismaty and its tangible qualities while philately remains in total eclipse. The objective of philatelists is to bring stamps to the attention of the great mass of people who as yet have no appreciation of the man and money power of collecting as it is to-day. The work of awakening the ignorant and indifferent outsider to a realization of the existence of the world of stamps goes on. Our readers send us each week testimony to this condition in the shape of newspaper and other clippings, not a few of which are inspired by their own enterprise. We cannot comment on each of these printed notices but we can say that those who are credited with the results deserve the thanks of all who can visualize the golden days to come. Slowly the philatelic ignorance of a large part of the people is yielding to the enlightenment of the press and a recognition is coming that stamp collecting is a regulated means of enjoyment that stands forth in the open divested of mysterious trappings.

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RECENTY, in the Chicago *Daily News*, Cleo Mayfield, the wife of Cecil Lean, the same musical comedy star who established his fame in Chicago, told of Mr. Lean's room in their home at the foot of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. She said: "It's the billiard room in the boathouse, papered from top to bottom with stamps he has collected from all parts of the world. It's beautiful, really beautiful. How he got the stamp collecting idea I don't know but he's been saving them for years and all his friends knowing about it have sent him stamps from everywhere. These paper the walls." While Mr. Lean's album is unusual, it is not unique because there are other rooms whose mural decorations are wholly of stamps. Mr. Lean was invited to attend a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society in order that he might disclose his philatelic leanings, but on the evening of the meeting, he was compelled to telephone that contrary to his wishes, he could not be present.

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HERE is a paragraph written by Mr. Ralph E. Warner, Oberlin, Ohio, that may well be brought forth, as showing how an eminent scholar makes his stamp collection a sort of corollary of his studies, let us say: "Our president of Oberlin College, Ernet Hatch Wilkins, is a stamp collector. As you know, he is one of the foremost Italian scholars in this country and as would be expected he collects Italy. I was rather surprised to find that he collected stamps and I enjoyed seeing his collection. President Wilkins begins with the Italian states and continues them logically into Italy proper, which he brings down to the 1900's. His interest has been the historical development of this country; he does not go in for minor varieties but confines himself to trying to complete the major varieties. There were very few blank spaces and it was a pleasure to follow it through, reading the historical data he has placed under each issue."

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CAPTAIN B. B. LIPSNER, America's first air mail superintendent, was a delegate to the recent International Civil Aeronautics Conference at Washington and he was an interested spectator at the post office booth where the Wright Brothers stamps were sold. Captain Lipsner has many a tale to tell of the early days of the air mail service and of the philatelic demand for air mail covers that keep his listeners from nodding. In 1918, as a captain in the army air service, Benjamin B. Lipsner proposed plans for an air mail service in this country. At the request of the post office department, he resigned from the army and joined the post office division. History relates how his constructive plans were employed to advantage to found the great aerial system that we now enjoy. He made a record for himself and all through the busy years to the end of 1918, he devoted himself to firmly establish the service. At the banquet and exhibition of the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society held January 2[illegible] Captain Lipsner was awarded first prize for his frame "Commemorating the Wrights' First Successful Flights. [illegible]ver Anniversary. Dec. 17, 1903-Dec. 17, 1928."

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THE season of philatelic banquets is at its height and invitations are coming to the fore. From all accounts the annual dinner of the Collectors Club, held at the Hotel Astor on February 2, 1929, was a scene that beggared description, to quote an emotional correspondent. The philatelic refinements of the occasion were afforded a background of brilliant light due in great part to the presence of the ladies, with the concomitants of music and dancing.

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In your issue of the 24th December, 1928, you published an article under the above heading by Mr. Hubert Lyman Clark, who deplores the fact that the Irish list has been revised in the 1929 Scott Catalogue. Mr. Clark states that his interest in Irish stamps has been wrecked through the new catalogue changing the list from a straight forward one, into a complicated list of minor varieties only capable of being understood by a specialist, who would have to enlist the aid of a very accurate millimeter scale and magnifying glass, to enable him to classify the stamps in the new catalogue order.

Nothing could be further from the truth than this, as unless Mr. Clark has very defective eyesight there is no need to use a magnifying glass, and the very accurate millimeter scale can be dispensed with altogether. The stamps issued by the Irish Free State since 1922 rank amongst the most interesting issues produced in any country, and the different printings are so easily classified that the veriest novice should have no difficulty in arranging them either by Scott's 1929 or Stanley Gibbons Catalogues. Let us take each printing as listed in the 1929 Scott and see the ease with which they can be distinguished from each other, in the hope that renewed interest may be awakened in Irish for Mr. Clark, or any collector who like him is puzzled and perplexed by the new list.

Firstly, one takes Scott's Nos. 1 to 14, the ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 10d, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps overprinted by Messrs. Dollard, Ltd., of Dublin, with the inscription "Rialtas Sealadac na Heipeann 1922" in *black*, meaning "Provisional Government of Ireland, 1922." One notes that the *date* is printed in *antique figures without a stop*. As the *black* overprint did not show up well on the 2½d, 4d and 9d values of this issue, they were overprinted in *red* from the 1st April, 1922.

The 4d is found showing two shades of overprint, a *bright red*, and a *deep carmine*, the latter being much the scarcer of the two.

Next, one comes to Scott's Nos. 15 to 18, the 1½d, 2d die I, 2d die II, 6d and 1/- values overprinted by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., of Dublin, in *black ink*, which is very similar in appearance to the Dollard Black Overprint, but has the *date* printed in *block figures followed by a stop*.

Following this set comes Scott's Nos. 19 to 22A, the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d die I, and 2d die II values, overprinted in a *glossy black ink* by Messrs. Harrison and Sons of London, the actual printers of the stamps. This printing was only issued in vertical and horizontal Coils for use in automatic stamp vending machines, and is easily distinguished from the Thom Black printing as the overprint is *wider* and *deeper*, and the I in *Rialtas* is *very much longer* than in the previous printings.

In addition the foot of the last letter in *Rialtas* is *always situated to the left of the third a of Sealadac*, instead of to the *right* as in the normal Thom Printing.

Now comes Scott's Nos. 23 to 38, the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d die I, 2d die II, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d Brown, 9d Green, 10d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- values, also overprinted by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., in a *glossy blue-black ink*, the 2½d, 4d and 9d stamps being overprinted in *red*. This *blue-black* overprint is easily distinguished from the *black* one if a stamp of the latter set is used for comparison, as the appearance of the two overprints is quite different in both daylight and artificial light.

The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values, Nos. 36, 37 and 38, are the only stamps overprinted by Messrs. Thom with the date in *antique figures without stop*, and can be distinguished from the Dollard high values Nos. 12, 13 and 14, without difficulty as the H and E in HEIPEANN are very much *closer together* than in the former printing.

One now comes to Scott's Nos. 39 to 43, the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d die II, and 1/- values, also overprinted by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., in *blue-black ink*, but with the overprint larger than that on the previous set. If one takes a stamp from this set and places it alongside a stamp from any of the previous ones, the difference is at once apparent, as the lettering through being *wider spaced* stands out more clearly and has a more even appearance.

Next on the list is Scott's Nos. 44 to 58, the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d die II, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 10d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values, the last issue printed by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., which has quite a different overprint reading "SAORSTAT EIREANN 1922," meaning "Irish Free State 1922," as is apparent from the catalogue, and should present no difficulty whatever to anyone.

This issue is printed in *blue-black ink*, the 2½d, 4d and 9d being in *red*.

Then comes Scott's Nos. 59 to 62, the ½d, 1d, 1½d and 2d die II values, with a similar overprint in *black*, the work of Messrs. Harrison & Sons of London. These stamps were issued in Vertical and Horizontal Coils for use in automatic stamp vending machines.

The overprint can be distinguished from the Thom Saorstat by the colour of the ink, and has a heavier and thicker appearance.

The foot of the 1 in the *date* is *round* instead of *straight* as in the Thom printing, and the letters of the word "EIREANN" appear to be out of alignment in comparison with the Thom. Both Harrison Printings can also be identified by the perforations, as these are frequently cut on opposite sides of the stamp, or have the *straight cut teeth*, which stamps torn from sheets never possess.

The Current Issue, Nos. 65 to 76, need no description beyond that given by Scott, which also applies to the Postage Dues.

Lastly comes Nos. 77, 78 and 79, the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values, overprinted by the Government Printers in Dublin Castle, and generally called the Dublin Castle Printing. This is similar to the Thom Saorstat Printing in blue-black, but the overprint is in a *dull black ink* and the *figures in the date are set so close together that they are nearly touching*, whereas in the Thom Printing they are set *wide apart*.

This completes the description of the normal issues listed by Scott, all of which can be distinguished from one another with the greatest of ease by the naked eye. The Errors listed are also easily distinguished as an "Inverted Overprint" or "Missing Accent" is quickly noted, and the "Handstamped" and "Reversed Accents," and "Pencf" varieties present no difficulties to a collector with a knowledge of the normal issues. Irish stamps are simple in comparison to some of the complicated issues of other countries listed in Scott's Catalogue, with their numerous and minute eye straining differences of perforation and watermark.

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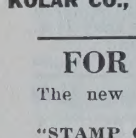

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Lockport, N. Y., Provisional

Lockport is a city in the state of New York, having a population of about 18,000, which is known to philatelic fame from the fact that in 1846 its then post-

master issued a provisional 5c envelope to facilitate the prepayment of postage. These envelopes were suppressed in the following year when the Government issued adhesive postage stamps.

Answers to Last Teasers

By LESTER MARMORSTEIN.

(1) Uruguay, (2) Uganda, (3) Italian Offices in China, (4) Dominican Republic, (5) Liberia A55, (6) New Brunswick A2, (7) Argentine Republic, (8) Tasmania A15, (9) Greece, (10) Hayti.

Minor Defects

Every once in a while a subscriber will send us a stamp where a trifling defect is found in the design. We sent a letter of this character to Mr. Ward recently, and he has given us a carbon copy of his reply, which we now print for the benefit of all our Juniors:—

"Replying to your letter of December 30, relative to the current 15c stamp, would advise that these little defects that you note are prevalent on many issues, and are not constant defects, due to defects in the plate, but are simply due to the plates not being properly cleaned, or the paper not being properly moistened. They are so common and of so little interest, that they are not worthy of Chronicle. We thank you for writing us and trust if you run across anything else odd or unusual, that you will bear us in mind."

I Love Them All

By EVERETT KLASS.

A bright new stamp on an album page,
My heart with rapture fills!
A wee little stamp, or a great big stamp,
Gives me a lot of thrills;
A bright red stamp or a deep blue stamp,
Or a stamp that's colored green
On a page of white is a pretty sight,
It's the grandest I have seen.

I have them square, upright or long,
I have them triangular, too;
They make a rainbow colored throng
As they pass in grand review.
When I slowly turn each album page,
I gaze with loving eyes
On each one mounted in its place—
My own to idolize!

Remainders

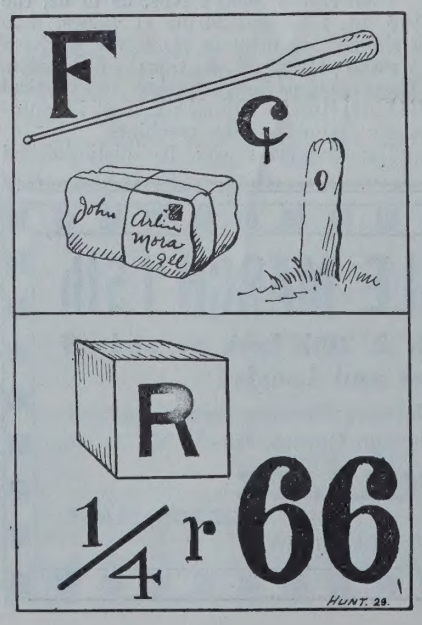
Young collectors often hear the term "remainders" applied to certain stamps and have probably only a very hazy conception of what the term means. Some confuse them with reprints, while others consider them an objectionable class of stamps, though on what grounds is not always clear.

They are certainly not reprints and where they are the remainders of stamps issued for bona-fide postal purposes they can hardly be considered very objectionable. Remainders are the stamps left on a Government's hands after a set has gone out of issue. They may be destroyed—a course that commends itself to most stamp collectors—or they may be offered for sale in one or more lots to the highest bidder or bidders. If they are sold unused the stamps are generally demonetised—that is, not available for postage at any future date—but in the case of British Colonial stamps even then they are not sold below face value. When it is decided to sell them in a cancelled condition face value is of course a secondary consideration and the lot goes to the highest bidder.

Many remainders have been marked in so distinctive a manner that they stand quite apart from the ordinary used or unused stamps of the same series. For instance, certain Mauritius stamps bearing the word "Cancelled" are remainders; the Spanish stamps overprinted with three or four black bars are remainders; the St. Helena stamps with a diamond shaped cancellation in violet are remainders; and so on.

A Good "Hunt" For You
Name the Two Stamps

Our Juniors are invited to send in their answers. We will publish an Honor Roll March 11.



Int. Medical Congress

Im Hotep

Ali Pasha

In connection with the International Medical Congress held recently in Cairo, Egypt, two stamps were issued, 5m brown with the Egyptian God of Medicine, and 15m with founder of the Cairo Medical School.

Stamps on the Radio

By J. N. BURTON.

The fact that we have a radio right near our desk where our stamp letters are written most caused us to jump Monday evening, Jan. 28, for the radio commenced to exclaim that her husband had been riding the hobby of collecting stamps since he had been the Postmaster of Tompkins Corners.

She said their Post Office had been fourth class for years, but now since the Air Mail to California had started Uncle Sam had recognized what a good man she had and made the Tompkins Corners Post Office a third class office. So this was their celebration and they expected the Postmaster General to be with them, however, their company turned out to be three stranded actors from New York City. They were fed up, and in return furnished entertainment for the celebration.

We are informed that the Air Mail from Tompkins Corners was sent by Elmer, and his wheelbarrow, to meet the busses where it was conveyed to Albany, thence by airplane to California. And it is well to say that Elmer was some character in the Corners.

While from the arrangement of this little skit sent by Radio from WLW at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, it would not seem to have been put up to help interest people in collecting stamps as a hobby, still there was enough of it to make us sit up and take notice.

Gustavus Adolphus, Crown Prince of Sweden

President of the Swedish Philatelic Society.

The stamp collection of H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Sweden is formed on general lines from the standpoint of interest rather than rarity, and it contains none of the classical rarities. His Royal Highness has a predilection for the early issues of European countries, especially old German States, and possesses many much-sought-after specimens, *e.g.*, Wurtemberg, all the 18kr and 70kr varieties of the 1851-73 issues. The early Italian States are also well represented, and include, among other choice items, the Sicily 50 grana in used condition. In Sweden the chief item of note is a copy of the scarce error of the 20 öre, worded "Tretio" (30) for "Tjugo" (20). The collection also includes some rare specimens of British Colonial stamps, notably the Nova Scotia 1/- of 1851. H.R.H. is keenly interested in the welfare of the Swedish Philatelic Society, of which he is President.—*Who's Who in Philately.*

A MIXTURE—

E. J. HALVORSEN advises us tha Douglas, Ariz., will dedicate it airport April 6. There will be a speci cachet, and there is a possibility tha Agua Prieta, Mexico, will have on Mexican air mail stamps cost 12½c eac Ann T. McCue, acting secretary of th Chamber of Commerce, will purcha Mexican stamps for those who wish t avail themselves of her service. Fo particulars write to address given wit stamped envelope.

"AMONG a lot of covers that ju came in was one addressed, Ho Theodore Roosevelt, Buffalo, N. Y. Th cover is crisp and clean, and has th Pan-American Exposition triangular ca cel, and dated Sept. 14, 1901—the da McKinley died and Roosevelt becan president. From the price on this piec I don't think anyone noticed the comb nation. Let someone try to get it now —C. A. PLOCH.

H. R. GROGG is conducting a ve interesting Philatelic department the *Pontiac* (Mich.) *Independent*. Spec men copies have been submitted, and v take pleasure in commending Mr. Grogg efforts.

WE are indebted to Brady Buchana for a specimen cover of a Cana air mail flight from Ottawa to St. Joh Jan. 28. The cachet consists of a fi picture of the legislative building at C tawa with an airplane in flight.

A. O. HOKENSEN sends us a cli ping from the *Ogdensburg A vance* giving the story of aviation pro ress as shown by stamps put out by t P. O. Department. There is one item the list of publicity that is being giv air mail in these days.

WE have received from Harris & C 535 Commonwealth Ave., Bosto Mass., a very handsome little book called "The Fiery Throne," with oth stories from stamps. It is well printe finely illustrated, and has 24 pages live, readable matter. The book is b ing furnished dealers who carry a co plete line of the firm's Honor-B packets. It should prove a splendid mi sioner for Philately.

WE are indebted to C. L. Brock Houston, Tex., for a specimen first flight air mail cover. It is a CA 29, out of Houston, Jan. 23, and beari a purple cachet, New Orleans-Housto Thanks for the courtesy.

THE firm of S. Grossman Co., 102 W 42 St., N. Y. City, is sending out very fine wholesale list. It consists of mammoth book of 82 large pages fill with all kinds of stamp offerings. It a very useful list, and any dealer will well to send for a copy.

ON Tuesday, Jan. 22, the R. I. Phil telic Society had the pleasure having as its guest and speaker Warr H. Colsen, Boston. His subject, "Ra ties and The Art of Faking" was interesting that we had an unusua large attendance. A number of ra specimens were shown, which were great interest to all present. The met ods of the counterfeiter were explain and samples of his works exhibited. W. H. COLWELL.

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(There is always a reason for everything—there is a reason for this rhapsody. We are not at liberty to divulge it but Sevard in due season must let the light stream in.—W. O. W.)

Recently we came by a vast amount of philatelic research work of an earlier day, tome upon tome of laboriously handwritten pages of odd bits of breathless gasps of inklings and blots of some momentous authority on an elusive subject of erudition. As one glances the pages, a clipping here, an odd scribble there, one reacts to an enthusiasm smoldering under the cold embers of a relinquished purpose. Once, we suppose, there was fire kindled, and the flaming baton for Vestal hearths was guardedly passed from hand to hand, yet here lies the half-burned brand to rekindle, or destroy.

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Our littoral is strewn with the derelicts of many collections, collections which in their hey-dey of enthusiasm blossomed like the roses of June, withered, and then passed away. The yellowed leaves of time, pressed between the pages of some forgotten book, crackle between the fingers, and fall away like dust. That, that was life, now is destroyed. No magic can repair its beauty, no necromancy can put its cheeks, no ritual can give it adoration, for its spirit is gone.

Guatemala

—New Currency Based on "Quetzal" Now Seen In New Stamps.

By HERMANN FOCKE.

It seems that this country is now going over to the new currency of the "Quetzal", which I understand is to be the same value as the Mexican dollar, ., in silver, equal to 50c U. S. gold cy., d I hear that already several values ve appeared as provisionals, surcharged the 15 pesos black of 1924 and 1926; wever, there is also on hand a new rmanent issue in this new currency, the centavos de Quetzal purple, of which enclose a used pair, together with the value already known and catalogued.

This newcomer is similar to the 25c lue of the 1926 set with portrait of renzo Montufar, Scott's type A-75, d also bears the Series number of 1926, t is printed by De la Rue & Co., Ltd., hereas the 1926 issue was printed by aterlow & Sons.

I presume that the old 25c value was t to the printers as a model for the w stamps, without instructions to ange the year of issue to 1928, as it ght to have been, considering that the w monetary system was decided upon t year.

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TO THE EDITOR:—

Your editorial quotation from a Chicago correspondent's letter on page 736 (Dec. 24), regarding unflown Latvian covers, comes at an opportune time. The demand for flown covers has increased beyond all anticipation. In America, American aerogrammes obviously have the monopoly of attention, but when the buying power of American collectors discovers the interest and intrinsic value of foreign covers, as it will do eventually, then may we expect a flood of covers in search of this rich market—covers that will include outright fakes, covers "flown" over routes which are metaphorically, but not literally "in the air", "cancelled to order" covers, and so forth. Had I the leisure, I would broadcast a list of covers already on the market that are not what they appear to be, but that duty must be deferred at present.

My purpose in writing is to make two suggestions: the first, that the collector read, mark and learn every item of appropriate news that comes his way through the philatelic press (advertisements as well as news columns), for a well-informed collector rarely buys wrongly; and the other suggestion is that dealers operate a form of guarantee service. Without asking for a free ad, I would say that my firm started a money-back guarantee over three years ago, including the keeping of check details on all covers, which acts admirably. It will pay American dealers to do the same, after assuring themselves of reliable sources of supply for information as well as goods. Our expenditure, about $5,000 a year, in this direction is not merely bread cast on the waters!

It is a well-known fact that because of the high percentage of philatelists to population in European countries, European stamps of the right sort are gilt-edged investments. This applies also to flown covers of the right sort, and collectors who take an intelligent interest in foreign covers, can at present buy at prices altogether out of proportion to eventual values.

Yours truly,
FRANCIS J. FIELD.

London, England.

WESTCHESTER CO. CHAPTER A. P. S.

The Westchester County chapter of the A. P. S. met Jan. 21, at the home of Beverly S. King, White Plains, N. Y. Seventeen members and four visitors were present. The present membership is thirty-three. There was some discussion as to future places of meetings, but it was finally decided to continue to meet at members homes for the balance of the season and arrange for permanent quarters with the September meeting.

Mr. Welty of Yonkers, will entertain in April, Mr. Cristi of Ardsley in May, and Mr. Squier of Yonkers in June. Vice-Pres. and Editor Squier gave an interesting report on recent postal activities and new issues. Air mail was given special consideration.

The swapping of stamps was indulged in, and a wonderful collection of supposed rarities gotten together by Paul Wise, and exhibited by E. B. Power, one of the guests of the evening, provoked much merriment. A buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. King, and the meeting closed at near midnight.

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MACHINE-DIE CANCELLATIONS IN COLOR

By R. J. SCHWARZ.
President National Air Mail Society.

Has the precedent set by the Government in using green ink in the cancelling machine at the special post office during the International Civil Aeronautics Conference to "doll up" our covers taken so well with the public that in the future we may see all hues of the rainbow being used in the cancellers?

I have before me an envelope picked from the wastebasket of a large firm because it has the regular machine type of cancellation in an attractive shade of blue. It has an ordinary 2c stamp and is from Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 4, 11 P. M., 1929, with the "Air Mail Saves Time" die.

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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
40 Wilshire Park, Needham, Mass.

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

L. B. Gatchell, Secty. of the American Air Mail Society, sends a special note regarding stops on FAM No. 5, based on information received from an official source. It is doubtful if any mail will be brought North by Col. Lindbergh, from any Central American countries in which he stops. This will also be true of his flight from Miami to Cristobal.

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The Willys-Overland Co. broke all Air Mail records for quantity when they dispatched 700,000 letters at one mailing, recently. * * Messrs. W. J. Prinzing and E. Dickason favored me with covers from the San Angelo, Texas, Airport dedication of Jan. 24th and 25th. * * J. Wall sends word that The "Graf Zepp." will make a round-the-world trip as coming summer. * * John Rausch reports that the Glendale, Calif., Airport will be opened on Feb. 17th, but is unable to say if a cachet is to be used.

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Ralph Moffett sends in a letter received from the P. M. G's office in Perth, Australia, giving facts relative to their flights that are to occur in April, 1929. The route is given as Perth, Kalgoorlie, Rawlina, Forrest, Cook, Ceduna and Adelaide. The rate is to be 3d per ½ oz. in addition to the regular letter charge of 1d per oz. for Australian delivery. For the U. S. the rate is the Air Mail fee of 5d plus 3d for regular postage. In another letter received by C. A. Forster on the same matter, the P. M. G. states that *"it is regretted that this department can undertake to mail covers on your behalf, as requested."* So you can take your chances if so inclined. It is reported that a 3d Air Mail stamp may be available for the flights, but no special cachet is anticipated.

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Mr. J. H. Jost has shown me a Government Air Mail envelope issued for the Air Mail Service in Mexico. The envelope bears the regular 10c embossed stamp in blue and white and has diagonal green, white and red stripes at the N.W. and S.E. corners.

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Anniston, Ala., dedication date has been postponed to a later date. * * Cresco, Pa. (Skytop), dedication will occur in "Probably a year or two." * * Aeor Phil. Soc. of Chicago held their First Anniversary and Banquet celebration on Jan. 26th. A neat "I Will" cachet was applied to covers mailed from the Hotel Bismark, where the "eats" occurred.

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If you own any of the recent U. S.-Mexico First Trip covers, hang on to them, for, according to the latest dope, the route will become obsolete in a short time. Final bids for the route from Brownsville, Texas, to Vera Cruz, Mexico, have been received by the P. O. D. and when this new route is in operation, it is probable that the Laredo-Mexico City route will go out of business. Under the proposal the Postmaster General may extend the new route via Vera Cruz, Puerto Mexico and Tuitla Cutierrez to one or more of the countries of Central America, stops to be made at such points in those countries as may be acceptable to their Governments.

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The New Orleans-Beaumont-Houston flights came off on time and the cachet applied to covers is a little beauty! Just the right size, clear and distinct. And I want to go on record right here in calling attention to the fact that all my covers were the cleanest ever received back from a contract flight! Nice work and gratefully received.

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The first cover received in from the Canadian flight of January 28th, came to hand on January 29th. Mr. Judson Knappen, the sender, placed the cover at Ottawa, where it received the special cachet and the face cancel of January 28th. Backstamped at St. John, N. B., Jan. 28th at 5 P. M. and arrived in Needham at 1 P. M., Jan. 29th. This is a fast record and, as usual, the cachet is well designed and carefully placed. The Canadian P. O. D. treat covers better than some of our offices, due probably to the fact that a fast drying ink pad is used for applying cachets.

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The Postal Bulletin of January 28th gives a re-arranged schedule over CAM No. 30 and in so doing has dropped Champaign, Ill., from the route, effective on February 1st.

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Mr. D. E. Dickason has sent a cover from the First Express flight over CAM No. 16 that occurred on January 15th. In his letter accompanying the cover, Mr. Dickason states that the American Express personelle were all "het up" over his request that *envelopes,* which could be sent by Air Mail for 5c, be sent by express at $1.34 each! However, Mr. Dickason got them through at the latter rate and in consequence has a most novel and attractive cover. The postage stamp is cancelled with an American Express date stamp, office of the General Manager, bears a great big "AIR EXPRESS" cachet and is autographed by the Superintendent.

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P. M. G. Harry S. New addressed a big group of Aviation enthusiasts, manufacturers and others at a banquet held at the Commodore Hotel on Jan. 29th. His speech probably appeared in your local paper and it makes very interesting reading to Air Mail cover collectors. If you failed to see it, better chase down cellar and dig out the Jan. 30th edition.

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Francis J. Field advises that Mr. J. E. Carberry carried a small amount of mail from Amsterdam to East Africa on his flight, the most interesting of which are those flown from Cairo to Nairobi, for they are the forerunners of the service from Egypt that will operate over practically the same route under the direction of Sir Alan Cobham's Company. The mail to Nairobi consisted of about 40 letters which were postmarked at Cairo on Dec. 6th. Halts were made by the aviator at Wadi Haifa, Khartoum, Mongalla and Nairobi, reached on the fifth day, the covers being postmarked at that place on Dec. 11th, thus proving that transport of mails by air can be effected in less than half the time occupied by the land and water route.

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J. P. Penning advises that Pittsburgh will hold an aero show March 11-16, a balloon race May 4th and that any collectors wishing mail despatched for these events will be assisted by himself. Mr. Penning states that *no* official information relative to cachets has been forthcoming as yet and that the contractor of CAM No. 11 *may* step in and give collectors a cachet. If you want to take a chance, Mr. Penning will be glad to help. His address is 124 East Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa. Send your covers, with your instructions, *ready to go!* Mr. Penning hasn't the time to buy stamps, address covers or look up your relatives. So do your part and send your covers READY TO MAIL.

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United States

New Amber Envelopes

The new 2-cent red on amber envelopes issued under the new contract, were placed on sale for the first time, as far as can be learned, in Philadelphia on Saturday, January 26, 1929. The new variety noted is the Die-H on amber, size 13, with the new 1929 watermark, the date being horizontally across the top of the monogram "U.S."

To the cut-square collector, the new amber varieties will be identical with those on sale four or five years back. As a matter of interest, the 4-cent black on amber, which now lists at $2.00 and the 5-cent at 75 cents will become common varieties, so that quite possibly the catalogue price will be changed.

We will await with interest sight of further new envelopes with the new watermark and would thank our readers to favor us with any that might be placed on sale from time to time at their post office.

5-Cent Aeronautic Conference

Mr. Vance Holden has been studying the 5-cent International Civil Aeronautics Conference variety and finds several oddities in the southwest pane of No. 19658, which he states are constant.

Some of the guide dots used in laying out the plates are still noticeable and he finds such a dot on the fifteenth stamp in the lower portion of "E" of "Cents." On stamp No. 37 there is a little line extending the right leg of the letter "V" of "Civil." On the 46th stamp there is a dot over the "S" of "Postage." If one wants to take the trouble and has the eyesight, numerous oddities of this type may be found in practically all of our issues.

Air Mail Activities

Collectors of air mail covers will note with great regret the order of Mr. John H. Bartlett, First Assistant Postmaster General, dated January 26, 1929, wherein effective immediately the practice of backstamping air mail will be discontinued. The only exception is air mail carried on first flight on newly established air mail routes, under such instructions as may be issued at the time.

One of the main interests in the air mail cover is to note the mailing and receiving postmarks, indicating the time it has taken for the letter to fly and definitely showing that the letter in question is a flown cover, rather than one simply stamped at the place of origin.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, has received bids covering the carrying of air mail one way from Brownville, Texas, to Vera Cruz, Mexico City, or such other points as may be acceptable to the Mexican Government.

It is understood that the air mail route now being operated by the Mexican Government, from Mexico City to the Texan border, is going to be discontinued, so that quite likely the time is not far distant when "Uncle Sam" will help to act as postman for Mexico, and possibly one or two other Central or South American countries.

Canal Zone

Mr. George Brett advises that he has received the 14-cent Indian type, overprinted "Canal Zone" with the sharp "A" of the second printing. This he states was placed on sale either in December or the early part of January of this year.

Mr. R. S. Carter sends a clipping from the *Panama American* of January 11, 1929, wherein mention is made of the new 25-cent Provisional Canal Zone stamp placed on sale that date. It is stated that this will be good for air mail postage only and will not be acceptable for regular postage. The same clipping calls attention to the fact that the first flight from the Canal Zone to the United States, has been postponed to about February 12, 1929.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for note the 1sh4p, with multiple small A and Crown watermark with new perforation 13½x12½.

Brazil.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the 100rs has been issued in light blue green, watermarked Casa Da Moeda vertically.

Egypt.—Thanks to Mr. P. J. Drossos, of Athens, we are now able to give the quantities of the Medical Congress stamps printed, viz.:—5mills brown 300,000; 10mills red, 204,000. There were tumultuous scenes at the guichets recalling the "rough house" conditions of the "Port Fuad" issue. There must be some stout hearts in Egypt. We received copies from four dealers.—*Stamp Collecting*

France.—Copies of the 40c blue Sower type, has been received from the Economist Stamp Co., Whitfield King & Co., and Mr. R. Roberts.

Germany.—The 20pf grey, Official stamp, has been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Guatemala.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a set of new stamps recently issued by this country. They bear the imprint of T. De LaRue & Co. of London, and are of the following values, shades and designs: ½c green (Observatorio Nacional), 1c brown (Palacio Nacional de Antigua), 2c blue (Justo Rufino Barrios), 3c brown-violet (Lorenzo Montufar), 5c red (General Orellana), and 15c ultramarine (Colon).

Jamaica.—A 1½p brown of new design has been received from the Economist Stamp Co. A profile view of King George is the central design with the figures of value in each upper corner, the name of the Colony being at the base and "Postage" in very small letters in the left panel with "Revenue" in the same size type on the right side.

Kelantan.—A $1 blue, line engraved, script watermark, perf. 12, stamp of new design has been sent for chronicle by Mr. R. Roberts. It bears a portrait of the Rajah, large format, recess printed, and is of a very attractive design.

North West Pacific Islands.—Our publishers have shown us a new discovery in the stamps of this interesting group. This consists of a sheet of the 2½d value, with the first watermark overprinted, in *black,* with the second state of the fourth setting of the overprint, i.e., with large stops. Hitherto this variety has only been known with the purple overprint. Curiously enough it was only two months ago that we had occasion to refer in these columns to our publishers' acquisition of a sheet of the same value with the rare black overprint in the second setting, so that the new discovery is quite a coincidence.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

Poland.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 25gr brown Eagle type.

Portugal.—The following provisionals have been received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co.: 40c on 64c blue, 40c on 64c pale ultra, 40c on 75c pink, and 40c on 80c violet, all Ceres type. Also the 15c on 25c grey, and 40c on 50c orange have also been received from the same correspondents.

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Saar.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us of the issuance of a new set of Charity stamps, each stamp having the word "Volkshilfe" at the top and "Saargebiet" at the base. The first three values picture a child with an elderly blind man, while the other three show a native giving bread to a needy man. The values are 40c+40c olive-brown, 50c+50c brown-red, 1fr+1fr violet, 1fr50c+1fr50c blue, 2fr+2fr terra and 3fr+3fr olive-green.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—The 1½p brown, design of Scott's A10, has been shown to us by Mr. R. Roberts.

South West Africa.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the ½p green, postage due stamp of South Africa with the "S.W.A." surcharge in black.

NEW YORK PRECANCEL CLUB

By N. R. HOOVER.

The second anniversary feed of the New York Precancel Club will take place Friday, February 15, at 35 W. 33d St., N. Y. City. Fifty members and guests are expected.

At the meeting of the Club held Friday evening, January 18, with President S. F. Johnson in the chair, about twenty members were present, as well as two prominent visitors, Messrs. Walter Gates of Teaticket, Mass., and V. W. Rotnem of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Gates commented upon the fact that he has just gotten back from checking the collection he gave to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. It appears that the authorities noticed the denunciatory editorial printed some time ago by the New York *Sun*, and that they consider it a reflection more upon the Institute than upon precancels.

Mr. Rotnem commended the New York Club for taking the initiative in the campaign to identify favors in precancels, and predicted that in after years, the decision the Club has made will be viewed with grateful favor as marking the first real move to stabilize precancels.

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NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS OF CANADA

By A. I. LAWRENCE.

The writer has just received a complete set of the latest general issue of these stamps, as follows: 1-cent, orange; 2-cent, green; 3-cent, carmine; 5-cent, violet, and 8-cent, blue—all of the same design, the head of King George in three-fourths full face. The design is dignified and impressive and well executed; the size of all the aforementioned stamps is about 18 by 22 millimetres on a medium heavy, soft paper.

The higher values vary in design, and are particularly interesting; they are as follows:

10-cent, green; landscape view in the Canadian Rockies; the composition is particularly good and speaks well for the artist who designed it.

The 12-cent, gray-black in color, shows a view of the new Quebec bridge across the St. Lawrence River. This stamp is of interest to the engineer as it shows the construction of the bridge members very clearly.

The 20-cent, carmine, has for its subject a landscape view in the western Canadian wheat fields, showing a transcontinental railroad train in the middle distance with background of mountains.

The 50-cent, in a blue color, is the gem of the lot; a marine view of two Canadian fishing vessels under full sail; evidently racing, as a marking buoy is shown, to the windward, in the middle distance. This stamp is the handsomest one, from any country, that has been issued for years, and should be very popular with everyone who loves the sea; it is correct too as regards positions of the vessels in the wind, positions of sails, rigging, etc., which is too often not the case in the marine artist's work.

The $1.00 stamp is in an olive-green color and is quite architectural in its design, showing a front elevation of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa—this is the only stamp of the lot with a more or less duplicate design—it is very similar to that of the 3-cent stamp of the Diamond Jubilee set of June 29, 1927.

The 10-cent and higher values are oblong in shape, 34 by 23 millimetres in size.

This set of stamps is particularly noticeable throughout for the fine designs, accuracy and truthfulness of details, modesty and good taste in colors, and splendid execution. In a scroll across the top is the word CANADA, and across the bottom of each design the word CENTS, or DOLLAR in the highest value. All, excepting only the 20-cent and one dollar values, have the values in figures in each bottom corner of the stamp; the 20-cent and one dollar stamps have values in figures at sides of these stamps, midway between the top and bottom of the design.

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BILL BLOSS CONVERTED

(Bill gave the precancelites a cold shower bath recently, in fact, it was frigid. He had no use for this sideline. But Bill has been converted—in part! From this article it will be noted that he specializes now in 12, 13 and 14c precancels. There is such a thing as conversion, after all.—W. O. W.)

While we were recuperating from the "flu" and ridding ourselves of the ten thousand devils that had moved in on us, the postman was overworked bringing us correspondence from the precancelists.

Anyway, we found out that the precancelists take their philately seriously. If we were so inclined, we might feel all puffed up like a toy balloon to think that we could start such a commotion with our puerile drivel and drool.

Our paragraph was written for the pure purpose of starting an argument and jazzing up an otherwise dying column—for a little excitement is sometimes necessary to keep editorial efforts alive.

The reaction of the offended precancel fans was interesting. One man informs me that I am all humid, on the financial side, because he spends money for them. I have no doubt that plenty of other fans do likewise, and also do not doubt but what more and more will as time goes on. I was not born in Kansas City for nothing, however, and having lived on the Missouri side for some years, I still have to be shown where precancels do or will sit in on the big money as compared with regular stampic issues.

Another man, a dealer, justly took exception to my article as being detrimental to his interests as an advertiser in our journal and as a member of the society. I cannot share his views that any precancel collectors would cease their interest because of any of the opinions I might express in this mess of corruption I turn out.

Any precancel man, or collector of any line, who would quit his hobby because I or any other writer expressed a negative opinion of said branch of collecting would be such a poor fish that the precancel fraternity would never miss him.

I do not give myself credit for being so important that I can seriously influence any man to do as I think best. The policy of this department is to encourage general collecting, or at least, specialism along general lines. We appreciate the fact that few of us can amass a huge general collection, but we also know that to every man comes enough general material over a period of years to make a nice general collection, and so we believe that every man should have such a collection. Whether he buys and builds, or only takes such grist as comes to his mill without cost, matters not.

Personally, I am not a philatelist in the strict sense of the word. I get my big thrill from a one of a kind general collection with just as many crazy, odd and goofy countries and sets as possible. I can't get even a minor thrill over a precancel collection, simply because of the constant repetition of design and type.

Neither can I get a big kick out of highly specialized lots of 3c 1851-7 or any other similar stamp, showing dots behind Washington's ear. Some fellows like it, however, and that's fine. And the fact that I can't see this intense specialistic study and plating will not cause even the slightest fall in the market for the specialistic material.

Now, just to show the precancel fans that my heart is in the right place, I have started to collect 12c, 13c and 14c precancels, and if I ever get a thrill from them, I will tell you all about it. I do not know whether these values are better than others, but the stamps themselves are better than some. Like most of the precancel collectors I know personally, I shall confine my efforts to those that come my way through ordinary channels and mayhap by exchange.

Incidentally, if I were going to collect precancels seriously, I should be inclined to follow the footsteps of Burt Wear, who collects one specimen only of each type from each town. That sounds like a slick way to do it, and gets away from the long sets so identical in appearance. It also makes a valuable addition to Burt's collection of ordinary cancellation types.—*American Philatelist.*

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The collection is the property of Dr. Alfred E. Whitelaw, who gives the following brief description of its most notable items:—

Penny postage came into operation in Great Britain on January 19th, 1840. On that day the House of Commons envelope was introduced for the benefit of the M.P.'s, who had vigorously objected to the discontinuance of franking, a reform brought about by the new measure. This exhibit properly commences with a specimen of this rarely-seen envelope, used during the first month.

Some unusual Mulreadys follow. One, postmarked May 7th, 1840 (second day of issue)—and probably written on May 6th—bears the words, "Hurrah for Rowland Hill!" inscribed by the original user. Other Mulreadys bear rare postmarks, four of them numbered London Crosses, another the Manchester Cross, and another is additionally franked by a superb pair of penny blacks. Among the printed Mulreadys is a fine copy of the very rare circular of the "Society for the Extinction of the Slave Trade," used in 1840.

Penny blacks from all plates are shown on cover, including Plate 11. Perhaps the most outstanding of these are three covers from one correspondence, used on the first, second, and third days of issue, respectively May 6th, 7th and 8th, 1840. Another exceptionally interesting item is a cover (face only) bearing two penny blacks and a strip of six 1d 1841 Plate 11, addressed to New South Wales. This is included, although not in superb condition, as the world's first postage stamp is almost unknown addressed to points outside Great Britain and Ireland. The remaining penny black covers are all immaculate, and are all distinguished by features of special philatelic interest.

Later issues are shown with rare postmarks, many of these coloured. Attention is especially drawn to the 1d 1841 Plate 8, with *red* Cross cancellation, and the 2d 1854 with *green* Dublin obliteration; both are truly perfect specimens of rare items.

Two superb Archers, dated 1850, are included.

The group of covers bearing embossed adhesives are noteworthy for their unusually brilliant condition.

Unique pieces are the 1d 1857 perf. 16, four copies on a Channel Island cover, postmarked at St. Malo, France; a 1d 1864, superb strip of six, with the Edinburgh Brunswick Star cancellation; the 1/- 1862 "K in circle" variety, in superb pair with the normal, and with a magenta railway postmark; an hitherto unchronicled Scots Local, "Thornlie Bank"; a group of combination covers showing stamps of U. S. A., Greece, Roumania, States, North German Confederation, and Egypt, used in conjunction with stamps of Great Britain. An oddity, certainly unique, is a block of four of the fourpence 1855 with *triple* perforation.

A number of the covers show earliest known use, in several cases new record dates. Among the latter are the 1d perf. 14 (1855), 1/- 1850, 1/- 1862, Plate 4, 1865, 6d Plate 6, 1869, and several of the 1d 1864 plates.

Used Abroad. — Some notable covers showing British stamps used abroad are included. Among these are rarities from Limassol, Jamaica, Pernambuco, Rio, Callao, Arica, and Mayaguez. A number show the rare Naval Stations (so-called) postmarks, some of them with hitherto unchronicled varieties. Later covers were used by the Royal Niger Company, and by British forces in South Africa. Some covers carry combinations of British stamps with other countries, one showing three rates, inland (Nicaragua 5c and 25c), ocean (Great Britain 1/), and the Captain's gratuity (Great Britain 1½d).

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However, her contributions have been both beautiful, and more or less justified by circumstances, such as the gradual depreciation of her money, the franc, and the necessity of raising funds for charitable and similar purposes, and a fairly complete collection is practically within the reach of all of us collectors.

Barring the 1920 issue to celebrate the marriage of the daughter of the then reigning Prince Albert, which I believe we may be excused from incorporating into our general collection, there are only two hard-to-get stamps, or rarities, the 5fr of 1885, Scott's No. 10, and more recently, the same value in violet, issued in 1920, Scott's No. 28, this latter being the object which I have in mind when speaking of a coming rarity.

It may not be generally known that whereas of No. 10 there were issued 30,000 copies, very few of which will have gone astray, of No. 28, the issue comprised only 9,000 copies, of which some 3,000 were later surcharged to celebrate the birth of the Prince's grandson, which latter stamp is consequently no object to be scoffed at, and it actually is selling in Europe at very much higher prices than catalogued at here, but it was an unnecessary and thoroughly speculative issue, and may be ignored by all who do not believe in such superfluous creations.

It is a fact that No. 28 has seldom been offered anywhere; I remember that an apparently legitimately used copy on cover was offered at a N. Y. dealer's auction sale in 1927, when the catalogue value was $9.00, but the lucky buyer had to pay more than this to get it, and shortly after the appearance of the 1928 catalogue, which priced it at $12.00, it was again advanced, and today it is priced at $20.00, a very modest figure considering its great rarity and elusiveness.

There is rarely a sale in Europe where not one copy of No. 10 is offered; I remember having seen a catalogue of a well-known Swiss Auctioneer only last year, in which there were seven copies of this stamp, mostly used copies, and for sure all poorly centred, a very common occurrence with nearly all Monaco stamps, but never have I seen offered again a single copy of No. 28.

Seeing that No. 10 is catalogued today at $150.00, and will fetch easily $125.00, while European dealers are asking for a perfect copy 3,500 Frcs., or $140.00, we may judge what this much scarcer No. 28 will bring in years to come, especially a really perfect copy, of which it may almost be said "there ain't none."

A friend of mine had the good fortune and kindness to secure for me in Europe a perfect beauty at a ridiculous price,—I better not name it here, because I might be accused of fibbing—but he added that "this stamp is not only extremely hard to find, but is "surtout" (above all) as a rule very poorly perforated (centred), and really fine copies are "excessivement rares," this from a man who should know more about Monaco stamps than anybody of us on this side of the Pond.

We have heard of late of many a stock having increased in value four—and even tenfold, but this little postage stamp, of a face value of less than 25c in our money only 8 years ago (the franc being at that time quoted at around 5c), is truly worth today hundred times as much.

I hope that some lucky soul has had the forethought to tuck away a full sheet of this stamp under his mattress, and if he does not happen to smoke cigarettes before going to sleep, he may leave it there undisturbed for a few more years, and I believe that for the proceeds of its eventual sale he will be able to purchase a handsome residence.

There are, to be sure, several other little sleepers amongst Monaco's stamps, No. 27 being one of them, since a good portion of this was also surcharged in December of 1920, the year of its issue, but on the other hand it has been my experience that all of the engraved stamps of 1922-24 are overpriced, as they

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

There is a lively stamp club at the Emil G. Hirsch High School, Chicago, one of whose patrons is Dr. C. W. Hennan of that city.

The Forest Park Philatelic Society of Baltimore, recently elected the following members as officers for the current year: President, Charles Stern; 1st Vice-President, T. Rosenburg; 2nd Vice-President, R. London; Secretary, G. Hillman; and Treasurer, M. Sollod. Meetings are held every Wednesday.

The Bowling Green Stamp Club was organized early in the year by about thirty interested members, who met at the Bowling Green Neighborhood Building, 107 Washington Street, New York. Open house prevails on Saturday afternoons between 1 and 4 P. M., and collectors are welcome. The following officers were elected: W. O. Staeb, Rutherford, N. J., President; J. C. Zanini, Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y., Vice-President; G. F. Rothmann, Woodside, L. I., N. Y., Secretary; C. W. Gramm, Cranford, N. J., Treasurer; and S. Newman, Brooklyn, N. Y., director.

There is a stamp society that holds meetings in the Hyde Park Congregational Church, 1364 East 56th St., Chicago, of which Julius Goldsmith is secretary. Mr. A. P. Francis is the dean of the organization, and any collectors in the neighborhood are made to feel at home.

The annual air mail night of the Philatelic Club, Los Angeles, was held on February 4th, when all the "fellows with the Hawkers, DePinedos, and flying what-nots" were out in force.

A new club was organized in Chicago, on January 30, 1929, and called The Postage Stamp Club, which has leased a room on the second floor of 118 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. The room will be open each day from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M., and furnished with tables and chairs. The dues are six dollars a year, and members must be at least 21 years of age. Officers: A. Hippchen, president; J. C. Hribal, vice-president; C. H. Krippaehne, secretary; and W. H. Giller, treasurer. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

PRECANCELS TO THE FORE

By C. A. CARROLL.

Precancel collecting is on the upgrade. There are certain very unmistakable signs which point to this. A large number of new collectors have recently entered the field, a higher average of intelligence is being manifested in the hobby, the one strictly precancel publication has been increased from a quarterly to a monthly, and another very active monthly devoted exclusively to precancels has entered the field and has achieved excellent support, important developments inside the hobby have created special interest among old collectors, and in general, the whole precancel field has taken on added zest.

This wide nook in the halls of philately is by no means new. It has had its devotees for a score or more years. During this period, it has had its ups and downs. Periods of depression have been induced by unhealthy practices which grew up inside the hobby—for instance, the commemorative craze, particularly the Harding boon, which led to hundreds of varieties being created by favor and a fictitious market being built up, with its resultant collapse.

But today witnesses a generally healthful tone both in the market and in accepted practice. The auction market during the past two years has shown marked activity, with new high peak prices being established only to be knocked down in a month or so by some other rarity. When single stamps are run up to twenty and twenty-five dollars, double and even quadruple catalog prices, there is every indication that the hobby has both red blood and superabundant vigor. One very significant feature of the important auctions is that dealers have been the most insistent bidders.

For the benefit of those who know precancel collecting only in name, it may be well to indicate the fundamentals of the game. There are three main divisions of precancels: first, Bureau Prints, or those stamps which are overprinted at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the same time that the stamps are engraved; second, city types which are overprinted in each city from electroplates furnished by the department at Washington; and third, city type handstamps, usually employed by small offices where the use of precancels is restricted to one or two firms, or to general parcel post mailing around Christmas.

Of the three, the Bureau Prints, of course, have an authenticity which can never be brought in question, and consequently have a larger following than other types. Specialists in Bureau Prints are very numerous and are growing in numbers rapidly because of an undercurrent of feeling among some important United States specialists that these emissions are in reality minor varieties of our postal issues, which sooner or later must be recognized in the broader field of general U. S. collecting. There are at present

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Probably the most important attraction in the hobby is the national organization of collectors, known as the Precancel Stamp Society. This organization now has more than five hundred members and is in a very healthy state of being. It provides an annual meeting and exhibition for its membership; it publishes a monthly magazine; it maintains sales and exchange departments; it supervises the practices current in the hobby; it undertakes to help dispose of the collections of deceased members; and in many other ways performs a great need for the hobby as a whole.

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52, pound, v. scarce			10.00

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2	.15	6	1.50
3	.30	9	3.50
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16	.25	20	.50
17	.25	22	2.50

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81	.60	88	5.50
82	.90	89	25.00
	1907 UNIVERSAL		
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92	.45	97	1.00
93	.35	98	1.00
94	.30	99	.65
95	.45	101	4.50

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#103-7	.45	#114	.40
108	.15	115	.50
109	.18	116	1.00
110	.20	117	2.50
111	.35	118	4.00
112	.35	119	6.40
113	.35	121	50.00

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#122-125	.45	#132-4	.20
126	.65	135	.35
127-8	.16	136	.35
129	.30	137	1.60
		138	3.20
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Air Mail News

BY FREDERICK D. MARKEE,
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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Markee and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Official notice from the P. O. D. that bids will close on Feb. 28th, for the longest Air Mail route in the world, will cause a rush among Air Mail cover collectors to secure correspondents along the route. The contract will be let for a period of ten years from April 1, 1929, and the route to be covered is as follows:—from Cristobal, C. Z., via Buenaventura and Tumaco, Colombia; Esmeraldas and Guyaquil, Ecuador; Talara, Truxillo, Lima, Lomas and Mollendo, Peru; Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta, Caldera and Coquimbo to Santiago, Chile; and return, three times a week. Service south of Mollendo, Peru, may be omitted for a reasonable length of time at the discretion of the Postmaster General. The service may be extended at the option of the P. O. D. to include Buenos Aires and Montevideo.

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Official notice is also given that the Newark Airport will be placed in service by the Air Mail contractors on February 17th. Routes terminating at Newark will be CAM No. 1, 19, 17, and FAM No. 1.

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Under date of January 26th, effective immediately, all backstamping of Air Mail will be discontinued. The only exception will be that all First Flights, for the benefit of collectors, will be backstamped *under such instructions as may be issued at the time* by the P. O. D. The matter of backstamping Air Mail has been the battle-ground for collectors for the past two years and more, and while collectors may have had some cause for complaint, the biggest roar will come from big users of Air Mail. As one prominent collector has stated, the backstamp is often used as court evidence in suits, and without this evidence at hand it is probable that the use of Air Mail by the large companies will be more or less discontinued. Anyone in close contact with the Air Mail service knows that the backstamp has been the only means of locating delays in transmission, and without this source of information available, banks, commercial houses and others will not be able to get definite facts pertaining to delays. It looks as if the Department had taken the line of least resistance and "ducked" responsibility.

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250 packages, each weighing nine pounds, were despatched from Cincinnati, O., by Air Mail on January 30th. Postage alone was $3,800. * * Geo. T. Street used an attractive envelope for his covers from San Juan, P. R. The covers were sent to St. Louis, over the trail blazed by Lindbergh, and this fact is printed in the corner of the envelope, together with a small cut of the Colonel and a reproduction of his signature. * * North Attleboro, Mass., is organizing an Airport.

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I have been advised by Mr. E. B. Wadsworth, Supt. of Air Mail Service, that "round trip covers" are against the postal regulations, even when prepaid for the return trip. He asks that, in the interests of the service, we discontinue the practice, as it slows up operations and is confusing to clerks!

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I have received word from Mexico City that the 10c Air Mail envelope reported last week has been discontinued and a new 35c envelope has been put on sale. The latter carries a printed stamp of the eagle type, dark green in color, with the usual Air Mail (Correo Aereo) bands in the corner of the envelope. It is a most attractive cover and makes our recent issue look pretty cheap.

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The formation of a Boston Unit of the American Air Mail Soc. is going on rapidly and it is suggested to non-members of the Soc. residing in other parts of the country, that they communicate with the Secretary with a view toward enrolling in any local unit that may be forming. The American Philatelic Society is also forming an Air Mail unit, but for the present, at least, their activities and interests will center about stamps and not covers.

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Covers from the recent Canadian flights continue to come back in bunches. The cachets are handsome, well designed and of unusual clearness.

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Mr. Jack Mount has forwarded a letter received from the Auburn, Me., C. of C., in which the Secretary states that the dedication date has not been set, but the exercises will probably take place around June 1st. It is further intimated that a cachet will be used.

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The First Night Flight over CAM No. 11 will occur on April 1st, according to word received from Mr. J. P. Jenning. A special cachet is assured by the contractor, and covers may be sent to Mr. Penning for despatch on that date. Mr. Penning's address is 124 East Eugene Ave., Homestead, Penna.

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Newspaper item in the Boston *Herald* of Feb. 5th, states that Worcester, Mass., will be included on CAM No. 1, beginning Feb. 17th, coincident with the opening of the Newark Airport.

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W. H. Gilley sends a bunch of tiplings on Air Mail matters, among which are several items that will be of interest to readers. Louisville, Ky., plans an Air Mail Day in the near future. Albany-Cleveland Night Line is to be established about April 1st.

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Coöperators for the past week were—Frederick Krueger*, Raymond Fishwater*, H. C. Carpenter, Glenn M. Idder, Major Pascual Lopez, Major CM. Lopez*, Donald E. Dickason*, W. H. Gilley, J. P. Penning, Jack Mount, Alfred T. Foster, Harry Leonard, Geo. T. Street*, Geo. H. Kieley*, C. J. Ch*, and Maurice Saleh.

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Along with the general increase of interest in the South & Central American stamps, ne attention of many collectors has been turned to Costa Rica by the issue of a stamp ommemorating Lindbergh's visit there (Scott's #147). While this is not an air stamp, early all collectors include it with their air mail collection.

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Cat. No.		New.	Used
	1863		
at.	½R blue	.03	.07
4	2R scarlet	.07	—
5	4R green	.40	—
	1883-1889		
16	1c green	.06	.05
18	5c blue violet	.08	.04
21	5c blue violet	—	.04
22	10c orange	—	.12
24	5c brown	.08	.10
	1889		
26	2c dark green	.02	—
27	5c orange	.05	.04
28	10c red brown	—	.03
	1892		
35	1c greenish blue	.02	.02
36	2c yellow	.02	.02
37a	5c red lilac	.04	—
38	10c light green	.04	.03
39	20c scarlet	—	.02
41	1p green on yellow	.15	—
42	2p rose red	.15	.15
	1901-1905		
46	2c vermilion & black	.03	.02
48	10c ochre & black	.08	.02
50	50c dull lilac & blue	.30	—
55	4c red violet & black	.20	.10
57	25c gray lilac & brn.	—	.03
58	1c on 20c lake & black	.05	.05
58b	1c on 20c lake & black	.06	—
	1907		
59	1c red brn. & indigo	.03	.02
60	2c yellow grn. & black	.12	.03
61	4c carmine & indigo	—	1.00
62	5c yellow & dull blue	.10	.02
63	10c blue & black	.15	.03
64	20c olive green & black	—	.20
65	25c gray lilac & black	—	.15
66	50c red lilac & blue	—	.60
67	1 col brown & black	1.50	—
	1910		
74	20c olive green	.05	.05
75	25c deep violet	—	.06
76	1 Col dark brown	.20	—
	1911		
77	2c yellow green & black	.10	.10
78	1c green & black	10	—
79	1c red brown & indigo	.03	—
80	2c yellow green & black	.10	.06
81	4c red violet & black	.15	.20
82	5c yellow & blue	.03	.03
83	10c blue & black (B)	.12	.10
84	10c blue & black (R)	.60	.75
86	1c on 10c blue	.03	.03
88	1c on 25c violet	.03	.03
89	1c on 50c red brown	.10	.10
90	1c on 1 Col brown	.10	.10
91	1c on 5 col red	.25	.25
92	1c on 10 Col dark brown	.25	.25
94	2c on 10c blue (R)	—	2.00
95	2c on 50c claret	—	.06
96	2c on 1 Col brown	.06	.06
97	2c on 2 Col carmine	.12	—
98	2c on 5 col green	.10	.06
99	5c on 5c orange	.04	.03
	1921-22		
103	5c blue & black	.20	—
103a	5c Tete beche	.75	—
104	5c violet	.15	—
110	15c deep violet	.10	.03
111	5c violet	.06	.05
	1923 Commemorative		
112	2c brown	—	.03
113	4c green	.06	—
114	5c blue	.03	.03
115	20c carmine	.10	—
116	1 Col violet	.20	—
	1923 Regular Issue		
117	1c violet	.02	—
118	2c yellow	.03	.02
120	4c deep green	.08	.10
121	5c light blue	.05	.02
122	10c red brown	.10	.03
123	12c carmine rose	.30	.25
124	20c deep blue	—	.10
125	40c orange	.20	—
126	1 Col olive green	—	.40
128	2c dark green	.03	.02
	1924 Nicoya Issue		
129	1c carmine rose	.06	.06
130	2c violet	.06	.06
131	5c green	.07	.07
132	10c orange	.15	.15
	1926 Provisionals		
136	3c on 5c blue	.10	—
137	6c on 10c red brown	.10	—
138	30c on 40c orange	.35	—
139	45c on 1 Col olive green	.40	—
140	10c on 12c carmine rose	.10	.08
	1926-1927		
141	5c yellow green	.03	.02
142	10c carmine rose	.05	.03
144	6c dark brown	.04	—
	1928 Lindbergh Issue		
147	10c on 12c carmine rose	2.75	—
	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS		
	1903		
353	15c yellow green	.40	—
354	20c carmine	.45	—
355	25c slate gray	.45	—
356	30c brown	.50	—
	OFFICIAL STAMPS		
	1908		
448	1c red brown & indigo	.02	.02
449	2c yellow green & black	—	.02
454	25c gray lilac & black	.15	.08
455	40c red lilac & blue	.25	—
456	1 Col brown & black	.60	—
	1917-1921		
460	5c orange	.04	.04
461	10c deep blue	.08	.08
462	15c on 20c olive green	.25	—
463	10c on 5c orange	.20	—
464	4c carmine & indigo	.20	—
465	6c on 1c red brown & indigo	20	—
466	20c on 25c lilac & black	.25	—
467	50c red lilac & blue	2.25	—
468	1 Col brown & black	1.50	—
	1923		
469	2c brown	.03	—
470	4c green	.05	—
471	5c blue	.03	—
472	20c carmine	.10	—
473	1 Col violet	.20	—
469-473	imperf. complete	1.00	—
	1922 Red Cross		
551	5c+5c orange	.10	.10

Chile

Hoover's "Good Will" trip to South America and the starting of Air Mail lines connecting the various Republics has done much to increase the popularity of the long despised Latin American stamp issues. While Chile, not being one of the Seebeck countries, has always been favored by collectors, the publicity has increased the demand for the better items.

Cat. No.		New.	Used
	1877-81		
20	1c gray	.12	.05
22	5c dull lake	.50	.03
23	10c blue	.50	.08
25	1c green	.04	.02
26	2c rose	.05	.02
27	5c dull lake	—	.02
	1883-1899		
29	5c ultramarine	—	.02
30	10c orange	.15	.02
30a	10c yellow	2.50	.10
31	20c gray	.12	.02
32	50c violet	.08	.06
33	15c dark green	.12	.02
34	25c orange brown	.15	.02
35	1p brown & black	—	.04
36	1c blue green	.05	.02
37	2c carmine lake	.06	.02
38	30c rose carmine	.25	.18
	1900		
39	1c yellow green	.06	.02
40	2c brown rose	.10	.02
41	5c deep blue	.15	.03
42	10c violet	.12	.03
43	20c gray	.20	—
44	50c red brown	.25	.04
45	5c on 30c rose carmine	.05	.03
	1901		
46	30c deep orange	.25	.12
47	1c yellow green	.03	.02
48	2c rose	.10	.02
49	5c dull blue	.15	.02
50	10c violet	.65	.08
	1902-03		
51	1c green	.02	.02
52	2c carmine	.02	.02
53	5c ultramarine	.04	.02
54	10c red & black	.05	.02
55	30c violet & black	.10	.02
56	50c red orange & black	.40	.40
57	10c on 30c orange	.06	.03
	1904 Provisionals		
58	1c on 20c ultramarine	.02	.02
59	2c yellow brown	.03	.02
60	5c red	.04	.02
61	10c olive green	.08	.02
62	2c yellow brown	1.00	—
64	3c on 1p brown	.02	.04
67	12c on 5c brown red	.05	.02
	1905-09		
68	1c green	.02	.02
69	2c carmine	.02	.02
70	3c yellow brown	.05	.03
71	5c ultramarine	.03	.02
72	10c gray & black	.05	.02
73	12c lake & black	.30	—
74	15c violet & black	.10	.02
75	20c orange brown & black	.12	.02
76	30c blue green & black	.20	.04
77	50c ultramarine & black	.20	.03
78	1p gold, green & gray	1.50	2.00
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79	5c on 12c lake & black	.06	.04
80	10c on 1p gold, green & gray	.05	.05
81	20c on 1p gold, green & gray	.12	.12
82	1p gold, green & gray	.30	—
	1910 Centenario		
83	1c green & black	.03	.02
84	2c lake & black	.04	.02
85	3c brown & black	.08	.05
86	5c blue & black	.06	.02
87	10c gray brown & black	.10	.05
89	15c slate & black	—	.04
90	20c red orange & black	.20	—
91	25c ultramarine & black	.75	—
92	30c violet & black	.25	.15
94	1p orange & black	1.50	—
95	2p red & black	1.00	—
	1911		
103	12c carmine & black	.08	.05
104	15c violet & black	.12	.03
105	20c orange & red black	.10	.02
106	25c light blue & black	.15	.10
107	30c bistre brown & black	.12	.03
108	50c myrtle green & black	.15	.04
109	1p green & black	—	.04
111	5p olive green & black	—	.60
112	10p orange yel. & black	3.00	.90
	1912-13		
116	10c blue & black	.06	.02
117	14c carmine & black	.10	.10
121	40c violet & black	—	.05
122	60c light blue & black	—	.20
	1915-21 Typographed		
129	4c brown	.15	.03
131	10c blue & black	.05	.02
133	15c violet & black	.05	.02
134	20c orange red & black	.08	.02
135	25c dull blue & black	.20	.12
136	30c bistre brown & black	.10	.02
137	50c deep green & black	.15	.02
138	1p green & black	.25	.02
139	2p vermilion & black	.50	.04
140	5p olive green & black	1.25	.15
	1923 Pan American Issue		
146	2c red	.03	.02
147	4c brown	.04	.04
148	10c blue & black	.06	.03
149	20c orange & black	.10	.03
150	40c violet & black	.15	.06
151	1p green & black	.40	.06
152	2p red & black	.75	.12
153	5p green & black	1.75	.50
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	1895		
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	1896		
434	6c red on straw	—	.35
435	8c red on straw	—	.25
436	10c red on straw	—	.12
	1898		
443	1c scarlet	.02	—
444	2c scarlet	.02	—
445	4c scarlet	.02	—
446	10c scarlet	.02	—
447	20c scarlet	.15	—
	1924		
448	2c blue & red	.08	—
449	4c blue & red	.08	—
451	8c blue & red	.08	—
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This is not supposed to be an advertisement, but it may work out that way! The February number of the *Air Mail Collector,* the newest publication devoted exclusively to Air Mail news, is *some* number, and anyone doubting the popularity of Airport covers should get a copy and read it over carefully. Mr. Dickason, who has always been one of the staunchest supporters of this column, gives some welcome data on coming dedications. It is evident that Mr. Dickason has been running up quite an electric light bill for the past month!

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The overprinted stamps for use in the Canal Zone on Air Mail letters have been received here, and are clean and attractive affairs. The overprint was applied locally to the current 2c Goethals, and reads "AIR MAIL" at top of stamp, "25 cents 25" at bottom. We certainly hope the Postmaster at Cristobal will see his duty and *do it,* when affixing stamps to our return covers!

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Mr. George T. Street advises that forgeries of the Sept. 15, 1928, Miami, Fla., cancellation and backstamp of Havana of same date—First Flight Miami-Havana—are on the market, as well as the First Flight West Indian Aero Express cachets dated Feb. 24, 1928, at Santiago de Cuba, the backstamps on these covers also being faked. Collectors will be wise in purchasing covers from reliable sources only.

AIR MAIL WRECK COVERS

By AARRESS.

In the December 31, 1928, issue there appeared an article describing a cover having the inscription, "Damaged Air Mail Wreck Near Toledo, O., 9-14-20," and asking that anyone knowing anything about that particular wreck get in touch with the N. A. M. S. Several excellent responses were received, and practically full particulars of that wreck are now on hand.

Directly as a result of that article another cover has been brought to light. Coincidentally, it is dated only a few days later, having been sent from New York on Sept. 26, 1920, and bearing the inscription, "Found Wrecked Aero-Plane Susquehanna River 9-27-20," in pencil. Evidently Sept., 1920, was a "hoodoo" month for the air mail carriers! The cover shows unmistakable signs of having been immersed in water, and the stamp was soaked off. We have the assurance of the present owner, to whom the letter was addressed, that this is the exact condition in which it was received.

Everyone who may know something about the air mail wreck in the Susquehanna River on Sept. 27, 1920, either from personal knowledge, newspaper clippings, or by having one of these covers—or anyone who has information or covers of any other air mail wreck prior to 1926, is asked to please get in touch with the National Air Mail Society of Chicago, Room 1623, 159 North State Street, Chicago, Ill.

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452	1c unused..	.08	Same	used ...	.05
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CHICAGO AERO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Nearly one hundred members and guests gathered at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, on January 26, 1929, to attend the first annual dinner of this progressive organization. The president, J. Max Golding, presided, and in the assemblage of ladies and gentlemen were visitors from several other cities. The postmaster of Madison, Wisconsin, W. A. Devine, was one of the speakers, and among others from a distance were Mr. Kunderd, Goshen, Indiana, and Mr. Turnbull of Mishawaka, Indiana. The festivities began in the afternoon, and an exhibit that occupied the wall-space of the large reception room was the attraction from then until midnight. The dinner was begun at 7 P. M., and after it had been relished, the speakers had their inning.

President Golding told of aerial progress generally, and showed the model of a new super-airship that he described as embodying the latest developments in velocity. C. E. Severn declared that it was a good augury that so many persons had been impelled to collect air mail, since it followed that a percentage of those who had become interested in the stamps and markings would be lead to investigate further into the field of philately to its advantage. Also, he took the opportunity to pay a tribute to Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner of Chicago, America's first air mail superintendent. Mr. Julius Loeffler, although a confirmed philatelist, admitted that the claims of air mail collecting must be solid with the evidence presented before him, and told incidentally of having helped in the cancellation of covers addressed to this country that were brought here by the Zepp. from Germany, on his recent trip to Europe. Mr. Devine, postmaster at Madison, Wis., for nineteen years, expressed his regard for stamp collectors, and admitted that their assistance on occasions was helpful; and he invited their coöperation and felt a confidence in their good faith. His friend, Mr. Miller of Madison told of his city's pride in i postmaster, and struck a responsi chord in the breasts of his auditors. M Charles Elsner, the treasurer, in speaki of his interest in air mail, digressed tell of a story illustrated by a series nine early stampless covers that involv a romantic period of three years in t lives of several pioneers, and Miss I. Reiser, the secretary, gave an interesti human narrative, illustrated by specime of an early St. Louis flight. The supe intendent of the Logan Square Stati A. F. Constable, gave an insight into l dealings with the requests of air m collectors, and said that he had begun understand their view-points.

Captain Lipsner, America's first mail superintendent, was given an ov tion, and his impromptu remarks we highly interesting. He told of the ori of the post and dwelled upon the su port that he had received from the flyers who worked with him so loyal He mentioned some of the obstacles th had to be surmounted, and certain of experiences with reactionary influenc While having had no particular inter in the early covers at the time, he sa he acknowledged the debt that pion flights owed to philatelists whose patr age came at a time when it was need and when it was desirable that a show be made in the volume of mail. As a member of the Wright Brothers' co mittee, he mentioned his experiences Killdeer, and later at the memorials their honor. His revelations of incide in his official career had a touch of timacy that was appreciated.

The exhibition was a pretentious although prepared on relatively short tice. Mr. M. A. Vogel was represend by his celebrated frame of "The Au graphs of President Coolidge, and 1927 Cabinet," which held twelve en opes, each sent by air mail from Wa ington in 1927, in November, to Mr. Vogel in Chicago, and each one of wh was autographed on its face by Presid Coolidge, Vice-President Dawes, or a member of the Cabinet. This meme

Stop Press News

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Rotaries 1c to 10c Inclusive for Use by Kansas and Nebraska

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.

The Post Office Department has just ken a step of far-reaching importance authorizing the Bureau of Engraving nd Printing to overprint rotary press amps for use in the states of Kansas nd Nebraska. The Department has een long considering such a move, in rder to forestall the sale of stolen amps taken from one post office in one ate and disposing of them at a point r distant from where the crime was mmitted. If the proposition proves ccessful, it is thought that stamps will overprinted for every state in the nion.

At the present time, they are consider- g the surcharging of the rotary stamps om 1-cent to 10-cent, inclusive only. hese are the sheet stamps and not the ils. The 1½c stamp of Kansas is now ing overprinted and will doubtless be llowed in short order by the others. hese overprinted stamps are to be avail- le for use in any state, but where it found that a large number of stamps a certain state are used elsewhere, it ill naturally be a clue, which will great- assist in locating the distributing points, nd ultimately result in reducing the mber of stolen stamps.

It is through the courtesy of Mr. H. . Southgate that we have received this ry early information, and he calls at- ntion to the fact that this is the very st positive step taken by the Postmas- r General in this direction and its suc- ss will be watched with interest, as it ill affect very largely collectors in not ly the United States, but throughout e world. The question will soon come out as to whether such varieties be- ng to the specialist alone or whether ey are distinct and separate issues be- nging to the general collector. Addi- nal details will be furnished next week.

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HOONER "BLUENOSE" SHOWN

HALIFAX, Feb. 11.

'In your issue of Jan. 28, some one re- red to the new 50c Canada as picturi a fishing schooner off the banks of wfoundland. This is incorrect. The in portion of the design shows the mpion fishing schooner 'Bluenose' of lifax, rounding a buoy at the mouth the harbor. Collectors living on the ssachusetts coast, and especially about ucester, will recall the 'Bluenose'."

DONALD A. KING.

OTHER FIRST DAY CLARK'S

harlottesville, Va., the county seat of emarle Co., in which George Rogers rk was born, has been granted by the O. Dept., the first day use, Feb. 25, of new 2c stamp. It will thus share the or bestowed on Vincennes, Ind. Car- Glass, Jr., of Lynchburg, made the gestion to the Charlottesville Kiwanis b, and the idea was put over in good n.

NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBIT

Will be Held in Connection With A. P. S. Convention at Minneapolis

Our statement last week that a well organized stamp exhibition is being considered was based on rumor. We shall be able to publish particulars in our A. P. S. Special number next week, and definitely state that the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Minneapolis will have a national stamp exhibit of noteworthy proportions.

30 DAY WORLD TOUR PLANNED

N. Y. CITY, Feb. 11.

In about six weeks Raffale Maiullari, a Bronx Fascist, will start on a race around the world against time, using steamship and air lines. His route will be steamer to Cherbourg, plane to Rome, Berlin, Yokohama, steamer to Victoria, B. C., and plane to N. Y. C.

Maiullari, who is active in Fascisti, will make the long tour entirely at his own expense as a tribute to Premier Mussolini. He will attempt to prove the feasibility of present day aviation as a means of world transportation for tourists.

The cost of the trip is figured at $2,000. It is probable that stamp collectors will be invited to help out on the expense—mail may be carried.

A FLIGHT THAT FAILED

Last week we reported a Halifax-St. John first flight dated "Jan. 28." We find that the cover was backstamped "Feb. 2," and was evidently a "flight" that failed. Particulars later.

TACOMA (WN.) EXHIBIT APRIL 6-7

TACOMA, Feb. 6.

The Seventh Philatelic Exhibition of the Tacoma Philatelic Society will be held April 6 and 7. The Rules and Classification will be sent on request. There will be a total of 21 classes for juniors and seniors. Apply to R. R. THIELE, *Sec.*, 2365 Wilkeson St.

VATICAN STATE STAMPS

BEVERLY, Feb. 12.

The Vatican State concordat first signed by Cardinal Gasperri and Mussolini and subsequently by Pope Pius XI and King Victor has in it possibilities for a new Papal set of stamps. Sec. 7 of the treaty gives the new state:—

"The right to coin money, print postage stamps and exercise other official prerogatives."

This is interesting news.

PROF. GAMBER—PRECANCELS

Due to business requirements, Frederick W. Allen, who has served so acceptably as Precancel Editor, has resigned from the WEEKLY staff. We wish him all success.

Prof. A. F. Gamber of Valley City, N. D., whose name is a familiar one with Precancelites, will take over the department.

an historical value that is apparent, eed not be said. Dr. H. C. Snyder ved his carefully specialized covers Canada and the Airpost Stamp Co., ago, one frame with the Paris Bal- Post of 1870, and the other with the d's dirigibles. Mr. Golding's frames thoroughly representative of all es of air mail, and traced develop- s both here and abroad, through s, specials, Lindberghs, and others to 25th anniversaries and cancella- . Captain Lipsner's frame, which awarded the first prize, was a beau- creation, composed of artistic cov- ers commemorating the "Wright's First Successful Flights, Silver Anniversary, Dec. 17, 1903." Both for its historical interest and beauty, it was in a class by itself.

Mr. W. H. Gilley's registration cancellations caught the eye, and Mr. Davidson showed unique covers in their designs and combinations; and incidentally, Mr. Turnbull exhibited privately, the spoils of a valuable find that he made recently of old U. S. on covers.

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A. H. Wilhelm, President of the American Philatelic Society, and a corresponding member of our club, was our guest at our last meeting. Mr. Wilhelm is a two-fisted man, who goes right to the point. He has done much for the A. P. S. and philately in general, and we were glad to have him with us.

When A. H. goes after something, he gets it. In this case, he came after an application to make our club an A. P. S. chapter. He went home with it in his pocket—and a life one, at that. This is as it should be.

Our club is coming along nicely. You may look for some big news in the very near future. As the monkey said when he poked his tail in the lawn-mower, "it won't be long now."

W. R. Ree, of Saticoy, is now a corresponding member, bringing our corresponding list to 40.

Oscar Braecklein showed his big U. S. collection—twelve volumes and a trick case to carry them in—and such a lot—you should see it! Blocks and shades, and errors and arrows, used and unused, cancellized and cancellated, proofs and specimens like a post office!

Harry Hoyt, our globe-trotting brother of the pictures, has finally emerged from his shell, after an illness, and promised us that he will soon attend a meeting and tell us of his European experiences. We look forward to it.

Some of our other absent members should follow his example. Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Dartt, Mr. Young, all should drop in on us sometime so we can get better acquainted. There are several others who are missed, as well.

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EDITORIAL

MUCH interest is being shown in the coming issue of the George Rogers Clark stamp, and we believe that the postmaster at old Vincennes will be surprised at the demonstration of philatelic strength. His mail is laden with requests for stamps, and we trust that he will enjoy the work in attending to the requests of the free and independent collectors, knowing that the occasion is one that attracts the attention of philatelists the world over. Here, we must give room to the following letter from Mr. Alfred Lewis Stevens, University, Va.: "I have been reading in recent issues of the wide publicity given to Vincennes, Indiana, due to the issue of the George Rogers Clark commemorative stamp. So much, indeed, has been said of Indiana that one would think that Clark was an Indianian, instead of a Virginian. Why should conquered territory receive so much publicity and the land of the conquerer be neglected? Both Clark (and Lewis) were born in Albemarle County, Virginia. This is a 'demand' that Charlottesville, Virginia, be given rightful recognition in your editorials as the birthplace of Clark. The enclosed kodak picture was taken on the banks of the Rivanna River, just outside the city limits of Charlottesville, by yours truly. I have neither the time nor the ability to compete with Mr. Herschell in glorifying Vincennes to the exclusion of the birthplace of George Rogers Clark. However, I hope that the enclosed photo will receive some attention." The picture submitted by Mr. Stevens shows the sign: "Clark's Birthplace. A mile north was born George Rogers Clark, defender of Kentucky, and conqueror of the Northwest, November 19, 1752." Here is our chance to say that we, too, were born in Virginia.

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WE remember how an old collector once told of having seen the Centennial envelopes being printed on specially-installed presses at Philadelphia in 1876, and of his conviction that the Die

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B variety was printed there in both green and red. At that time only one color of the Philadelphia die was catalogued. This is introductory of the following letter from Mr. H. A. Larned of Oxford, Mass.: "Someone wrote about a sesquicentennial envelope mailed three years before they were issued, according to the postmark, and I was reminded of something that I saw in the post office department of the recent exhibition in Philadelphia in October, 1926. I was watching the printing of the 'sesqui' envelopes when one of them got caught in the press. When it was finally produced, it showed two perfect stamps, one in the regular place and the other right under it. I wanted to ask for it, or offer to buy it, or anything, but did not have the cheek, knowing how strict the government is about such things. The operator looked at the envelope a few seconds, and then scrambling it together in his hands, threw it into the waste paper."

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IN discussing the provisional possibilities of some of the hand-stamped Confederate envelopes, Professor E. F. Stuart, Chicago, calls attention to what he terms quasi-provisional envelopes, in the following words: "I do not suppose that I am the first one to speculate on the existence of that class of envelopes that may have been taken by the merchant of the southern town in 1861, in quantity, and stamped by the postmaster upon the proper payment of the total sum, represented by the envelopes. Usually, the provisional test is whether the postmaster sold the envelopes already stamped to the public. It is not reasonable to suppose that a business man, for instance, would take his own envelopes to the postmaster and take them back to his office for use at his option, after the postmaster had done his job and been paid at the rate of five cents each for an envelope. Local adhesives do not enter into this question, of course." We may tell our correspondent that he is not the first investigator to bring forth his theory. In fact, it was advanced forty years ago by A. C. Roberts, the "Strebor" of those days, who made a strong case in favor of this usage in order to obviate the bother of paying postage separately on each letter that was mailed. In the forthcoming book on Confederates that is announced by the House of Dietz, Richmond, Virginia, it is likely that conclusive data will be at the disposal of the one who presses the subject. This work will be one of transcendent merit, we are sure, and its appearance may be expected at any time. Speaking of books, the announcement may be made that Dr. Carroll Chase's great volume, "The 3c Stamp of the United States 1851-57 Issue," published by subscription is about ready for distribution, and the subscribers have been notified to that effect.

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MR. P. J. DROSSOS, Athens, Greece, says that a new set is impending for Egypt, to commemorate the birthday of Prince Farouks. The prince himself is to be depicted in civil clothes on the four values of the set. The 5m will be gray; the 10m in red; the 15 in blue; and the 20 in green. The sale of the stamps began on February 9th, and will continue for one week, and it is understood that the number of sets will not be greater than 200,000.

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MR. WILLIAM H. KNOSTMAN, Wamego, Kansas, writes: "In your description of the new Canadian issue in your paper of Jan. 28th, you call the scene descriptive of threshing. Were you raised in a wheat country, you would know that a wheat harvesting scene is shown with a binder at work." Well, at any rate, we own part of a wheat farm near Wakeeney, Kansas.

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THE legislators at Washington must be made aware of the demand of collectors that used stamps when imported from abroad be placed on a par with unused stamps, and be put on the free list. Slips have been received from Mr. H. A. Diamant and are being distributed widely; and they may be had on application to the editor of this paper. Everyone interested in the welfare of our pursuit should bestir himself to write to his congressman in behalf of the movement. We have written as follows to the Honorable Carl R. Chindblom of our district: "I am writing you on behalf of stamp collectors generally of whose numerical importance you by no means are unaware. Your activities culminating in the issue of the Erickson stamp are a matter of record in our philatelic publications, and at our last meeting, you told me of your interest in philatelic affairs as a consequence of your experience with the Erickson stamp from its inception to its execution. Your district is philatelically populous, and I feel that your support of a relief measure that certainly is not incompatible with the welfare of the public in any way would be applauded by us of the world of philately. You will see from the slip enclosed that we petition that used stamps be placed on a parity with unused stamps when imported into this country and placed on the free list. Our friend and your friend, Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, not to mention other philatelic members of the House, could give you cogent reasons for supporting the proposal, or should you wish me to go into the subject further than the enclosed clipping from our paper, I should be pleased to do so."

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WE congratulate Dr. C. W. Hen... Chicago, on recent additions t... collection of Netherlands and colo... and his success with it in recent w... competitions. He received a meda... Durban, and now he has been awa... a first prize at the Melbourne, Aust... exhibition, on the score of his D... proofs. His ambition to have the g... est collection of Netherlands seems ... approaching its end, as a result o... enterprise extending over a perio... many years, and his belief in the ... merits of the issues.

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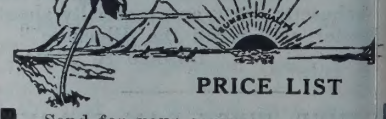
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Over ninety members and their ladies were present, among whom were noted, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lindquist (President), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curie, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Steinway, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lichtenstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgenthau, Lt. Col. J. P. Benkard, Admiral Fred Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clark, and many other leading collectors and dealers. A capital band was in attendance, and dancing took place during dinner, and was kept up afterwards to nearly 1 A. M.

After dinner our President said there were to be no formal speeches, but he had to call upon a few members to make certain announcements. He first called on Mr. Charles J. Phillips as Chairman of the Memorial Fund to the late J. B. Chittenden.

Mr. Phillips stated that he himself had lost one of his best friends, and a man he loved and admired for his sterling qualities, and the Club had to deplore the loss of a man who gave ungrudgingly of his time to build up our great Library, and who had done a stupendous work in cataloguing the contents of many hundreds of volumes. In memory of our lost friend, Mr. Phillips said that the Governors of the Club had founded "The J. Brace Chittenden Memorial Fund," and that up to date he had received about $6,080.00, which was invested in Trustee securities, and only the income could be used to purchase new books and bind old ones. So far only about 48 out of the 670 members of the Club had contributed to this fund, so there was good hopes that it would be materially increased. An income from invested funds of fully $500.00 a year is necessary to fulfill all the purposes for which this fund was started.

Mr. Theodore E. Steinway was then called upon to present to Mr. J. C. Morgenthau an engrossed testimonial in the celebrating of his 70th birthday. Mr. Steinway certainly made the speech of the evening, eulogistic, graceful and learned, and was very much applauded.

Mr. Morgenthau spoke briefly in reply and said he highly valued this testimonial and that it would be handed down to his children's children. He said it had been signed by the Governors, but asked all other members present to add their signature to the appreciation of the gift.

Mr. H. Toaspern was then called on for a few remarks, and told a couple of rollicking stories in his usual inimitable manner.

Mr. Charles Phillips, as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was then called on to announce the arrangements for the Collectors Club visit to Providence, R. I., on February 19th. Ten members of the Club expressed their intention of making this trip.

The President then announced the arrangements made to entertain the members of The Waterbury Stamp Club, and called upon Mr. Pierson of Waterbury, who stated that his Club was looking forward to this visit with much interest, and that twelve men were coming from Waterbury.

Admiral F. R. Harris was then called upon for a few remarks on the Social side of philately, and related his experiences in getting in touch with a very rich man, whom he had known for years and who would probably join the Club. The Admiral stated that he called his friend, and before he could have speech with him, he had to talk to the girl at the switchboard, three secretaries, then the private secretary, and after a lot of trouble got the boss.

Mr. Frank Crane was called upon to say a few words for the press, and in a very witty speech said how glad he was, at all times, to be able to give publicity to our activities.

Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., told us about a bill now before the Committee of Ways and Means at Washington, and of the necessity of us all urging our Senator and Representatives to make certain alterations in the law as regards the importation of stamps into this country.

Mr. John Klemann then spoke, and in the course of his remarks made an announcement of certain interest, but as I am informed, on the best authority that this was not authorized, I think it best for all concerned not to repeat it.

This annual meeting was generally voted a great success, and the ladies seemed to enjoy it quite as much as the men, which is rather unusual.

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But let us cheer for the one bright spot
That gleams the while like a signal lamp.
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That will stick to its job for me and you;
And in spite of drouth or of rain or snow
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Now cost so much they give us the blues—
But this old friend is the one best bet;
We buy it and have no sender's cramp—
The rest increase; it's the same price yet—
Hurrah for the good old two-cent stamp!

Hurrah for the fine old, good old two
That we buy today as we used to do!
It's the only thing in our native land
That has not gone up fit to beat the band.
So cheer, boys, cheer; let us roar and ramp—
Hurrah for the good old two-cent stamp!

Jeanne D'Arc

It was only a few weeks ago that I had occasion to point out that Eugene Grasset's lady on the stamps of Indo-China was never meant to represent Jeanne d'Arc. France has not yet honoured the memory of la Pucelle on stamps, but the omission is to be rectified during the fifth centenary celebrations in February next year. It was on February 13, 1429, that Jeanne left Vaucouleurs in obedience to the mysterious voices she heard at her home village of Domrémy. In April, the siege of Orleans was raised, and in July the same year, Charles VII was crowned at Rheims.

The present proposal is to have a single stamp, of the denomination 50 centimes, to supersede temporarily the current 50 centimes, but there is a popular demand for a series of six or eight stamps illustrating incidents in Jeanne's career.—*Postage Stamp.*

Some Don'ts for the Beginner

By A. C. LEDUC.

Don't expect nice selections of stamps on approval unless you tell the dealer about yourself. Tell him your boy scout number, your father's name and his business, your minister's name or someone who knows you well, and can vouch for your honesty. If you are employed tell the dealer who you are working for.

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Don't send for free packets unless you intend to buy from approvals. People who do that sort of thing are "cheap skates."

Don't forget to return approvals within the customary 10 day limit.

Don't send coins in ordinary letters. Send money orders or 2c stamps for your purchases.

Don't send valuable letters by ordinary mail. Send them registered.

Don't forget that the stamp dealer is human and that he expects to be treated with the same consideration as is accorded to any other person in business.

Don't forget to cut out the above "don'ts." Then paste them into your stamp album.

How to Make a Collection?

Some of our Juniors should know that it takes something besides dollars to make a stamp collection. It takes sense, and the qualities of the following acrostic:

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Some Definitions

Local. — Probably few philatelic terms are less capable of a simple and explicit definition than that heading this paragraph. In one sense of the word all stamps are locals inasmuch as they are only available for use in the country issuing them; again stamps only available for domestic postage, such as the "Escuelas" stamps of Venezuela are, strictly speaking, locals; or, again, stamps issued by countries which do not belong to the Universal Postal Union might well be called locals. And yet none of these broad classes are considered as locals by the majority of philatelists. The following will, perhaps, best serve as a definition:—A local is a stamp issued under official or private auspices but having its franking power limited to a prescribed district. As instances of government locals we may cite the "Rural" issues of Russia, while numerous examples of private locals are found among the stamps of our own country.

Local Taxe.—The inscription shown at the base of the 4 rappen stamps issued in the Swiss Canton of Zurich in 1843. The word "taxe" means "tax," but in this case the two words are probably meant to refer to the local rate of postage to be paid.

Lock Seals.—These were used at distilleries, warehouses and breweries by the Internal Revenue storekeeper or gauger who is in charge of the plant. The places where distilled spirits are made, drawn or stored are under his supervision, and as a safeguard and precaution they are locked with a peculiarly constructed padlock so made that a paper seal or label can be inserted to cover the keyhole, so that it is impossible for anyone to open the lock without first breaking the seal. These special seals are printed at the Government Bureau in Washington and have to be carefully accounted for by the Internal Revenue officials to whom they are issued.

THE QUEST OF THE WATERMARK

A device or pattern in the substance of paper, produced during the process of manufacture. In connection with stamps the watermark is usually a small device, so repeated in the sheets of paper that one copy of it may appear in each stamp when printed. In some cases the watermarked device is large and covers several stamps or it may only show on certain stamps in a sheet. In other cases the watermarks are arranged close together in the paper, so that it may be equally suitable for stamps of various sizes, this being usually described as multiple watermark. Where these various designs appear the paper is slightly thinner and, therefore, more transparent, so that if the stamps are held to the light the watermarked devices may be seen with more or less clearness.

Poland

—Some of the Noted Persona Found in its Stamp Gallery.

Poland is dividing the honours of p trayal on her stamps among Poles c brated in widely different spheres. astronomer Copernicus was pictured two stamps in 1923, and Konarski, p bishop, and political reformer, follo on another stamp in the same year. L year the Chopin stamp brought mu into the field, although indirectly the was already represented by M. Pader ski, who figured on the stamps of 1919 his quality of Premier rather than pianist. A doctor, Karl Kacxkow and the poet, Jules Slowacki, appea on new stamps last year, and Gene Joseph Bem, the patriot of the 1831 surrection, figures on the 25 groszy sta issued this year. Now we have anot Polish portrait on the literary side Henryk Sienkiewicz, the novelist, wh best remembered in this country by "Quo Vadis." Born in 1846 at Sied he died an exile during the war, Lausanne.

While Poland has added the late H ryk Sienkiewicz to the literary port gallery on stamps, Russia has abando the project of issuing the stamps signed to commemorate the centen of the birth of Tolstoy.—*Postage Sta*

Lottery Stamps

Special revenue stamps issued in state of Louisiana in 1866 and 1867 payment of a tax on lottery tickets.

A Stamp Fable

Once there was a Young stamp coll or who had Sticky Fingers. When went through some other boy's Col tion he was Liable to get Cramps in hand and hang onto some Fine speci while the Owner's back was turned. the loser Missed the stamp Later made a Holler the boy with the sti Fingers did the Indignant act and it onto Some imaginary Person. working Cautiously he managed to hold of About all the good Things in Neighborhood without anyone b able to Prove him guilty. Of course kept the Fruits of his labors out Sight and only exhibited the Stuff had gotten together Honestly. To sure that no Rubber Neck would stu onto the Rare Stickers which he Pinched, he carried them around in envelope in his Inside pocket. One he went out to the Vacant lot w most of his Victims were playing He was Appointed umpire and in a Five minutes he got Mixed up in a f During the scuffle the Other Boy hold of his Coat lining and it g Away. When this happened the velope containing his Plunder fell the Ground and the Stamps scatt themselves all over the Field of Ba One of the Audience recognized a 1869 that he had been Deprived of s time back. He put the rest Next when each one had Taken all he c Identify the Whole bunch turned t attention to the Sticky-Fingered one handed him enough Grief in Ten Min to last him a Year.

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You will have to look very hard at the p of the South Atlantic Ocean to dis- er South Georgia. It is a British session, a small whaling settlement in Falkland Islands, and the latest offi- report places its entire population at 05.

The postmaster of South Georgia re- ted to the head office at Port Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands, that was short of 2½-pence stamps. He re- ed permission on Feb. 7 to overprint ½d" on his stock of 2d ones, until a h supply could be sent.

His supply reached him 15 days later. e overprinted issue then ceased, the l number of stamps so treated being 9. These stamps are now being of- d in London and bought by collectors £20, or $100 apiece.

A London stamp dealer writes to the ndon *Daily Mail:*

We are told that their chief use was letters to Norway by whalers. It does seem probable that a small commun- of fisher folk could use more than a dozen in 15 days; 179 would be a rous estimate for this purpose, in h case 1,000 are probably in the ls of speculators.

Although there is no 2½d rate within island, they have been offered to me or unused in equal quantities from h Georgia.

Briefly, it means that for 2½d stamps ng altogether £12 5s collectors are ired to pay £23,580 in addition to 10 percent at least for dealers' profits." ooklyn *Daily Eagle.*

OTE. The London stamp dealer d is Mr. R. Roberts, whose advice Leave them to cool!!"—EDITOR.

NEWSPAPER NOTICES

e have received a copy of the St. rsburg *Times* of January 31, 1929, Alfred E. Newman, Vice-President he St. Petersburg Stamp Society, da, wherein Aloysius Coll, under ead, "We Have With Us Today," of the visit of Mr. H. E. Harris of n, to the city whose fair face beams. Coll makes much of his visitor and es an interesting tale of philately and present, and he says that Mr. is is "the one man who can come st to a guess on how many postage ps make a ton," which may or may e Mr. Harris' idea of the acme of telic fame.

. E. E. Ledbetter of Cleveland, has sent a copy of the *American an Falcon,* published in the Russian age with the exception of some of ext, which is in English. One of the sh articles is: "History of America ted in Series of Postage Stamps," tells in particular of the U. S. emorative issues. We may men- that in Chicago, an effort is being to have the foreign language news- s to use specially prepared phila- material.

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The editor is so much impressed with the monthly letter sent out by Mr. Riess that it is reprinted herewith as a bright and shining example of what can be done in reaching club memberships. We consider this a very fine production. It is somewhat abbreviated:—

The Fort Orange Stamp Club will hold its "Third Annual Exhibition of Postage Stamps and Covers" in the rotunda of the State Education Building, Albany, N. Y., during the week of March 4 to 10, inclusive. It is the aim of the committee in charge of the exhibition as well as the members of the club to have this year's exhibit surpass those of the two previous years. This can be accomplished by the mutual coöperation of all members of the club. Remember—it is coöperation of the various parties concerned that determines the success of any undertaking, be it small or great. It is not necessary to exhibit only rare stamps or covers as this is not a competitive exhibition, but merely one by which the public at large may be given a chance to learn something about Philately and its various interesting phases. Members who intend to exhibit should have their stamps or covers in Dr. Wyer's office not later than noon on Saturday, March 3. Any further data may be obtained from members of the committee: Chas. A. Brind, Jr., chairman; E. A. Bauer, Dr. James I. Wyer, Chas. G. Riess, and two other members to be announced.

The Program for the Coming Month

Feb. 5—Talk, exhibit, or both, by Louis O. Dutcher.

Feb. 12—Detail description of some U. S. varieties by Richard Walton.

Feb. 19—Talk, exhibit, or both, by our president, Elliott R. Ryder.

The Past Month in Review

Jan. 1—New Years—no meeting.

Jan. 8—W. W. MacLaren, the stamp hunter, of Cleveland, Ohio, entertained the members of the club on this evening with a delightful talk on some of his philatelic experiences. In addition he exhibited two volumes of stampless covers.

Jan. 15—Chester J. Moore entertained the club with a collector's interpretation of the *Three Stages of Human Life—Youth, Manhood, and Old Age,* as exemplified in stamp collecting.

Jan. 22—W. L. Peltz entertained the club with a display of some Civil War revenue stamps in place of Mr. Shea, who was unable to give a scheduled talk.

Our vice-president believes in stampic education. The club is to secure a blackboard whereon the varieties on stamps may be easily described by means of sketches. Mr. Walton will give the club its first real lesson in "recuts," "cracked plates," etc., on the evening of Feb. 12th.

Our sales manager, according to best reports available, was married on Jan. 16, to Miss L. Bauer. Miss Bauer also collects stamps—better look out, Bob.

Brother Bates was a recent visitor to the Buffalo Stamp Club.

Leslie Davenport, honorary member, sends the club his best wishes for the coming year. Many thanks, Mr. Davenport. The club wishes you the same for 1929.

Ideal Dumbbells

The collector who attempts to classify the unused cancellations on the mint revenue stamps of New Europe.

The cancellation expert who thinks colorless designs are printed with invisible ink.

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Invited guests were Postmaster James J. Healy and Assistant Postmaster Robert A. Houston of the Worcester Post Office. Both of these gentlemen gave short talks on the running of their office, and explained how our Government had a postal deficit last year by giving figures as to the cost of running the different branches of postal service. The air mail was also discussed relative to the coming of service to the Worcester Airport in the near future.

Before the meeting broke up a group photograph was taken by Paul W. Savage, a member of the club. Reading left to right, front row: Marcus W. Wh... Carlton E. Richardson, Herbert A. Jor... Alfred Ahlstrom, Walter A. Rice, Le... C. Duckworth, William H. Hor... Frank L. Coes, Secretary, Charles ... Sebbins. Second row: Asst. Postmas... Robert A. Houston, J. Henry Orr, ... Postmaster James J. Healy, F. G. Pe... son, Gustave A. Larson, Chairman ... Banquet Com., Stephen A. Foss, Fr... E. Wood, President, Alvah Lyons ... nant, Alvah J. Conant, Almond M. Ja... son, Bertram Durell, T. F. Keith. Th... row: A. C. Woodward, John Lay... Robert K. Edgerly, Irving Weinst... Edwin O. Tilton, Henry O. Tilton, H... Bolton, H. A. Whitman, Philip S. Sm...

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DATA ON CONTEST

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SEVENTH REPORT ON POINTS

JANUARY LEADERS

The points secured in the Jan. Contest will be counted in the three months' totals, but not on the Feb. contest.

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FEBRUARY CONTEST

The six Jan. leaders may again enter for February if they desire.

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Raymond E. Martin, Phila., Pa.	**5**
Cleon McClarran, Perrysburg, N. Y.	**5**

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And Molly standing beside her gun.
Now, Molly, rest your weary arm!
Safe, Molly, all is safe from harm.
Now, woman, bow your aching head,
And weep in sorrow o'er your dead.
Next day on that field so hardly won,
Stately and calm stands Washington,
And looks where our gallant Greene doth ...
A figure clad in motley weed—
A soldier's cap and a soldier's coat
Masking a woman's petticoat.
He greets our Molly in kindly wise;
He bids her raise her tearful eyes;
And then he hails her before them all
As comrade and soldier, whate'er befall,
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United States

Clark Memorial Stamp

The *Postal Bulletin* of February 5, 1929, gives the first official announcement of the issuing of the George Rogers Clark commemorative stamp, which is going to appear in Vincennes, Indiana, for the first time, on February 25, 1929.

The official notice describing the stamp reads as follows:

"Office of the Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, February 2, 1929.

Postmasters and others connected with the Postal Service are notified that the department is about to issue a new 2-cent George Rogers Clark postage stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sackville.

The new stamp is the same shape and size as the 5-cent air mail stamp, 1 3/32 by 1 15/32 inches, and is printed in two colors; the border in red and the vignette in black. The central design shows the surrender of Fort Sackville at Vincennes, Ind., to George Rogers Clark, reproduced from a photograph of the painting by Frederick C. Yohn. The word "Vincennes" appears beneath the central design, and at the top of the stamp are the words "U. S. Postage" in white Roman letters. Above the vignette is a ribbon bearing the words "George Rogers Clark," with the word "Commemorative" in a curved panel directly beneath. In panels on either side of the stamp are acanthus scrolls, and in both upper corners are the years "1779" at the left, and "1929" at the right. In both lower corners within circles with dark backgrounds is the white numeral "2," with the word "Cents" at the bottom of the stamp.

The new George Rogers Clark stamp will first be placed on sale February 25, 1929, at the post office at Vincennes, Ind., and for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers it will be placed on sale the following day, February 26, at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department. These stamps will also be placed on sale at other post offices as promptly after February 25 as production will permit.

Central and direct accounting postmasters desiring a supply of the new stamp may draw requisitions for limited quantities on Form 3201, the words "Clark Commemorative Stamps" to be written plainly on the blank. District postmasters may obtain small quantities of this stamp to meet the local demand by requisition on their central-accounting postmasters.

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The first order to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing called for an issue of thirty-five million, but due to the extra time and cost taken in producing the bi-colored stamp, the postmaster general later decided to change the instructions, and the new order calls for twenty million.

The proof of this new stamp was approved on January 30, 1929, and the plates went to press around February 6, 1929. It is expected that a supply will be on sale not only at Washington at the Philatelic Agency, on the second day, but that these will also be on sale at the same time in the larger cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and nearby places. In fact, every effort is being made to place a supply throughout the country during the first week of its appearance, so that the average collector and dealer may purchase his requirements locally, rather than writing to Washington.

New Envelopes

The new 5-cent Air Mail envelope first appeared on January 12, 1929, and this first issue consisted entirely of size 13. The two other sizes, namely, 5 and 8, have since been issued. There seems to be some little criticism as to the weight of the paper, but as the average air mail letter does not weigh a half ounce, this criticism could hardly apply, except in the case of the large size.

In a recent Chronicle, an error was made in stating that the 4-cent and 5-cent of the current design on amber would shortly become common. I now learn from Washington that the 4-cent and 5-cent under the new contract, will only be printed on extra quality white paper. The amber paper will only be issued in connection with the lower denominations.

It is not expected that the Philatelic Agency will carry these envelopes.

Mr. H. Clay Reed reports several new varieties of envelopes with the old watermark.

1916 4c black.
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Size 8, high back, wmk. 26 on blue.
Size 8, high back, wmk. 27 on blue.
Size 9, high back, wmk. 27 on blue.
5c blue.
Size 8, low back, wmk. 27 on blue.

5-Cent International Civil Aeronautics Conference Varieties

Considerable study seems to have been given to the 5-cent International Civil Aeronautics Conference variety, for letters arrive weekly, calling attention to minor plate varieties.

Mr. Frederick R. McAlpin calls attention to the fact that on the fiftieth stamp of the southwest pane of plate 196[illegible] there is a small animal that he describes as a "prairie dog," sitting on the top of the plane. This is very distinct and may be seen without the use of a glass. [illegible] the 2-cent of the same issue plate 196[illegible] southwest pane, nineteenth stamp, there is a break in the lower frame line.

Mr. George M. Bramann calls attention to a vertical line found through the "S" of "Postage" on several stamps from the northeast pane of the 5-cent, plate 19659. The stamp immediately under the plate number, as well as the two stamps to the right and left, show the variety. Mr. Bramann writes that the straight edge stamps running vertically on the same pane show the variety.

Canal Zone

Messrs. Gerald D. Bliss and R. S. Carter kindly send covers mailed from Cristobal on December 28, 1928, which were carried on the first commercial air mail flight from the Canal Zone to Costa Rica. These bear special rectangular postmarks with rounded corners, printed in greenish-blue, reading in six lines, "First Commercial Flight, Air Mail Panama, Canal Zone to Costa Rica, Pan-American Airways, Inc., December 28, 1928."

Belgium.—The 5c on 1fr25c, issued on Houyoux type in precancelled condition, has been shown us by the Economy Stamp Co. We learn that the reason for the precancel is that the post office clerks shall avoid mistakes, and the surcharge is because the postal tariff of Jan. 4th makes the use of the 1fr25c unnecessary.

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Gibraltar.—Two new items are to hand from this British Colony. They are the 1sh sage green and black, and 2sh red-brown and black, script watermark. Mr. R. Roberts submits copies for our inspection.

Montserrat.—*Color Changes.* The 1d value has been dispatched by the Crown Agents in red with Script wmk. for the first time, while the 1½d has appeared in light brown, as foretold in the *P.M.* of Oct. 13.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Netherlands.—Copies of the 1928 Charity set are to hand from Mr. R. Roberts, and are of the following values and colors: 1+1c purple (J. P. Minckelers); 5+5c green (Boerhaave); 7½+7½c red (H. A. Lorentz); and 12½+12½c ultra (Christian Huygens).

Nicaragua.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 1c violet, surcharged "Resello 1928," has been further overprinted "R. de C." in blue.

Poland.—*Exhibition Commemoratives.* We learn from Champion's *Bulletin* that, in connection with the big Polish General Exhibition which is being held at Poznan in 1929, a 25gr brown stamp will be issued.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Whitfield King & Co. report the 5gr purple in the eagle design.

Portugal.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 1esc surcharged "40c."

Siam.—The 80s stamp noted some time ago as due to be issued for air mail use has been received from Mr. F. D. Markee. The colors are blue with the portrait in black.

Surinam.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of a set of Charity stamps, no watermark, perf. 11x11½. Values and colors are 1½+1½c ultra, 2+2c blue-green, 5+3c purple, and 7½+2½c scarlet. Mr. Roberts also sends a copy of the 22½c brown, in the type adapted from the 1923 Jubilee set, no watermark, line engraved and perf. 11.

Virgin Islands.—*1d Color Change.* We learn officially that the 1d value has reverted to red in favor of the current 1d violet, while a 1½d brown will replace the current 1½d red.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS—

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CAN any reader give M. T. Mauck, Lyndhurst, N. J., the present addresses of E. W. Wilcken, formerly of 362 W. 121st St., N. Y. City, also R. P. Dockeray, 1109 White St., Ann Arbor, Mich.?

H. A. LARNAD sends us a page from the Worcester Sunday *Telegram* of Dec. 30, which features the city's post office from "Infancy to Manhood." It is illustrated with a Milbury on the cover and other post office stamps. The feature is a very attractive one.

F. G. NEILSON, 448 Compton Ave., Perth Amboy, N. J., is the editor and proprietor of a new stamp paper called the *Jersey Philatelist.* It makes a good beginning and sample copy will be sent upon request.

WE are informed by J. M. Bartels that all correspondence addressed to Mr. Berg has been sent to a bank in Middletown, N. Y., where his stamps are stored. All such correspondence may remain unopened until some action is taken by the court. This will probably not be long, and interested parties will find matters adjusted shortly.

ON Saturday evening, Jan. 26, there was a social gathering of ten members of the Michigan Stamp Club. The scene was laid at Webster Hall, Cass Ave., Detroit. A "Little Big Club" sponsored by the older members and organized purely for sociability, holds once a month a social meeting where good fellowship reigns and a little stamp buying and exchanging is indulged in. A banquet was served and Mr. Z. Dworkowski exhibited ten specialized collections of U. S. and foreign stamps. It was a most enjoyable evening and adjourned near midnight with thanks to the host of the evening, Mr. Dworkowski, for his splendid hospitality. Those present were: Z. Dworkowski, Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, Robert Meyers, A. C. Hutchinson, Charles Brisley, John Jungwirth, Fred Bott, L. A. White, Seth A. Andrews, J. E. Scott.—HERMAN BOERS.

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THE Yorkville Stamp Society is now located on the floor above the Cafe Abbazia, Northwest corner of 79 St. and Second Av., N. Y. City. At the meeting held Feb. 15, a collection of Great Britain numbers 22, 33 and 57, which have been re-plated by Mr. Zahn, a member and officer of the society, was shown.

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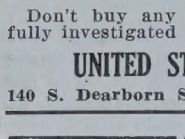

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JANUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

The month of January showed a great deal of activity, and we are very grateful for the coöperation given us by so many dealers and collectors. The four leaders for the month are the Johnson Stamp Co., with 25; Ancher Stamp Co., 21; Curhan Stamp Co., 20; and H. A. Keigwin, 20. We are particularly pleased with the fine array of new firms that have been added to our list. The leaders for the month who have sent in six or more are:—

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The detail record for the four months is as follows:—

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Some Errors in the Latest Gibbons' Catalogue are Pointed Out

By LOUIS CAHEN.

Although some of the errors of the last Gibbons' catalogue have been remedied, many still remain. For example, they still make the mistake of calling the "Decembrists" by their Russian name "Dékabrists." The revolutionary rising, for which the five men represented on the stamp lost their lives, took place in December, 1825: the Russian for December is "Dekabr," hence the name "Dékabrists." The system of transcribing Russian names and words is most inconsistent, but usually Gibbons appears to follow the German system, *e.g.*, "—vitch" instead of "—vich," etc., etc. The Russian final "v" they sometimes put as "v" which is correct, and sometimes as "ff" which is clumsy. If you turn to 1919, N.W. Army, they put "PLESKAU," which is the *German* rendering of the town "PSKOV." Evidently they prefer the German name; they think it is more pronounceable probably!

With regard to Jugoslavia and Serbia, there are many mistakes all through and the whole thing needs re-writing. Here are a few mistakes in Serbia.

1866. They spell the Prince's name "OBRENOVIC": it should be with an acute accent on the C. This accented C is pronounced like "ch"; so the best way of transcribing all these Serbian names is to ignore the accents and give the spelling that comes nearest to the way it should be pronounced. The same mistake occurs all through their catalogue of Serbia and Jugoslavia, *e.g.*, Jovanovic, Karageorgevic, etc., etc.

In 1915 mention is made of the Serbian town "NISH," but S.G. again choose the German spelling and call it "NISCH."

Now for Jugoslavia. To begin with, the word is usually written in one and, although it is quite correct to spell it with a J in Serbian, it is nowadays accepted as correct to spell it with a Y in English. The word is a coined word and means "Southern Slavia"; "jug" in Serbian means "South" and is pronounced "youg." The word was coined in London during the War, as a suitable name for the country that was to be formed by uniting the pre-war Serbia with the "liberated" districts of Austria and Hungary, such as Bosnia, the Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia, the country of the Slovenes and the other Serbian districts of Hungary (Banat, etc., etc.). The Serbs of Old Serbia never cared for the name, as they complained that they lost their identity in such a composite name; after many months of wrangling am themselves they eventually decided the cumbersome title of The Tr Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slove This name is much too long for people, so the country is generally ca Yugoslavia; personally I think this better way of spelling it in Englis prevents people from calling it JU slavia, pronouncing JUG as if it with a basin!

As a rule, S.G. are very good at te us what the different pictures repre when we are dealing with pictorial is The three stamps of Yugoslavia of have, however, been left severely a so perhaps it would not be out of to mention them here.

The 10+10 para represents the "K vo Maiden"; this girl was the Ser Florence Nightingale of the Battle Kosovo in 1389, when the Serbian pire was broken up by the Turks in decisive defeat.

The 15+15 para is a copy of a st (possibly by Meshtrovich?) of a Ser soldier, broken in the retreat through bania in 1915-1916.

The 25+25 para represents the Southern Slavs—Serb, Croat and vene, supporting the Crown.

1923. Kraljevina and Kraljev Both words mean "Kingdom," but first is Serbian and so preferred by grade to the second, which is Croat hence the change—very petty and, to who loves the country, pitiful.

1923. U.R.I. S.G. gives no expl tion of these cryptic letters. They s for Udruzhenje Ratnih Invalida, English, The Society of War Inva *i.e.*, Disabled Soldiers' Society. It sh also be remembered that the Serb Old Serbia and some of the "libera Serbs, use the Cyrillic alphabet; Croats, Slovenes, Bosniaks and Da tians all use the Latin alphabet with tain accents. That is the reason both alphabets are always used on stamps of Yugoslavia.

1919. Postage Due Stamps. should give some explanation of the "HRVATSKA"; in English it is s "Croatia." Again, all through the Y slavia catalogue S.G. uses the "LAIBACH"; this is the old Ger name for the town which is now c "LJUBLJANA," the capital of the c try of the Slovenes, which, I believ now called Slovenia in English. Serbian name for this country is Slo achka.

1921. Postage Dues. "BECKER is wrong; in Serbian it is written an accent on the C and in Englis should be Bechkerek.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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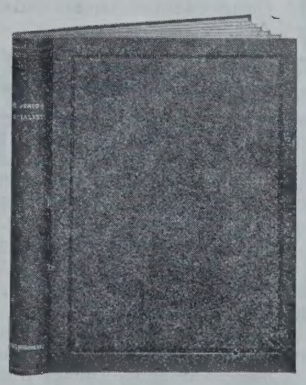

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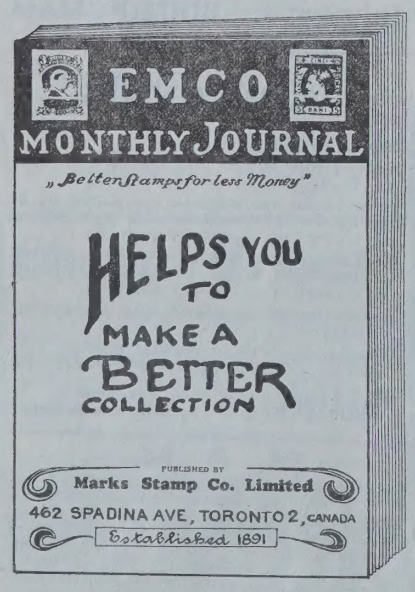

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There is a matter coming up shortly which we believe to be of considerable importance to stamp dealers and collectors in this country and should be presented to the membership of the American Philatelic Society so that proper action can be taken.

On December 4th by agreement among the leaders of the House of Representatives at Washington, wheels were set in motion for a general revision of the tariff, which Republicans believe will be undertaken at a special session of Congress in the Spring or Fall of 1929. A resolution was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee directing that hearings on the fifteen schedules of the tariff law shall begin January 7th.

The hearings relating to stamps, Paragraph 1671 of the Tariff Act of 1922, comes under Schedule 15, Free List, and will be held on February 20, 21 and 22. This paragraph reads as follows:—

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I would therefore suggest that the members of the American Philatelic Society take up this matter with their Congressmen and prepare a proper brief to be submitted at the hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means, making a change in the paragraph by eliminating the word "foreign" where it appears, and adding the words "envelopes or", after the word "stamped", making the paragraph read as follows:—

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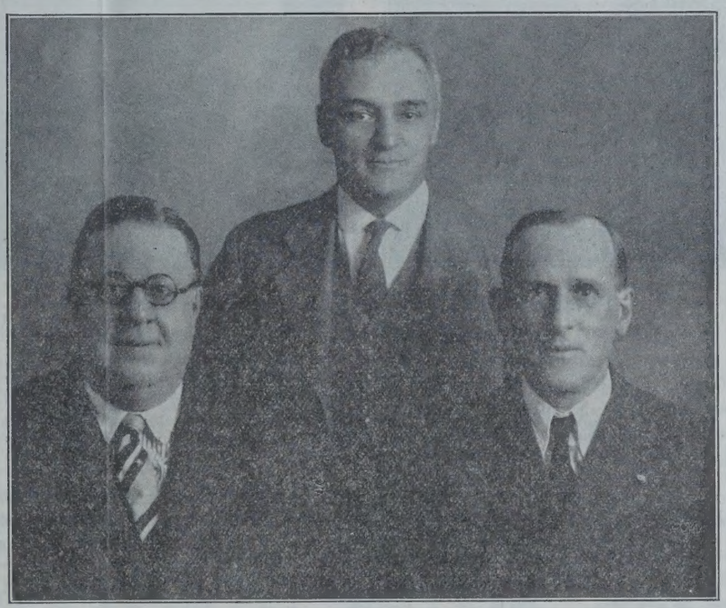

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ERA 1922, 1c to 10p, Nos. 14 to 26 complete but last two values, poorly centered 2.00
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GIUM 1925, 75th Postal Anniversary, 10c to 10fr complete 4.00
GIUM 1928, Semi Postals, 25c+15c to 5fr+5fr, complete ..... .60
IVIA 1925, 1c dark green, 2c rose, Nos. 150 and 151 ..... 1.50
IVIA 1927, 5c, 10c, 15c, overprinted "Octubre 1927", Nos. 178 to 180 ..... .30
NA 1926, Yunnan Issue, ½c to $5.00, Nos. 232 to 251 complete, 20 varieties 7.00
NA 1928, Chang Tso Lin Issue overprinted for Sin Kiang, 1c to $1.00 complete .. 2.50
GO 1928, Stanley Issue, 5c to 20fr complete, 15 varieties 2.50
A 1926, Imperfs., 1c, 2c, 5c, pair of each (blocks at pro rata rate) ..... .40
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PT 1926, Agricultural Exhibition, 5m to 200m, complete, 6 varieties 6.00
PT 1927-28, Regular Issue, 1m to 100m, $128 to 137, 10 varieties 1.40
ONIA 1928, Special Stamp for the Philatelic Exhibition, 10m gray, $90 ..... .12
LAND 1928, Regular Issue Watermarked Posthorn, 40p at 2c; 50p at 2c; 1m at 2c; 1½m at 6c; 2m at 8c; 3m at 12c; 5m at 20c; 10m at 40c; 25m at 1.00
LIAN SOMALILAND 1926, 2c to 10 lire, $83 to 95 inclusive, 13 varieties 2.25
LIAN COLONIES 1927, Volta Issue, 3 varieties for the 4 colonies complete 1.00
LY 1928, Emanuel Filibert Issue, 20c to 20 lire, complete, 10 varieties 3.25
LY 1928, Voluntary Militia Issue, 30c+10c to 5L+2L, $430 to 433 ..... 1.00
AN 1927, Postal Union Commemoratives, 1½s to 10s, $192 to 195, complete ..... .75
AN 1928, Coronation Issue, 1½s to 10s, complete ..... .30
VIA 1928, 10 years of Independence, 6s to 1 lat, complete, 6 varieties ..... .75
VIA 1928, Semi Postals, 6s+10s to 1 lat+10s, complete, perf. or imperf., 6 varieties 1.00
HTENSTEIN 1927, Caritas, 10rp+5rp to 30rp+10rp, complete, 3 varieties ..... .75
HTENSTEIN 1928, 70th Anniversary, 10rp to 5fr complete, 8 varieties 3.00
IUANIA 1928, high values, new type 1L, 3L, 5L, $223 to 225, 3 varieties 1.25
IUANIA 1928, 10 years of Independence, 5c to 1L, $226 to 232 complete, 7 varieties .50
EMBURG 1926, Caritas, 5c to 1.50fr, $315 to 319 complete ..... .40
EMBURG 1927, Philatelic Exhibition, 25c to 1¼fr, $320 to 324 complete 1.00
EMBURG 1927, Princess Elizabeth, 10c to 1¼fr, $325 to 329 complete ..... .30
EMBURG 1928, Princess Marie Adelaide, 10c to 1½fr complete, 5 varieties .... .25
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ACO 1928, Philatelic Exhibition, 50c to 3fr, $97 to 99 complete, 3 varieties 1.00
HERLANDS 1928, Child Welfare Issue complete, 4 varieties ..... .25
RAGUA "Resello 1927", 4c, $431, at $6.00; 6c, $433, at $6.00; 1 cor, $439, at 6.00
RAGUA "Resello 1928", ½c to 1 cor, $453 to 465, 13 varieties 3.00
RAGUA 1928, Provisionals of Telegraphs, 1c on 5c, 2c on 5c, 3c on 5c, 3 vars. .. .15
SSA 1925, Pombal Issue, 15c and 30c complete, 6 varieties 6.00
AMA 1928, Lindbergh Commemoratives, 2c, 5c, pair ..... .40
SIA 1926, "Regne de Pahlavi 1926", 1ch to 1 kran, 9 varieties 1.00
Kr, 3Kr, 4Kr, 5Kr, 10Kr at 20c per Kran.
AND $242 at 6c; 243 at 12c; 250 at 6c; 253 at 10c; 254 at 24c; 255 at ..... .06
AND 1924, "Na Skarb" Semi Postals, 1g to 50g, $523 to 533 complete 2.50
MANIA 1926, King Ferdinand, 10b to 10L, $291 to 301, omitting $299 ..... 1.00
MANIA 1927, Independence Issue, 25b to 10L, $308 to 319 complete 1.25
DE ORO 1921, 1c to 10p, $140 to 152, high values poorly centered 2.00
SIA 1927, 8 Kon Provisionals on Postage Dues, $359 to 372 complete, 14 varieties 1.00
SIA 1928, Red Revolution, 8K to 28K, $402 to 405 complete, 4 varieties ..... .60
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MARINO 1928, Saint Francis Issue, 50c to 5L, $112 to 115 complete, 4 varieties.. 1.00
NAM 1928, Provisionals on Marine Insurance, 3c to 50c, $127 to 133 complete ... 3.25
NOU TOUVA 1926, First Issue, 1K to 5R, $1 to 10 complete 9.00
IS 1928, Pro Juventute, 40c+40c to 5fr+5fr, $347 to 353 complete 1.85
GUAY 1928, Rocha Issue, 2c to 15c, $345 to 348 complete 1.50
GUAY 1925, Legislative Issue, 5c, 12c, $303 and 304, pair ..... .75

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***BARBADOS** 1912, 2sh violet & ultramarine on blue, $125, well centered. Cat. $10.00 6.50
***BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA** 1903-4, 10sh black & gray green, $67, slightly centered to left. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.00
***BRITISH GUIANA** 1913-15, 96c black & red on yellow, $188, fine centered. Cat. $6.00 3.75
***BRITISH HONDURAS** 1904-6, $2.00 green & ultramarine, $70, paper slightly toned by climate. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.00
BRITISH HONDURAS 1904-6, $1, $2, $5, $69, 70, 71, fine used copies. Cat. $45.00 ... 25.00
***CAYMAN ISLANDS** 1908, 10sh green & red on green, $30, slightly rubbed. Cat. $12.50 6.50
***CAYMAN ISLANDS** 1921-22, 10sh carmine on green, $63, fine copy. Cat. $20.00 .... 12.50
***CYPRUS** 1923, 45pi violet & ultramarine, $92, average centering. Cat. $45.00 ..... 25.00
***DOMINICA** 1907-08, 6p orange brown & black, $40, a hard stamp to locate. Cat. $12 8.00
***DOMINICA** 1923, 3sh violet & black on yellow, $81, well centered. Cat. $8.00 ..... 5.00
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***EAST AFRICA & UGANDA** 1912, 5r violet & ultramarine, $53, the pale shade. Cat. $7 5.00
***EGYPT** 1922 Official, 15m indigo, $429. "The rare type." Cat. $20.00 ..... 15.00
***FIJI** 1906-12, 5sh green & scarlet on yellow, $77, well centered. Cat. $7.50 ..... 5.00
***FRANCE** 1922, Offices in China, $2 on 5fr blue & buff, $73, centered to bottom. Cat. $60.00 ..... 35.00
***FRANCE** 1918, Mongtseu, 4pi on 10pf purple & black, $68, well centered. Cat. $12.50 7.50
***GAMBIA** 1922, 5sh green & black on yellow, $120, slightly off center as usual. Cat. $10 6.00
***GERMANY** 1900, Turkish Empire, 25pi on 5m, $23, fine copies. Cat. $30.00 ..... 20.00
GERMANY 1905, Turkish Empire, 25pi on 5m, $41, usual double canc. Cat. $35.00 20.00
***GIBRALTAR** 1903, 4sh violet & green, $45, slightly rubbed where hinged. Cat. $10 5.00
***GIBRALTAR** 1904-8, 4sh violet & green, $55, slightly rubbed. Cat. $13.50 ..... 7.00
GIBRALTAR 1904-8, £1 violet & black on red, $57, perfection used copy. Cat. $75.00 50.00
***GREAT BRITAIN** 1907-10, Morocco Agencies, 6p on 5sh carmine rose, $61, fine centered. Cat. $5.00 ..... 3.00
***GRENADA** 1904-6, 10sh green & violet, $67, exceptionally nice copy. Cat. $20 ..... 12.00
***GRENADA** 1906-11, 5sh red & green on yellow, $76, slightly centered to right. Cat. $6 4.00
***GRENADA** 1913, 10sh green & red on green, $88, centered to top. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.00
***HONG KONG** 1903, $5.00 blue green & lilac, $73, average copy. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.00
***HONG KONG** 1903, $10.00 orange & black on blue, $74, centered to left. Cat. $17.50 9.00
***HONG KONG** 1907-11, $2.00 black & carmine, $97, good stamps, unused. Cat. $6.00 4.00
***INDIA** 1909 Service, 25R ultramarine & orange brown, $264, remainders all overprinted. Cat. $25.00 ..... 15.00
***INDIA** 1913, Chamba State Service, 2a violet, $177, a small issue. Cat. $5.00 ..... 3.00
***INDIA** 1913, Chamba State Service, 4a olive green, $178, scarce stamp. Cat. $15.00 .. 9.00
***JAMAICA** 1905, 5p yellow & black, $45, brilliant copy of this scarce stamp. Cat. $9 5.00
KIAUCHAU 1900, 3 mark black & violet, $12, centered to right. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.50
***LEEWARD ISLANDS** 1907-11, 5sh green & red on yellow, $45, well centered. Cat. $7 4.50
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MAURITANIA 1906, 30c chocolate on pinkish, $9. Fine used copy. Cat. $12.50 .... 7.50
***MESOPOTAMIA** 1918, Iraq Issue, 5r on 50pi carmine, $37. Getting better. Cat. $5 3.00
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***MONACO** 1919 Semi Postal, 5fr+5fr dull red, $308, centered to left. Cat. $100.00 ... 50.00
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***NIGERIA** 1914-15, 10sh green & red on green, $11, centered to bottom. Cat. $9.00 .. 5.00
***NIUE** 1917, 3p violet brown, $20, a hard one, centered to left. Cat. $12.00 ..... 8.00
***NYASALAND** 1908, 10sh red & green on green, $9, well centered. Cat. $10.00 ..... 6.50
***PAPUA** 1907, 6p dark green & black, $16, bright copies. Cat. $6.00 ..... 3.50
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In the United States, since 1886, The American Philatelic Society, predominately made up of non-professionals, has directly and indirectly had a powerful influence on the establishment of the customs and rules that now govern the hobby. The National Conventions of this Society have brought together the leaders in collecting, and in the trade and out of the resulting interchange of thought the ethics of the game have been born.

If the hobby is to grow, if there are to be more collectors, if stamps are to retain an investment character, and if the sheep are to be protected from the wolves, this form of coöperation must continue and, in my humble opinion, the future of the hobby will be in direct ratio to the growth and power of philatelic organization.

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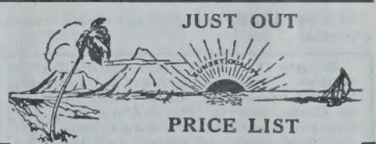
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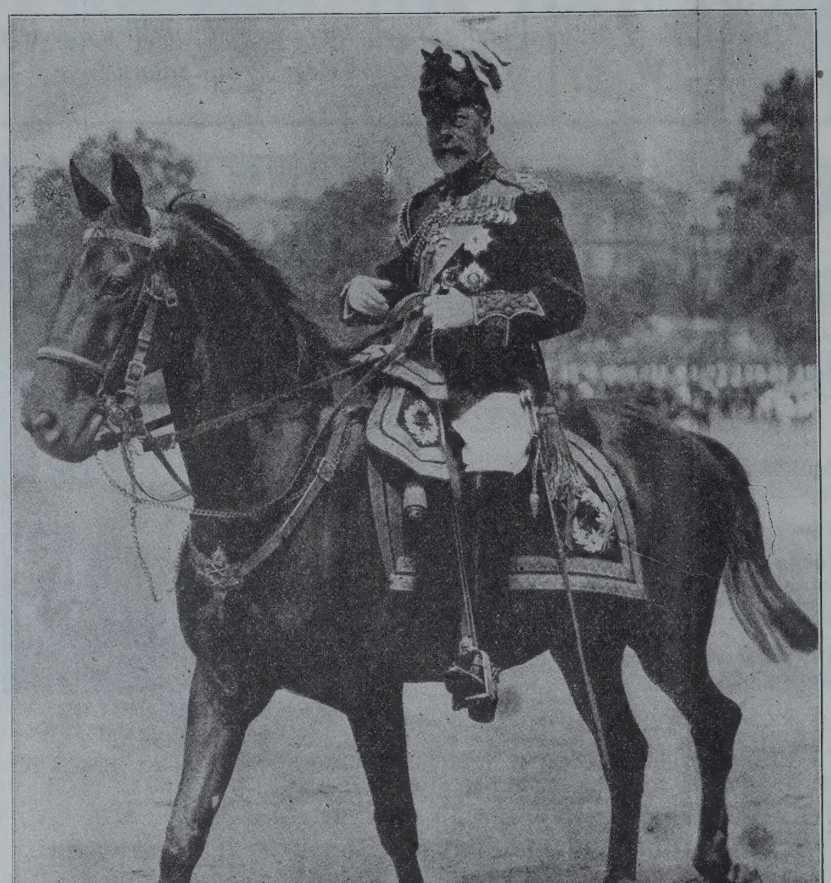

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THE MOUNTING OF COVERS

By NELSON F. GERKEN, 4859 Labadie Av., St. Louis, Mo.

In a recent issue an article appeared inviting suggestions from readers for best methods of mounting covers, and this for the benefit of Mr. Charles H. Fletcher, Newburgh, New York, and others who may be interested. Here is how I solved the difficulty, and having mounted in this manner my collection of approximately two thousand covers, have yet to see a method that for attractiveness, neatness, adaptability and economy can equal it. The idea is original and is passed on for what it may be worth.

My albums are of the loose-leaf type, black, flexible, imitation leather, morocco grained, opening the long way, size over all 7½" x 11½", with telescope binding posts, very similar to the ordinary photograph album used by the amateur photographer for mounting his prints (indeed, such albums may be used for the purpose if one does not object to the words "Photograph Album" printed thereon). Any loose-leaf bindery and most stationery houses will be glad to make or have made such covers for a very nominal charge, or if the collector wants something more elaborate he can have them made of genuine leather or alligator skin, but these run into money. Fillers are the standard black photo album sheets, which carry standard perforations, or you can buy black construction paper, 9" x 12" and cut them to size on the trimmer, or with a jack knife, and perforate them to fit the holes in the outer covers.

The black sheets form an exceptionally attractive contrasting background for the mounting of covers, and I prefer to mount one cover to the sheet, leaving the reverse side blank, and when mounted with covers 50 to 75 sheets will make a fair sized volume, yet not too bulky.

Covers are mounted with standard "corners" and readily removable for inspection. No fixed position on the sheet is followed in mounting; in fact, it breaks the monotony to mount covers at various angles and in various locations. Furthermore, on each sheet on side where cover is mounted is written in white ink a brief history of the cover and its more interesting features; in addition, there is inserted alongside each cover a white sheet 8½" x 5¾" perforated to take the binding posts, on which is writt complete a history of the cover as possible for me to compile, includi origin, and how and through wh came into my collection. Onion sheets of the same size and perfo as the fillers are used as fly leave where it is desired for convenien separate sections in an album, Den marginal tabs, properly labeled, a fixed; thus, one reads "Route 17, York-Chicago," the next "Route 18 cago-San Francisco," etc. Then, an album is completed a heavy gra tough, dark green paper having th pearance of grained leather (fur by a friendly printer by the way) and perforated so as to fit acro bound end of the volume, is labele volume number, routes contained th etc., and is then mounted on the b posts just beneath the outer cover the album is ready for its place cabinet, for when the binding pos tightened down it virtually beco substantially bound book.

The features I have found maki method of mounting particularly able to cover collecting are:

The size, 7½" x 11½", will acc date almost any ordinary type of ope, and it is a size readily handle will fit into most cabinets and book cases.

The loose-leaf design, especially only one cover is mounted to a shee mits addition of extra pages at the place any time a new city is adde route, or if for any other reaso desired to add to or take from th lection, and this without disturbi remaining portion.

The black sheets by contrast bri the attractiveness of the covers m thereon. Covers so mounted are kept in the best of condition a readily accessible, as by proper l the owner can locate any cover w same ease he can find any subject encyclopedia.

The cost of such an album is ver or to those so inclined, outer cover be made of the finest tooled leathe bossed in gold and individuality as far as the collector cares to go.

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LIECHTENSTEIN Charity, 10, 20, 30, 60rp, 1, 1.50, 2, 5frs	3.50
LUXEMBURG, 2frs black, both postage and official	.20
Charity, 10, 60, 75c, 1, 1.50fr	.25
MEXICO Official, 5 pesos, #990, rare	6.75
Official, 5 pesos, #992	5.00
CURACAO 20, 25, 30c	.50
7½, 10, 12½, 15, 35c	.50
NETHERLANDS Air Mail, 40c, 75c	.70
Charity, 1½, 5, 7½, 12½c	.25
NEWFOUNDLAND, 14c red brown	.20
28c	.38
NICARAGUA "Resello", #453 to 465	7.50
PANAMA Jubilee, 2c green	.06
PERSIA Air Mail, 3k, 5k, 1, 2, 3t, #1117-1121	20.00
Air Mail, 1, 2, 3, 5ch, 1kr Prov.	.50
PHILIPPINES London Orient, expected daily, Air Mail complete.	
Dues, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20c	.60
PORTUGAL 1928, Red Cross, 6 var.	.50
Provisionals, 10c on ¼ to 96c on 1.20e—20 var.	1.10
ROUMANIA Air Mail, 3 var.	.45
SAAR Charity, 40, 50c, 1, 1.50, 2, 3frs	1.00
SPAIN—New pictorial sets should be here before this reaches you.	
SURINAM Charity, 1½, 2, 5, 7½	.18
SWITZERLAND Charity, 5, 10, 20, 30c	.30
TURKEY Smyrna Exhibition, 10pa to 200g comp.	4.25
UPPER VOLTA 1c to 1fr. 16 var.	.40
1c to 5frs. 20 var.	1.25
1c to 20frs—23 var. comp.	3.25
Dues, 5c to 3frs—10 var.	.50
URUGUAY Artigas, 5m to 24c, #350 to 359	1.75
Olympic, 2, 5, 8c	.45
5c red, "Missions"	.10
Air Mail, 10, 20, 30, 38, 40, 50c	3.75
Air Mail, 10c to 3.80 complete, centered	25.00
LITHUANIA, #92 to 99b (Addenda), cat. $25.00	9.75
ALBANIA Coronation, 1q to 1fr. 8 var.	2.00
EGYPT, 20m black and red Express	.17
CANAL ZONE, 1c Gorgas, 2c Goethals	.05

Remember the new issue section of our "Bulletin" will offer you every month a line of offers hard to beat, many items that do not come in the so called services. Again, if you missed out on certain items issued a few months or so ago, perhaps we can furnish. We believe we have the most comprehensive stock in the New World.

High Values POSTALLY USED

Here is an offering that will hit the spot with a host of collectors. Many collectors prefer really used stamps and a lot of items are also much cheaper used and money savers. All are really used. No cancelled to order or fiscally used material. These are mostly high values, the tops of the sets and among the best material to buy.

U. S. 1916, $2 blue (good)	$1.00	$ .50
1920, $2, No. 547 (good)	.50	.25
1922, $2 blue (good)	.50	.20
$5, superb	2.25	1.75
$5, very good	2.25	1.25
AFGHANISTAN 1927, 30p grn., No. 231	..	.35
1927, 60p blue, No. 232	2.50	1.00
ALBANIA 1913, 1fr brown, No. 40	1.25	.60
1922, 50q green, No. 151	.75	.37
1fr violet, No. 152	1.00	.50
2fr green, No. 153	2.00	.95
ARGENTINE REP. 1910, 50c red & black	.60	.35
1917, 20p blue & claret	12.50	5.75
1920, 50c, No. 275	.40	.18
AZERBAIJAN Nos. 27, 28, each	..	.25
BELGIUM 1920, 5frs, No. 137	.15	.07
1921, 5frs, No. 160	3.00	1.75
10fr, No. 161	.60	.30
1926, 5fr green	.10	.05
Nos. 631 to 637	.62	.25
BOLIVIA 1923, 1b, No. 136	1.00	.48
1923, 2b, No. 137	3.00	1.40
CHILI 1923, 5p grn. & blk., No. 153	2.00	.95
CHINA 1923, $2 blue & brown	.15	.07
1923, $5 red & slate	1.75	.75
1915, $1, No. 716	2.00	.95
$2, No. 717	5.00	1.95
$5, No. 718	..	4.75
1924, $2, No. 748	2.00	.85
COLOMBIAN REP. 1905, 100p, No. 324	4.00	1.90
1920, 20c, No. 366	.85	.40
CONGO 1894, 5frs, No. 19	2.00	1.35
1898, 10frs, No 25	2.00	1.35
1901, 1fr, No. 30	.50	.30
1908, 5fr, No. 39	2.00	1.35
10fr, No. 40	2.50	1.45
1915, 5frs, No. 63	.50	.25
1921, Nos. 72, 73	2.75	1.50
1923, 5frs gray	1.00	.45
10frs black	2.00	.90
1920, 2frs, No. 303	.50	.23
5frs, No. 304	1.00	.45
CRETE 1901, 2dr, No. 70	6.00	3.50
CUBA 1928, 1c to 20c, Nos. 288-294	..	1.75
DANZIG 1921, 2m, No. 55	2.00	1.20
1923, 1g, No. 164	.60	.30
1924, 3g blue & black	1.50	.55
5g red & black	3.00	.95
10g brown & black	5.00	1.75
1925, 1g orange & black	.25	.08
2g rose & black	.65	.22
1924, 1g Aero, No. 431	.50	.19
DENMARK 1913, 5kr, No. 84	1.00	.65
1913, 80ö green	.40	.20
1920, 5kr purple	.40	.19
1925, 2kr, No. 178	.20	.09
1927, 5kr, No. 205	1.25	.38
1924, 1kr, No. 308	.60	.35
1907, 5kr, No. 409	.35	.18
10kr, No. 410	.40	.20
1925, 5kr, No. 623	3.00	1.45
DOMINICAN REP., 50c, No. 207	1.00	.48
DUTCH INDIES 1912, 2½g red	.80	.38
1923, 80c orange	.25	.09
1g Jubilee	2.00	.85
ECUADOR 1911, 1g, No. 199	.50	.23
EGYPT 1921, 100m, No. 69	.50	.22
1921, 100m, No. 88	.45	.20
200m, No. 91	1.00	.38
£1, No. 104	5.00	2.45
Nos. 115 to 117	1.50	.70
50pi, No. 114	6.00	3.00
50m, No. 111	2.50	1.20
EPIRUS 1916, 1dr, No. 189	4.00	1.90
1916, 2dr, No. 190	3.00	1.40
3dr, No. 191	4.00	1.95
ESTONIA 1920, 15m, No. 36	.30	.15
1920, 25m, No. 37	.75	.37
1922, 25m, No. 75	.35	.17
FINLAND 1901, 10m, No. 75	1.75	1.00
1917, 10 mark	.20	.09
1921, 25m, No. 128	.75	.38
FRANCE 1900, 5frs	.12	.05
1918, 5frs, No. 419	1.75	.85
GEORGIA, Nos. 36 to 40	4.25	2.10
GREECE 1901, Nos. 176, 177	2.10	1.00
1916, 10dr, No. 239	3.00	1.40
1918, 10dr blue, No. 258	.50	.22
25dr indigo, No. 259	1.00	.39
2dr, No. 273	4.00	1.90
1927, Nos. 335 to 337	1.12	.50
Nos. 1031-1033	6.50	3.25
GUATEMALA 5 peso, No. 175	.40	.20
HAITI 1906, 50c red	1.25	.62
1906, 1pi claret	2.00	.95
ICELAND 1902, 1k, No. 44	.80	.40
1902, 2k, No. 44a	1.75	.95
5k, No. 44b	4.00	2.50
1907, 1k, No. 83	.85	.45
2k, No. 84	1.75	.95
5k, No. 85	3.75	2.35
1911, 1k, No. 96	.90	.45

Mint United States Block

Good singles and blocks of obsolete used U. S. in first class shape are gett cleaned up fast and supplies difficult to We offer a few here and can supply oth against want lists. Remember what lo dear today may be a bargain tomorrow these U. S. items. All unused, perf. f sides, not cut by perfs.

	Single.	Bl
1890, 6c brown red, No. 224	$ .50	$
1893, 8c magenta, No. 236*	..	
1895, 1c blue, No. 264	.05	
1901, 1c black & green, No. 294	.05	
1902, 1c green, imp., No. 314*, scr.	.30	
1903, 2c carm. imp., No. 320*, scr.	.30	
1908, 1c green, imp., No. 343	.05	
2c red imp., No. 344	.10	
4c brown imp., No. 346, 2mm	.25	
4c brown imp., No. 346, 3mm	..	
1c green imp., No. 343, 3mm	..	
1909, 2c Alaska, imp. No. 371. Center block, rare	..	
2c Lincoln, No. 369, scr., 3mm	.50	
2c Lincoln, No. 369, scr., 2mm	..	
2c Lincoln, No. 368, 2mm spacing	..	
No. 368, 3mm spacing	..	
No. 368, 3mm line blocks	..	
2c Hudson Fulton, No. 373	..	
No. 373, line blocks	..	
1910, 1c imp., No. 383, 2mm	..	
2c imp., No. 384, 3mm	..	
1910, 1c, No. 383, center block	..	
1912, 1c, No. 408	..	
1916, 11c green, No. 473	.55	
9c salmon, No. 471, rare, sup'b	1.10	
$2 blue, No. 479	2.75	
$5 green, No. 480	7.00	
1c green, No. 481	.02	
2c red, No. 482	.04	
3c purple, No. 483	.08	
1917, 13c green	.20	
1918, Aero, 6c orange	.25	
Aero, 6c line block	..	
Aero, 6c center block	..	
Aero, 6c arrow block	..	
Aero, 16c green	.40	
Aero, 16c green line block	..	
Aero, 16c green center block	..	
Aero, 24c center block	..	
$2 orange & black	4.50	
$5 green & black	7.00	
1c green, No. 525	.04	
3c purple, No. 529	.06	
3c purple, No. 535	.10	
Set of plate, arrow & center blocks	..	
1c, No. 536, rare	..	
3c, No. 537	.10	
1919, 3c, No. 541	.45	
1c green, No. 544	.03	
$2 red & black	2.75	
1922, Nos. 551 to 558	.40	
7c black, No. 559	.12	
8c olive, No. 560	.15	
9c rose, No. 561	.17	
10c orange, No. 562	.17	
1c green, No. 575	.02	
1½c yellow brown, No. 576	.05	
1½c brown, No. 576	.05	
1½c dark brown, No. 576	.05	
2c red, No. 577	.04	
1c green, No. 581	.02	
1c light yellow green. Rare shade	.15	
2c carmine, No. 582	.04	
1½c deep brown, No. 581	.03	
3c purple, No. 584	.06	
4c brown, No. 585	.08	
4c deep brown, scarce	.15	
5c blue, No. 586	.10	
6c orange, No. 587	.12	
7c black, No. 588, scarce	.25	
8c green, No. 589	.15	
9c rose, No. 590	.16	
10c orange, No. 591	.20	
1923, Aero, 8c green	.20	
1923, 2c Harding, No. 612	.05	
1924, 1c Walloon, No. 614	.03	
2c Walloon, No. 615	.05	
5c Walloon, No. 616	.15	
1925, 2c Lexington, No. 618	.04	
2c Norse, No. 620	.15	
1926, Aero, 10c, No. 624	.15	
Aero, 15c, No. 625	.22	
Aero, 20c, No. 626	.25	
2c, No. 629, Exhibition sheets	..	
1926, 2c Sesqui, No. 627	.03	
1927, 2c Vermont, No. 645	.04	
2c Burgoyne, No. 646	.04	
2c Valley Forge, No. 647	.04	
2c, 5c Hawaii, centered	.15	
2c Molly Pitcher, centered	.04	
1925, 25c, Special Handling	.35	
1928, 10, 15, 20c, Special Handling	.60	
Parcels Post, 75c red	1.35	

U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

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Readers are requested to send in notes and ita on errors, shifts, defects and all plate arkings; also color varieties and new num- rs for chronicle. The editor will gladly swer all questions on these subjects.

Our subject this week is the 400 size tary plate from which the great mass our current lower values are printed. r. Theodore H. Ames, prominent Jer- y specialist, has kindly sent a fine sur- y of the marginal markings which ap- ar on these plates, and writes: "No ubt it is a well-known fact that the ates from which the current 1c to 10c mps are printed are used in pairs, each ate bearing 400 subjects and being rved so that when the two are fitted gether a complete cylinder is formed. is cylinder fits the 'rotary' press, and e stamps issue from the press in long ips the width of the plate. The two nts marking the points of contact of e two plates pick up ink and print a ntinuous line across the paper between plates. These are later cut apart in form seen at the Post Office."

Unlike the flat press sheets, these mps do not have continuous lines run- g through the center of the sheet, but tead have a short line about 3/16" g on the four middle points of the et running from the margin in, and mall cross in the center, each line be- about ¼" long. The space between quarter sections along which the cut- will divide the full sheet into panes about 5/16" wide and runs across the et in both directions. The plate num- appears in four positions, and always the right and left side margins near four corners of the sheet.

mperforate sheets of some of the er values can be had at the Philatelic ency, but usually are cut apart into customary sheets of 100 stamps. The rkings referred to above will show r the sheet has been cut and perfo- d, and to facilitate the reconstruc- n of miniature plates from single per- ate stamps I list below the sixteen ntifying stamps which should appear complete reconstructed plate:

First Row

Plate number at left, continuous at top.

Continuous line at top cut by short, ical line at right.

Continuous line at top cut by short, ical line at left.

Plate number at right, continuous at top.

Second Row

Short, horizontal line at left lower er of margin.

Crossed short lines at lower right er of margin.

Crossed short lines at lower left er of margin.

Short, horizontal line at lower right er of margin.

Third Row

Short, horizontal line at left upper er of margin.

Crossed short lines at upper right er of margin.

Crossed short lines at upper left er of margin.

Short, horizontal line at right up- corner of margin.

Fourth Row

Plate number at left, continuous t bottom.

Continuous line at bottom cut by , vertical line at right.

Continuous line at bottom cut by , vertical line at left.

Plate number at right, continuous t bottom.

re is an excellent opportunity for not familiar with plate markings arn the intricacies of plate recon- ion at practically no expense. As Ames writes, "I hope that many rs will essay this by no means easy elic task. To make it harder try it with used stamps." There is a n fascination in an effort of this and anyone successfully completing f these miniature plates will find If well versed in knowledge of our on stamps. I will be pleased to from anyone getting the sixteen varieties together. Try it with the 2c value first.

Plate Number Combinations. The present 5c air mail stamp is a bonanza for plate number enthusiasts and will keep them busy for some time. Mr. H. M. Southgate informs me that there are over seventy borders and forty-four centers to date. This gives us over three thousand possible combinations. Our correspondent further states that it will be difficult to obtain even singles of many, as some plates had very restricted printings. Plenty of persistence and patience are essential if you are trying for a complete set. However, we can find out how many combinations *do* exist. Even if you have but one or two combinations, write in and send a list of what you have, and we will learn just how many there are and which are the scarce ones. Due to the constant changing of borders and centers, as well as the haste in which they were printed, this issue should be rich in individual plate characteristics. Observe these stamps carefully and you may be rewarded with a unique discovery.

A correspondent asks, "Have you or do you know of anyone having Lex.-Concord 1c 16818 and 2c 16921," and adds, "it is doubtful if these plates went to press." I have never seen copies from either plate. Perhaps some reader may have more definite information.

Vacant spaces are the bane of plate number collectors. Many of these are caused from plates that have been numbered, but which did not go to press, while others are the natural result of small printings. The chief difficulty in attempting to trace missing numbers is the fact that often plates are not cancelled until a considerable period of time has elapsed. Recent numbers move slowly in many cases due to the tremendous amount of impressions from the plates, which are often re-chromed four or five times. In some instances over 2,000,000 sheets are printed before the plate is discarded. I have in preparation a list of cancelled plates that never went to press, and hope to make it as complete as possible so that many of these vacant spaces can be checked off.

A bulletin from the Philatelic Agency in the Canal Zone, recently received, lists nineteen varieties that are on sale. Just how large the remaining supply of flat press varieties is I do not know, but anyone desiring the lower values in this issue are advised to purchase at once, especially if you desire plate number blocks. The following are listed: 1c, 1½c, 3c, 5c, 12c, 14c, 15c, 17c, 20c, 30c, 50c and $1. Rotaries available are: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c. These are all of the current issue surcharged Canal Zone. The 1c Gorgas and 2c Goethals are also listed. Five different booklets may be obtained and eight envelopes. When possible, plate numbers may be had in blocks of twenty-four or more. Address communications to Postmaster, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

Watch for the possible appearance of ½c Hale rotaries. Four plates were listed recently and their use may be decided upon anytime.

The total number of plates in use for this stamp is quite small, and no doubt printings from all are still available, I having purchased No. 17017 and 17041 this week.

Auction catalogs listing U. S. plate lots will be reviewed in this column from time to time as space permits. Such catalogs should reach me at least three weeks prior to the sale date to be of value to readers.

2c Vincennes. Who will be the first to report number-combinations of this issue, out today? Plate collectors anticipate with pleasure the appearance of this stamp, and due to the great interest generally, all will want plate number blocks. Although the total number to be issued seems ample, taking into consideration the enormous loss through non-philatelic use coupled with our experience with past issues, printings from some of the plates will be scarce. Get your plate number blocks *now*.

Our next article will be about plate numbers, what they are and where to find them. No question is too difficult or too simple to answer. Remember, the greatest plate specialists in the country and the reports of the Philatelic Plate Number Association are at your service. Use them.

STAMP LOSS

In November, 1928, Mr. George C. Rheinfrank, Pasadena, California, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his start in the stamp business, when he commemorated the launching of the Missionary Stamp Exchange thirty years ago. At the same time he observed the second birthday of his shop in Pasadena, and he received an interesting notice in the Pasadena *Star-News* on the occasion. Now, we have word that about January 25, 1929, he sustained a serious loss by theft or otherwise. He says that somebody either purposely or by mistake took an approval book containing mint sets of U. S. departments, Agriculture, Navy, State, 1c to 90c, Treasury, etc., and he wishes to give wide currency to his loss, in the hope that he may receive information that may lead to the recovery of the stamps.

20TH CENTURY U. S. FOR THE SPECIALIST

	#304	5c 1902, **Stitch Watermark**, very fine used — unlisted variety	$1.50
1908-09	343	1c imperf. mint block of 8 showing both the 3 & 2mm, variety occurs only on the star plates (only one row in a pane of 100)	.80
	344	2c imperf., same remarks	1.75
	354	4c hor. coil, very fine—line pair	7.00
1909	372	2c **Hudson-Fulton** perforated. Block of 4, one stamp with very fine double transfer—mint, well centered	8.00
	372	Fine copy used, showing the same shift	6.00
	373	2c H. F. imperf., mint, strong double transfer	5.00
	373	2c H. F. imperf., another shift just as strong	5.00
1910	376	3c lilac, the scarce shade, V. F. mint block of 4	2.50
	383	1c imperf. blk. of 8 showing 2 & 3mm spacings	.75
1912-15	406	2c perf. 12, 4 shades in mint blocks of 4	1.25
1914-15	424	1c perf. 10, 4 mint blks.—shades	.80
	425	2c perf. 10, 4 mint blks.—shades	1.25
	426	3c perf. 10, 4 mint blks.—shades (incl. pink backs)	3.00
	436	12c, real copper	4.00
	449	**Type I**, fine line pair **Mint**, rare	45.00
1916	464	3c, perf. 10, unwatermarked, fine mint blk. of 4 with **Corner Sheet Margins**	20.00
	467	5c double error, extra well centered in full sheet	28.50
	483	**Type II, Set of 9 Position** blocks, 4 arrows, 4 plates and center line	9.00
	487	2c end coil—unlisted variety — mint pair showing **Cracked Plate**	5.00
1917-19	501	3c perf. 11, **Type I**, 5 mint blks. of 4 shades	2.50
	505	5c **Double Error** in block of 12, extra fine	18.00
1918-20	525	1c offset, **Horizontal Pair Imperf. Between**, very fine, rare	25.00
	526	2c offset, **Type V**, rare shade in V. F. mint block of 4	5.00
	526	**Retouched Cheek**, in mint blk. of 4	15.00
	529	3c, **Type III**, double impression, a beautiful copy—one of the best centered that we have seen of this type	10.00
		3c, **Type IV**, the rare **North & South** double — a wide one	10.00
		Same in a pair	20.00
	532	**Type IV**, block of 4	3.50
	537	3c Victory, **Red Violet** — haven't any, and would like to buy some. Have you any?	
	525	1c offset, **Double Impression**, mint blk. of 4. Not a wide one, but well centered and attractive	15.00
1925	619	5c Concord Lexington, full sheet of 50 lower left pane No. 16807—stamp over plate number, the rare variety with line across Minute Man's head	10.00
	620	2c Norse, ctr. line blk., mint	1.50
	621	5c Norse, ctr. line blk., mint	2.50
1912-13	1452	3c Parcel Post, finely centered mint block of 4, one stamp showing the retouched lower right cor.	10.00
1900 to **Date**		—Many good items. Standard or minor varieties. What are your wants?	

Following are a few stamps which appear on many want lists. Better look the list over. The chances are that you need some of them. Condition is mint and fine unless otherwise specified.

			Singles.	Blocks (Pairs or Coils)
248	2c	pink 1894	.20	1.00
260	50c	1894	3.75	22.50
265	2c	'95, tri. I	.35	1.50
276	$1	'95, used	1.00	..
290	10c	Omaha	1.10	..
294-299		Pan Am. complete	1.75	..
323	1c	L. P.	.12	..
324	2c	"	.12	..
325	3c	"	.65	3.25
326	5c	"	.90	5.00
327	10c	"	1.10	..
341	50c	1908	3.00	..
352	1c	hor. coil	.60	..
			pr. 3mm	1.25
			pr. 2mm	1.75
354	4c		pr. 2mm	6.50
392	1c	hor. 8½ perf.	.25 pr.	.50
407	7c	perf. 12	.45	..
423	$1	perf. 12	7.50	..
448	1c	end R. P.	.15 pr.	.30
457	4c	side "	.80 pr.	1.60
458	5c	" "	1.10 pr.	2.25

			Singles.	Blocks (Pairs or Coils)
487	2c,	Type II	.40 pr.	.80
493	3c,	Type I	.12 pr.	.25
497	10c		.30 pr.	.60
523	$2	or. & blk.	5.00	..
529	3c	offset, Type III	.15	.75
532	2c	offset, imperf.,		
		Type IV	.75	3.50
		Type V	.08	.40
		Type VI	.75	3.50
535	3c	offset, imp.	.15	.75
536	1c	perf. 12½	.35	1.75
541	3c	R. P. 11x10	.55	2.90
543	1c	10x11	.12	.70
547	used		.35	..
550	5c	Pilgrim	.25	1.15
578	1c	11x10	.50	2.50
579	2c	11x10	.40	2.00
612	2c	Harding imp.	.05	.25
613	2c	" R. P.	.10	.50
620	2c	Norse	.12	.55
621	5c	"	.30	1.50

It is generally conceded that a more highly specialized stock of 20th U. S. is to be found at the "Sterling" than anywhere else in Boston. The items which we have advertised under the heading "For the Specialist" are but a few of the interesting ones in stock. The recent purchase of Dr. Carroll Chase's collection of 20th has added a number of varieties seldom seen anywhere. When in Boston, come in. Or send a list of the items in which you might be interested.

Do not expect to find all varieties in stock. We can't keep them. We do, however, get our share of them from time to time. Furthermore, we stock the best condition obtainable. That is worth considering.

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1901. Pan American Issue

		(Block)	Un'd.	Used
294	1c Green & Black	(.22)	.05	.03
295	2c Carmine & Black	(.40)	.07	.01
296	4c Chocolate & Black	(1.15)	.25	.14
297	5c Ultram. & Black	(1.85)	.38	.28
298	8c Brown Vio. & Black	(3.00)	.60	.48
299	10c Yel. Brn. & Black	(3.00)	.65	.28

1902-03. New Designs

300	1c Blue Green	(.30)	.04	.01
300a	1c Yellow Green	(1.00)	.20	.01
301	2c Carmine	(1.20)	.24	.01
301b	2c Carmine Rose	(1.75)	.40	.03
302	3c Bright Violet	(1.80)	.34	.07
303	4c Brown	(1.25)	.22	.01
303a	4c Orange Brown	(1.25)	.27	.01
303b	4c Red Brown		.40	.05
304	5c Blue	(2.00)	.35	.01
305	6c Claret	(2.50)	.50	.03
306	8c Violet Black	(1.40)	.30	.02
306b	8c Lavender	(4.00)	1.00	.50
307	10c Pale Red Brown	(2.50)	.55	.01
308	13c Purple Black	(2.00)	.40	.15
308a	13c Brown Violet	(1.40)	.30	.20
309	15c Olive Green	(6.00)	1.00	.04
310	50c Orange	(15.00)	2.35	.22
311	$1 Black		6.50	.70
312	$2 Dark Blue		7.50	3.95
313	$5 Dark Green	(160.00)	20.00	12.25
	Complete set to 13c (9 var.)		2.60	.28

1902-03. Imperforate

314	1c Blue Green	(1.00)	.24	.24
315	5c Blue	(29.75)	7.00	6.75
315a	5c Blue Auto. Vend. #2		4.00	—
315b	5c Blue Auto. Vend. #3		5.00	—

1903. Shield Shaped Background

319	2c Carmine	(.22)	.04	.01
319a	2c Lake	(.90)	.18	.06
319b	2c Carmine Rose		—	.07
319c	2c Scarlet		.22	.02
320	2c Carmine, Imperf.	(1.00)	.22	—
320b	2c Scarlet, Imperf.	(1.00)	.22	—

1904. Louisiana Purchase

323	1c Green	(.50)	.10	.05
324	2c Carmine	(.60)	.12	.02
325	3c Violet	(3.25)	.70	.65
326	5c Dark Blue	(5.00)	1.00	.44
327	10c Red Brown	(6.50)	1.30	.27

1907. Jamestown Exposition

328	1c Green	(.25)	.06	.05
329	2c Carmine		—	.02
330	5c Blue		.40	.24

1908-09. New Designs, D. L. Wmk., Perf. 12

		2mm.	3mm.		
331	1c Green	(.18)	—	.04	.01
332	2c Carmine	(.25)	(.25)	.04	.01
333	3c Deep Violet	(1.15)	(2.50)	.26	.06
334	4c Orange Brn.	(.65)	(.75)	.15	.01
335	5c Blue	(.95)	(15.00)	—	.03
336	6c Red Orange	(2.50)	—	—	.05
337	8c Olive Green	(2.25)	—	.45	.05
338	10c Yellow	(4.00)	—	.65	.01
339	13c Blue Green	(2.75)	—	.65	.65
340	15c Pale Ult.	(2.60)	—	.62	.05
341	50c Violet	(14.00)	—	3.20	.22
342	$1 Violet Blk.	(30.00)	—	5.25	.60

Imperforate, D. L. Wmk.

343	1c Green	(.20)	(.30)	.04	.04
344	2c Carmine	(.50)	(.85)	.10	.08
345	3c Deep Violet	(1.10)	—	.25	.25
346	4c Orange Brn.	(1.40)	(2.00)	.28	.28
347	5c Blue	(2.40)	—	.55	.39
	Complete set		(5.00)	1.10	.95

Coil Stamps, Perf. 12 Horizontally

348	1c Green		.06	—
349	2c Carmine		.24	—
350	4c Orange Brown		1.80	—
351	5c Blue		.90	.75

N. B. These and all subsequent coil stamps can be supplied in pairs at double the single price. Line pairs and paste-up pairs 20% additional.

Coil Stamps, Perf. 12 Vertically

352	1c Green	(1.75)	(1.20)	.60	—
353	2c Carmine	(1.20)	(.84)	.42	.25
354	4c Or. Brown	(5.00)	(8.50)	1.75	1.10
355	5c Blue	(2.40)	—	1.20	1.00
356	10c Yellow	(95.00)	—	—	—

Note. Prices in brackets for coils are for pairs of the two spacings.

On Bluish Experimental Paper

357	1c Green	(2.80)	—	.60	—
358	2c Carmine	(3.75)	(10.00)	.80	—
359	3c Deep Violet		(80.00)	19.75	—
364	10c Yellow		(62.50)	12.00	—
365	13c Blue Green				29.50

1909. Lincoln Memorial

367	2c Carmine	(.60)	(.30)	.06	.02

Alaska-Yukon Issue

370	2c Carmine	(.35)	.07	.02	

Hudson-Fulton Issue

372	2c Carmine	(.35)	.07	.02	
373	2c Imperforate	(.90)	.18	—	

1910. As 1908-09. S. L. Wmk., Perf. 12

374	1c Green	(.30)	(.17)	.03	.02
375	2c Carmine	(.25)	(.20)	.04	.01
376	3c Deep Violet	(.90)	.19	.04	
376a	3c Lilac	(2.00)	.38	.38	
377	4c Brown	(.90)	(.80)	.20	—
378	5c Blue	(1.40)	(1.10)	.25	.02
379	6c Red Orange	(2.40)	(2.00)	.35	.03
380	8c Olive Green	(5.00)	(5.00)	—	.20
381	10c Yellow	(7.00)	(6.50)	—	.04
382	15c Pale Ultramarine	(15.50)	3.10	.25	

As above Imperforate S. L. Wmk.

383	1c Green	(.20)	(.25)	.04	.04
384	2c Carmine	(.75)	(.50)	—	.04

Coil Stamps, S. L. Wmk., Perf. 12

		(Block)	Un'd.	Used
385	1c Green, perf. horiz.		.14	.14
386	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.		.48	.35
387	1cGrn.,perf.vert.	(1.10)	(1.20)	—	.45
388	2c Car. perf. vert.	(24.00)	12.00	—	

Coil Stamps, Perf. 8½

390	1c Light Green, perf. horiz.	.10	—	
390a	1c Dark Green, perf. horiz.	.07	—	
391	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.	.27	.16	
392	1c Green, perf. vertically	.30	.20	
394	3c DeepVi.,per.vert.	(.65)	(.50)	.21	—
395	4c Brn., perf. vert.	(.70)	(.56)	.25	.22
396	5c Blue, perf. vertically		.24	.24

1912-13. Panama Pacific Issue Perf. 12

397	1c Green	(.15)	.03	.02
398	2c Carmine	(.35)	.07	.01
399	5c Blue	(1.50)	.32	.14
400	10c Orange		—	.14
400a	10c Orange Yellow	(2.65)	.62	.14

1915. Same Perf. 10

401	1c Green	(.95)	.20	.08
402	2c Carmine	(1.75)	.40	.04
402a	2c Red		.60	.06
403	5c Blue	(4.25)	—	.18
404	10c Orange		—	.35

1912-15. New Type and Value. Perf. 12

405	1c Green	(.15)	.03	.01
406	2c Carmine	(.35)	.07	.01
407	7c Black	(1.60)	.40	.10

As Above, Imperforate S. L. Wmk.

408	1c Green	(.15)	.04	.02
409	2c Carmine	(.20)	.05	.02
409a	2c Carmine Rose	(.25)	.06	.04
409b	2c Scarlet	(.50)	.12	.10
409c	2c Rose, dry plate	(4.00)	1.00	—

Coil Stamps, Perf. 8½

410	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.03	—	
411	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.	.09	—	
412	1c Green, perf. vert.	.07	—	
413	2c Carmine, perf. vert.		—	.05

Perf. 12, New Designs, S. L. Wmk.

414	8c Olive Green	(1.40)	.32	.04
415	9c Salmon Red	(2.00)	.40	.12
416	10c Orange Yellow	(1.45)	.32	.01
417	12c Claret Brown	(1.85)	.45	.04
418	15c Grey	(2.50)	.58	.03
419	20c Ultramarine	(7.85)	—	.12
420	30c Orange Red	(6.00)	—	.15
421	50c Violet	(40.00)	8.00	.50

1912-15. Double Line Wmk., Perf. 12

422	50c Violet	(16.50)	3.85	.25	
423	$1 Violet Black	(37.50)	7.75	.65	

1914-15. Single Line Wmk., Perf. 10

424	1c Green	(.15)	.04	.01
425	2c Carmine	(.25)	.04	.01
425c	2c Red	(.65)	.14	.03
426	3c Deep Violet	(.45)	.10	.02
426b	3c Reddish Violet	(.50)	.12	.06
427	4c Brown	(.65)	.13	.02
428	5c Blue	(.75)	.15	.01
429	6c Orange	(1.50)	(1.00)	.20	.02
430	7c Black	(1.00)	.24	.07
431	8c Olive Green	(1.25)	.25	.04
432	9c Salmon Red	(1.80)	.30	.12
433	10c Orange Yellow	(1.60)	.28	.02
434	11c Dark Green	(1.90)	.42	.10
435	12c Claret Brown	(2.00)	.45	.03
436	12c Copper Red	(2 20)	.50	.06
437	15c Grey	(2.15)	.50	.04
438	20c Ultramarine	(5.00)	1.00	.05
439	30c Orange Red	(9.00)	—	.10
440	50c Violet	(45.00)	10.00	.30

Coil Stamps, Flat Plate, Wmk. USPS, Perf. 10

441	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.07	—	
442	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.	.38	.25	
444	2c Carmine, perf. vert.	.12	.05	
446	4c Brown, perf. vert.	—	.50	

Rotary Press Coils, USPS, Perf. 10

448	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.07	—	
449	2c Carm., perf. horiz., T. III	.11	.06	
449a	2c Red, Type III	—	.15	
449c	2c Red, Type I	—	2.50	
452	1c Green, perf. vert.	.08	—	
453	2c Carm., perf. vert., Type I	.09	.02	
453a	2c Carmine, Type II	—	.20	
453b	2c Carmine, Type III	.35	.08	
457	4c Brown, perf. vert.	.58	.52	
458	5c Blue, perf. vert.	.95	.60	

1914-15. Double Line Wmk., Perf. 10

460	$1 Violet Black	(30.00)	—	.50	

1915. Wmk. USPS, Perf. 11

461	2c Carmine	(7.25)	1.65	—	

1916-17. No Wmk., Perf. 10

462	1c Green	(.75)	.16	.06
463	2c Carmine	(.25)	.06	.04
464	3c Violet	(20.00)	4.50	.50
465	4c Orange Brown	(2.00)	.42	.09
466	5c Blue	(2.00)	.45	.09
467	5c Carmine (error)		11.00	—
468	6c Red Orange		—	.10
469	7c Black	(2.60)	.45	.10
470	8c Olive Green	(2.60)	.48	.10
471	9c Salmon Red	(4.50)	.95	.16
472	10c Orange Yellow	(6.25)	—	.09
473	11c Dark Green	(1.80)	.40	.14
474	12c Claret Brown	(2.90)	.65	.10
475	15c Grey	(6.00)	1.25	.12
476	20c Light Ultramarine	(9.25)	2.00	.20
477	50c Light Violet	(2 50)	—	—
478	$1 Violet Black	(62.50)	—	.32

Types of 1902 Issue

479	$2 Dark Blue	(11.00)	2.75	.55
480	$5 Light Green	(25.00)	6.00	1.10

1916-17. Imperforate, No Wmk.

		(Block)	Un'd.	Used
481	1c Green	(.12)	.03	.02
482	2c Carmine	(.16)	.04	.04
483	3c Violet, Type I	(.25)	.06	—
484	3c Violet, Type II	(.50)	.12	.06

Rotary Press Coil Stamps, No Wmk., Perf. 10

486	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.02	.02	
487	2c Car., perf. horiz., Type III	.06	.04	
488	2c Carmine, Type II	.28	—	
489	3c Violet, perf. horiz.	.06	.06	
490	1c Green, perf. vert.	.02	.01	
491	2c Carmine, perf. vert.	—	.01	
493	3c Violet, perf. vert.	.08	.02	
495	4c Orange Brown, perf. vert.	.08	.05	
496	5c Blue, perf. vert.	.10	.05	
497	10c Or'ge Yellow, perf. vert.	.24	—	

1917-19. Perf. 11, No Wmk.

498	1c Green	(.12)	.03	.01
499	2c Rose, Type I	(.20)	.04	.01
499d	2c Rose, Type II	(2.25)	.50	—
501	3c Violet, Type II	(.20)	.05	.01
501a	3c Violet, Type I	(.40)	.10	.02
503	4c Brown	(.50)	.10	.01
504	5c Blue	(.32)	.08	.01
505	5c Rose (error)		7.00	—
506	6c Red Orange	(.36)	.09	.01
507	7c Black	(.70)	.15	.02
508a	8c Olive Bistre	(.45)	.11	.01
509	9c Salmon Red	(.80)	.18	.02
510	10c Orange Yellow	(1.20)	.25	.01
511a	11c Light Green	(.60)	.15	.03
512	12c Brown Carmine	(.64)	.16	.01
512a	12c Claret Brown	(1.20)	.22	.03
513	13c Apple Green	(.80)	.19	.12
514	15c Grey	(.80)	.20	.01
515	20c Light Ultramarine	(1.40)	.35	.02
515a	20c Deep Ultramarine	(1.20)	.28	.01
516	30c Orange Red	(1.60)	.40	.02
517	50c Red Violet	(4.25)	.95	.02
517a	50c Light Violet	(7.00)	1.45	.05
518	$1 Violet Black	(7.50)	1.75	.05
518a	$1 Brown Black	(27.50)	6.50	.20

1908 Type Double Line Wmk., Perf. 11

519	2c Carmine	(40.00)	9.50	—	

1918. Aeroplane Issue

520	6c Orange	(1.00)	.25	.14	
521	16c Green		—	.22	
522	24c Carmine & Blue	(2.40)	.58	.38	

1918. High Values

523	$2 Or'ge Red & Black	(18.50)	4.40	—	
524	$5 Deep Green & Blk.	(25.00)	6.20	2.10	

1918-20. Offset Print

525	1c Grey Green	(.15)	.04	.02
526	2c Carmine, Type V	(.15)	.03	.01
526b	2c Carmine, Type IV	(.30)	.07	.02
526c	2c Carmine, Type VI	(.60)	.12	.02
529	3c Purple, Type IV	(.25)	.06	.01
529c	3c Violet, Type III	(.55)	.12	.03

Imperforate (Offset)

531	1c Green	(1.25)	.30	—	
532	2c Carmine, Type V	(.28)	.06	—	
532a	2c Carmine, Type IV	(2.00)	.50	—	
532b	2c Carmine, Type VI	(1.25)	.25	—	
535	3c Violet	(.60)	.14	—	

Offset Perf. 12½ (Rossbach Machine)

536	1c Grey Green	(1.25)	.30	—	

1919. Victory Issue

537	3c Violet	(.50)	.12	.04	
537a	3c Red Violet		—	2.50	

1919-21. Rotary Press Prints

538	1c Green (11x10)	(.12)	.03	—	
538a	Imperf. horiz. (Pr.1.10)	(2.20)	.55	—	
539	2c Carm. Rose (11x10)	(.20)	.05	—	
539b	Imperf. horiz.(Pr. 1.10)	(2.20)	.55	—	
541	3c Violet (11x10)	(2.00)	.50	—	
543	1c Green (10x11)	(.50)	.12	—	
544	1c Green (10x10)	(.12)	.03	.01	
545	1c Green (11x11)	(4.50)	1.00	—	
546	2c Carmine (11x11)	(2.10)	.48	—	

1920. New Color

547	$2 Carmine & Black	(13.00)	3.00	.35	
	$2 as above, very lightly canc.		—	.50	

1920. Pilgrim Issue

548	1c Green	(.18)	.04	.03	
549	2c Carmine Rose	(.25)	.06	.02	
550	5c Deep Blue	(1.10)	—	.20	

1922-23. New Designs, Perf. 11

551	½c Olive Brown	(.04)	.01	.01
552	1c Deep Green	(.08)	.02	.01
553	1½c Yellow Brown	(.10)	.03	.01
554	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03	.01
555	3c Violet	(.20)	.05	.01
556	4c Yellow Brown	(.20)	.05	.01
557	5c Dark Blue	(.24)	.06	.01
558	6c Red Orange	(.32)	.08	.01
559	7c Black	(.36)	.09	.01
560	8c Olive Green	(.40)	.10	.01
561	9c Pale Rose	(.44)	.11	.02
561a	9c Carmine Rose	(1.25)	.25	.05
562	10c Orange	(.48)	.12	.01
563	11c Blue	(.75)	.16	.03
563a	11c Peacock Blue	(1.50)	.30	.08
563b	11c Turquoise Blue	(.55)	.14	.03
564	12c Brown Violet	(.56)	.14	.01
565	14c Dark Blue	(.64)	.16	.03
566	15c Grey	(.72)	.18	.01
567	20c Carmine Rose	(.96)	.24	.01
568	25c Deep Green	(1.60)	.40	.04
568a	25c Yellow Green	(1.25)	.30	.04
569	30c Olive Brown	(1.40)	.35	.03
570	50c Lilac	(2.40)	.60	.02
571	$1 Violet Brown	(4.80)	1.20	.05
572	$2 Deep Blue	(9.60)	2.40	.40
573	$5 Carm. & Dk. Blue	(23.00)	5.75	1.50

1922-25. Imperforate

575	1c Green	(.12)	.03	.03	
575a	1c Dark Green	(.25)	.06	—	
576	1½c Yellow Brown	(.16)	.04	.04	
577	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03	.03	

Rotary Press Printings

		(Block)	Un'd.	U
578	1c Green, perf. 11x10	(1.90)	.40	
579	2c Carmine, perf. 11x10.	(1.90)	.40	

Perforated 10

581	1c Green	(.15)	.03	
581b	1c Bright Yellow Green.	(.80)	.20	
582	1½c Brown	(.10)	.03	
582b	1½c Deep Brown	(.80)	.20	
583	2c Carmine	(.16)	.04	
584	3c Bright Violet	(.20)	.05	
585	4c Yellow Brown	(.25)	.06	
586	5c Blue	(.30)	.07	
587	6c Red Orange	(.35)	.08	
588	7c Black	(.80)	.20	
589	8c Olive Green	(.50)	.12	
589a	8c Olive Bistre	(.75)	.18	
590	9c Rose	(.60)	.15	
590b	9c Salmon	(1.25)	.30	
591	10c Orange	(.75)	.15	

Coil Stamps, Perf. 10 Vertically

597	1c Green	.03	
598	1½c Deep Brown	.03	
599	2c Carmine	.03	
600	3c Violet	.05	
601	4c Yellow Brown	.06	
602	5c Dark Blue	.07	
603	10c Orange	.14	

Coil Stamps, Perf. 10, Horizontally

604	1c Green	.04	
605	1½c Yellow Brown	.03	
606	2c Carmine	.03	

1923. Aeroplane Issue

608	8c Dark Green	(.60)	.15
609	16c Dark Blue	(.88)	.22
610	24c Carmine		—

1923. Harding Memorial Issue

611	2c Black, perf. 11	(.20)	.05
612	2c Black, Imperf.	(.20)	.05
613	2c Black, perf. 10 rotary.	(.35)	.08

1924. Huguenot-Walloon Issue

614	1c Green	(.16)	.04
615	2c Carmine Rose	(.20)	.05
616	5c Dark Blue	(.70)	.17

1925. Lexington-Concord Issue

617	1c Green	(.15)	.04
618	2c Carmine Rose	(.15)	.04
619	5c Dark Blue	(.60)	.14

1925-26. Norse-American Issue

620	2c Carmine & Black	(.60)	.15
621	5c Dark Blue & Black	(1.20)	.30

1925-26. New Values

622	13c Blue Green	(.64)	.16
623	17c Black	(.80)	.20

1926-27. Large Aeroplane Issue

624	10c Dark Blue	(.48)	.12
625	15c Dark Brown	(.80)	.20
626	20c Green	(1.00)	.25

1926. Sesquicentennial Issue

627	2c Carmine Rose	(.12)	.03

1926. Ericsson Memorial Issue

628	5c Violet Blue	(.28)	.07

1926. White Plains Issue

629	2c Carmine Rose	(.16)	.04
629b	Special Exhibition sheet of 25		.95

1926. Rotary Press Imperf.

631	1½c Brown	(.15)	.04
	Do. Block with wide spacing, either horiz. or vert.	(.24)	—

1927. Rotary Perf. 11x10½

633	1c Green	(.12)	.03
633a	1c Pale Yellow Green	(.08)	.02
634	1½c Yellow Brown	(.09)	.03
635	2c Carmine	(.10)	.03
636	3c Violet	(.16)	.04
637	4c Brown	(.20)	.05
638	5c Dark Blue	(.24)	.06
639	6c Red Orange	(.28)	.07
640	7c Black	(.36)	.09
641	8c Olive Green	(.40)	.10
642	9c Rose	(.44)	.11
643	10c Orange	(.48)	.12

1927. Lindbergh Airmail

644	10c Deep Blue	(.48)	.12

1927. Green Mountain Boy

645	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03

1927. Surrender of Burgoyne

646	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03

1928. Valley Forge Issue

647	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03

1928. Airmail, 5c Rate

648	5c Carmine & Blue	(.25)	.07

1928. Hawaii Commemorative 1778-18

649	2c Carmine	(.15)	.04
650	5c Blue	(.35)	.09

1928. Molly Pitcher (on #635)

651	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03

1928. Aeronautics Conference

652	2c Carmine	(.12)	.03
653	5c Blue	(.28)	.07

1912-13. PARCEL POST PICTORIALS

1450	1c Carmine Rose	(.10)	.02
1451	2c Carmine Rose	(.22)	.05
1452	3c Carmine Rose	(.36)	.08
1453	4c Carmine Rose	(.75)	.14
1454	5c Carmine Rose	(.85)	.14
1455	10c Carmine Rose	(1.50)	.38
1456	15c Carmine Rose	(2.40)	.48
1457	20c Carmine Rose	(3.40)	.70
1458	25c Carmine Rose	(3.75)	.90
1459	50c Carmine Rose	(6.50)	1.50
1460	75c Carmine Rose	(4.80)	1.10
1461	$1 Carmine Rose	(19.00)	3.75

1925. Special Handling

1463	25c Deep Green	(1.25)	.35

1928. As Above—New Rates

1464	10c Yellow Green		.15
1465	15c Yellow Green		.15
1466	20c Yellow Green		.25

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Our subscribers are urged to send air il news direct to Mr. Markee and espe- lly advance news concerning first flights, h names of cities served. The scope of s department will not allow the treat- nt of flights from other than the purely latelic standpoint.)

After many delays, the 1929 edition of American Air Mail Catalogue has n placed on sale and its appearance l be welcomed by collectors of covers. e catalogue has been enlarged,—now rying 105 pages of data—and several v Departments have been added. Mr. rk, the publisher, deserves the whole- rted support of every collector of Air il Covers, for the catalogue is *not* a ney-making proposition, but his con- ution to the Hobby. In fact, if you at all interested in A. M. covers, it impossible for you to collect intelli- tly without a copy of the catalogue your desk. You will never spend 0 to better advantage!

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Under date of Feb. 6th, the Columbian vernment announced that permission been granted Pan-American Airways operate in Columbian territory. ther link forged in the Central and th American chain. Reports from the r interested countries may be ex- ted in the near future, with opera- is of a route in prospect for the mer.

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Mistakes will happen and sometimes can pass the buck, but the item giving stopping points on the forthcoming anese route, that appeared in the Jan. issue, is one of our own making, the "stopping points" are the name the operating company! Mr. Eugene s calls attention to the error and we urn pass this apology along to you. Japanese always *was* punk.

According to *Roessler's Stamp News,* 434 pounds of mail made the trip to Cristobal in Col. Lindbergh's plane. Figuring 90 covers to the pound, approximately 39,000 letters were carried. Postage realized would figure about $10,000. On the return trip the press notices state that 600 lbs. were loaded in the two planes, or about 54,000 letters. And they will be in demand, for every collector will want to add a pair of covers to his collection.

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Lieut. Frank Robertson, of Universal Air Lines, is the envied possessor of an unique Christmas card—a bit of linen from one of the wings of the "Spirit of St. Louis" that bears the message, "To Frank H. Robertson. Sincerely, Charles A. Lindbergh, December, 1928."

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A neat envelope, bearing the printed inscription "Boyertown Welcomes Major Spatz and His Fellow Companions," backed with a large red question mark and postmarked Boyertown, Pa., Feb. 4th, was received the past week from Mr. H. D. Egolf.

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A clipping from the Martin's Ferry, Ohio, paper of Feb. 5th, states that Yorkville, Ohio, is making preparations to care for the proposed Air Mail service that *may* be started April 1st. Yorkville is about ten miles from Wheeling, W. Va., and would probably be the landing field for the latter point when service between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh is inaugurated. Courtesy of Mr. E. Klass.

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Mr. Victor M. Suarez notifies us that service between Mexico City and Baja, California (Mexicali), was inaugurated on January 29th, but no mail was carried on the first trip. On January 31st a second trip was completed on which mail was carried. This service is experimental, the contractor working under a provisional contract, but if results warrant, permanent service will be instituted. At present the service is tri-weekly, with stops at Guadalajara, Tepic, Mazatlan, Culiacan, Cajeme, Guaymas to Mexicali.

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Mr. A. J. Steinhardt, 17 Briggs St., Overbrook, Pittsburgh, Pa., advises that he will be glad to assist collectors by mailing their covers during the week of the Aero Exposition at Pittsburgh, March 9th to 16th. Be sure and send your covers "ready to go." Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 East Eugene Ave., Homstead, Pa., has also volunteered to help out, as previously written in this column. With these two gentlemen on the job, you have no excuse for not getting a set of covers for your collection.

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In connection with the foregoing, please note that the dates are MARCH 9th to 16th, and not 11th to 16th as previously listed.

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Here is a *real* round trip cover! Mr. H. Engelhart is the proud owner of a "Graf Zepp." cover that made the round trip, has all the proper face cancels and backstamps, and is franked with both a 2 mark and a 4 mark German Trans-Atlantic stamp in addition to the U. S. postage. Was anybody else "in" on this round trip?

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Coöperators report that "news is scarce"! However, we continue to make out quite well each week when the reports are all collected. This week's workers—G. H. Curtis, Willard Olsen, Arthur Gilbart, Jr.*, Miss Anna M. Schafer, Eugene Sims, J. P. Penning, Victor M. Suarez*, Wm. Esselen, Jr., A. J. Steinhardt, H. D. Egolf*, Everett Klass, H. Engelhart, Harry Leonard, A. C. Henderson, C. A. Forster and Clark Cooper.

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Durant, Okla., will dedicate "Eaker Airport" in the early summer. The port is named after Capt. Ira Eaker, chief pilot of the "Question Mark." * * * Indianapolis, Ind., is to erect an Airport in the near future. * * * Bids are to be asked for a route from Louisville to Dallas, via Nashville, Memphis, Little Rock, according to Memphis papers. Courtesy of Clark Cooper.

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Elkhart, Ind., will hold an Airmeet, June 14-16th. * * A 240 acre Airport is in prospect for Burbank, Calif. * * Muskegon, Mich., is to begin work on a 245 acre field as soon as the frost is out of the ground. * * Hornell, N. Y., is planning an Airport. * * Grass Pass, Ore., is reported to have started work on an Airport. * * And here are a few other possibilities—Lubbock, Tex.; Ada, Okla.; Mystic, Conn.; Eveleth, Minn.; Bonham, Tex.; and Marshall, Tex.

COLUMN CHAFF

Here is a sample from R. H. L.'s column in the Chicago *Tribune,* involving the innocent postage stamp. This stuff is fair to poor, and is a piece of flat ware in the column cabinet. Richard Henry Little heads the paragraph: "We'll Play Safe! Kindly Keep Our Face Off the Stamps."

"Old Fred Pasley seethed with indignation yesterday. 'Lookit,' says Paz, 'and if you've got an ounce of patriotism in your system join me in a frenzy of indignation.' We joined him on general principles and he explained that he had gone into the morgue to buy a two-cent stamp of August. The morgue was just out of two-cent stamps, but gave him four half-cent stamps instead. And the half-cent stamps bore the picture of Capt. Nathan Hale, who was hung during the revolutionary war as a spy and whose last words were: 'I regret that I have but one life to give for my country.' And Paz and us agreed that, considering they put him on a half-cent stamp, one life was enough."

Then Gene Morgan in his "Hit and Miss" column in the Chicago *Daily News* had a loose connection and headed a letter from a contributor who objected to a proposed "petting Mararthon" with: "Perhaps You'd Like to Collect Stamps." We saw Gene a few days later and went right up to him and said: "Fie."

STOP - LOOK - BARGAINS

	Cat.	Net
ANTIGUA—Used, #25	$1.00	$ .50
Used, #26	1.50	.70
Used, #27	2.50	1.20
Used, #3	1.75	.70
Used, #4	4.00	1.60
AUSTRIA—Mint, #831-37	..	1.15
Air Mail, #696-72, scarce	..	4.50
ALBANIA—Air Mail, #601-7, Mint	5.56	2.25
BELGIUM—Mint, #133	3.50	1.00
Mint, #135	10.00	4.50
Mint, #136	10.00	4.50
BELGIUM — Occupation of Germany, Mint, #801-817	10.90	6.00
Mint, #826-849	13.99	8.50
Mint #850-79	15.70	9.75
BRITISH HONDURAS—#8	4.00	1.80
#14	1.00	.40
#24	2.00	.80
BRITISH SOLOMON ISLAND —Mint, #41	6.00	2.75
BOSNIA—Mint, #61	.35	.15
Imperf., not in cat., #61, scarce		.60
BAHAMAS—Mint, #303	1.25	.50
Mint, #311	.50	.20
Mint, #202	.10	.04
Mint, #23	1.25	.60
BAVARIA—Used, #256-275	.96	.40
BARBADOS—Used, #2	3.00	1.25
Used, #15	2.00	.80
Mint, #16	.85	.40
Used, #17	3.00	1.40
Used, #21	1.50	.70
Used, #24	2.50	1.15
Used, #33	1.50	.70
Used, #34	5.00	2.15
Used, #37	10.00	4.20
Used, #13	4.00	1.90
Used, #19	2.50	1.15
Used, #39	4.00	1.90
Used, #44	2.50	1.15
Used, #45	1.25	.60
Used, #47	3.50	1.60
Used, #48	5.00	2.15
Used, #49	3.00	1.40
Mint, #50	1.50	.70
BRAZIL Air Mail, Mint.	#801-16 43.00	18.00
CONGO — Stanley, Complete, Mint, #115-129, 15 Vars.	5.04	2.05
CEYLON—Used, #6a	20.00	7.00
CANADA—Mint, #50-60	12.50	6.00
CAYMAN ISLANDS—Mint,	#101 4.00	1.85
Mint, #102b	.75	.30
CHINA—Air Mail, Mint,	#451-455 8.00	4.00
DOMINICA—Mint, #85	..	1.75
DUTCH INDIES AIR MAIL —New Issue	..	2.00
EAST AFRICA and UGANDA —#49a	1.50	.60
EGYPT—Mint, #103-113	14.80	5.00
Mint, #105-107	4.70	2.35
Mint, #125-127	1.05	.50
FIJI—Mint, #88a	1.00	.40
Mint, #33	3.00	1.40
Mint, #34-35	3.00	1.40
Used, #21	20.00	8.50
Mint, #54	3.00	1.40
Used, #46	2.50	1.15
Used, #48	2.00	.90
Mint, #51	3.00	1.40

	Cat.	Net
FALKLAND ISLAND—Mint, #36-38	8.50	4.75
GAMBIA—Mint, #114, face 72c	..	.95
Used, #8	2.00	.85
Used, #9	3.00	1.40
GIBRALTAR—Used, #2	.75	.35
Used, #4	1.00	.40
Used, #36	2.00	.80
Used, #71a	2.50	1.00
Used, #72	1.50	.70
Used, #40	.75	.35
Mint, #39	1.25	.60
GERMAN Zeppelin Air Mail, Mint	....	**2.50**
GREECE—Mint, #176-178, scarce	..	1.00
GOLD COAST—Used, #20	1.25	.60
Used, #16	.75	.35
Used, #44	1.00	.40
Used, #10	5.00	2.00
GRENADA—Mint, #7	.75	.30
Mint, #71	3.00	1.40
Mint, #21	3.00	1.40
Mint, #22	1.00	.40
Used, #7	3.00	1.25
Used, #23	2.50	1.00
Used, #28a	1.25	.60
GERMAN EAST AFRICA— Mint, #151-9	15.00	6.00
GREAT BRITAIN—Used, #2.	2.00	.80
Used, #44	1.50	.60
Used, #45	1.50	.60
Mint, #32	35.00	10.00
Mint, #43, plate 8	4.00	1.60
Used, #28	1.00	.40
Used, #76	5.00	2.00
Mint, #42	1.25	.55
Used, #52	3.00	1.20
Used, #53	3.00	1.20
Used, #55	2.00	.80
Used, #61	1.25	.55
Used, #56	4.00	1.60
Used, #83	1.00	.40
Used, #87	1.25	.55
Mint, #106	6.00	2.75
Mint, #63	1.75	.80
Used, #71	2.00	.80
Used, #104	1.00	.40
Used, #87	1.25	.55
Used, #55	2.00	.80
HEJAZ—Mint, #42-7	7.50	2.50
HONGKONG—Used, #4	2.50	1.20
ITALIAN OFFICES IN AUSTRIA—Mint, #901-19, 951-54, 971-2, 981-8	2.39	1.15
JAPAN—Mint, #164-67	1.23	.60
Enthronement, Mint, 4 var., new	..	.35
#192-95	1.65	.80
JAMAICA—Used, #1	1.00	.40
Used, #3	1.75	.75
Used, #4	3.00	1.20
Used, #5	2.00	.80
Used, #6	2.00	.80
Used, #6a	2.00	.80
Used, #11	1.00	.40
LINDBERGH—Mint, Cuban & Panama, 3 vars.	..	.45

	Cat.	Net
LITHUANIA — Mint, #97-110, 114-115	2.00	.95
Mint, #81-91	1.55	.65
Used, #13-19	4.55	2.00
LUXEMBURG—Mint, #325-29	.63	.30
Mint, #320-4	2.00	.95
Mint, #315-19	.60	.30
Mint, #336-8	3.20	.95
Mint, #120-22	1.60	.75
LIBERIA—Mint, #455-61	..	2.50
Used, #796-806	2.09	1.50
Used, #101-113	2.11	1.00
LIECHTENSTEIN — Mint, #304-6	1.65	.75
LEEWARD ISLANDS—Mint, #55	5.00	2.00
MOROCCO AGENCIES—Mint, #113	1.25	.60
MAURITIUS—Mint, #156a	..	.80
MONACO—Mint, #168	..	1.25
Mint, #60-72	4.13	2.00
Mint, #78-96	4.46	2.00
Mint, #97-9	..	.85
Mint, #40-56	39.75	17.00
Mint, #49-56	10.50	4.00
MEMEL—Mint, #432-44	2.10	.90
MALTA—Mint, #109	9.00	4.25
Mint, #128	5.00	2.25
Mint, #129	7.00	3.25
Mint, #14	5.00	2.50
Used, #143	.65	.30
Used, #27	.75	.35
NEWFOUNDLAND—Used,	#25 20.00	7.00
Mint, #41	2.00	.80
Mint, #43	2.00	.80
Used, #90	1.25	.60
NEW HEBRIDES—Mint	#134 3.00	1.40
NED. INDIES—Used, #143-6.	3.10	1.40
NATAL—Used, #11	1.50	.60
Used, #12	2 50	1.60
Used, #13	2.50	1.00
Used, #15	1.75	.75
Used, #16	1.50	.60
Used, #31	5.00	2.00
Used, #38	1.00	.40
Used, #39	1.50	.60
Used, #43	1.50	.60
Used, #49	.75	.30
Used, #50	1.50	.65
Used, #55	1.25	.60
Used, #52	3.00	1.35
Used, #53	.75	.30
Used, #61	2.00	.80
Used, #62	2.00	.80
Used, #68	1.00	.40
Used, #77	1.50	.70
Used, #71	3.00	1.25
Used, #72	1.50	.60
Used, #54	8.00	3.25
NETHERLANDS—Mint, #146-9	..	1.10
Mint, #85	..	.60
Mint, #461-3	.55	.25
Used, #468-72	.85	.40
Mint, #454-5	1.25	.60
NEW GUINEA—Mint, #9	..	.40
Mint, #10	..	.70
NORTHERN RHODESIA— Mint, #12, face 60c	..	.85
NAURU—Mint, #28, face 60c	..	.85
Mint, #29, face $1.20	..	1.70

	Cat.	Net
NEW ZEALAND—Used, #24a	2.00	.80
Used, #19	5.00	2.00
Used, #24	1.50	.60
Used, #36	6.00	2.50
Used, #39	2.00	2.00
Used, #40	1.75	.70
Used, #57	5.00	2.00
Used, #58	1.50	.60
PALESTINE—Mint, #2	3.00	1.20
Mint, #44	1.50	.60
Mint, #63-74	..	1.70
PERSIA—Mint, **Air Mail,** 4 vars., New Issue	..	.50
ROUMANIA—Mint, Air Mail, 3 vars., New Issue	..	.60
RUSSIA—Mint, Air Mail, 2 vars., New Issue	..	.35
ROUMANIA—Mint 1928, new dobrudja issue, 7 vars.	..	.75
Mint, #291-98, 300-1	2.28	1.00
Mint, #308-19	2.65	1.25
Mint, #551-52, 555-62	2.15	1.00
RUSSIA—Used, #302-3	9.50	4.50
Used, #342-4	5.85	2.50
Mint, #269-72	1.25	.60
Mint, #339-41	.70	.35
Mint, #246-9	2.20	1.00
Mint, #501-4, **scarce**	..	1.50
SWITZERLAND—4 vars. 1928, New Red Cross Charity	..	.35
SURINAM—Mint, #120-6	3.00	1.30
SAN MARINO—Mint, #120-5.	..	1.20
Mint, #109-11	2.50	1.25
Mint, #120-5	..	1.20
SWEDEN—Mint, #444-8	..	.35
SAXONY—Mint, #15-17	.28	.14
ST. LUCIA—Mint, #86, face $1.40	..	1.75
Mint, #46	3.00	1.40
Mint, #69, face $1.00	..	.45
Used, #201	3.00	1.35
SEYCHELLES—Mint, #56	.75	.35
Mint, #4	.75	.35
Mint, #6	.60	.30
Mint, #16	.75	.35
Mint, #30	.75	.35
Mint, #31	.60	.30
Mint, #32	.60	.30
SERBIA—Scarce, Mint, #417-420	..	1.25
Mint, #36-45	9.00	3.00
SAAR—Mint, #41-60	1.04	.40
SIAM SCARCE, Used, 198-203, BARGAIN..	**61.50**	**20.00**
SOUTHERN RHODESIA—#2, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, scarce	..	3.40
SPAIN—Mint, #747-751, 753, 759, 732, 740, 742-5	8.71	3.75
Mint, #701-18, 851, 901-5	12.40	6.00
ST. VINCENT—Mint, #127	1.00	.40
SIERRA LEONE—Mint, #6	4.00	1.90
TRANSJORDANIA — Mint, #145-54, scarce	..	2.00
Mint, #66-70	5.55	1.55
Mint, #114-15, 118-20	2.55	1.00
Mint, #306-11	3.60	1.35
Mint, #122-9	3.60	1.35
TANGANYIKA—Mint, #19	1.25	.60
Mint, #20	2.50	1.20

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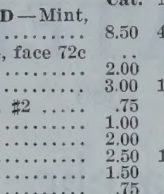


By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

The tragic death in New York of the eminent sculptor, Emile Fuchs, calls to mind the furore that arose twenty-seven years ago, when it was announced that he had been commissioned to design the stamps and coins of King Edward VII. British artists were up in arms; questions were asked in Parliament, and the stamps as finally issued subjected to a merciless and, for the most part, undeserved criticism.

How it came about that an Austrian artist was entrusted with the work of preparing a portrait of the late King Edward for reproduction upon the postage stamps of his reign is related by the artist in his Memoirs, which were published recently. He wrote:—

"Shortly after the ascent of King Edward to the Throne, the firm of Thos. De La Rue and Co., Ltd., who for generations had made the postage stamps of the realm, submitted a design which they had already prepared. It was taken from a photograph of the King in uniform. It did not meet with His Majesty's approval. He had quite definite ideas as to how he wished the stamp to be treated. Evidently the way the first designs were altered by De La Rue did not please him either, and he asked them to communicate with me and to make the head I had modelled of him with the free bare neck, the base of the design. They therefore sent a member of the firm to discuss the subject with me.

So far I had made only a medallion, which was in sculpture. It could have been adapted for the stamps, but I suggested an entirely new drawing. My suggestion was accepted, and the King intimated his willingness to give me the necessary sittings."

The medallion referred to, upon which the whole of the British and Colonial postage stamps of the Edwardian era were modelled, was exhibited by Herr Fuchs at the New Gallery in 1900, and was subsequently acquired by the late Queen Alexandra.

Storm of Criticism

No sooner did it become known that this artist was engaged upon the new stamps than the Postmaster-General and the Secretary to the Treasury became the target for a fire of questions in the House, the main purport of which was that the work should have been given to a British artist. The reply was that the portrait in question had been expressly selected by His Majesty for the purpose, and that this was obviously a matter in which the King's own wishes should carry most weight. There for a time, the matter rested, until the actual appearance of the stamps called forth another outburst from carping critics and jealous rivals.

Meanwhile, with the assistance of a skilled engraver, working in his studio and under the guidance of Herr Fuchs the work of engraving the die was steadily progressing. So delicate was the task of transferring the likeness to steel that sometimes it took the engraver an entire day to cut only part of a line. Proof impressions were taken every few days to show the progress made, several of which are now in the Royal stamp collection. "One day," he recounts, "word came from Windsor that the King wished to see the stamp. It was then just in the preliminary stages. Not even the final colors were available. So we took an impression from the head, and another from the frame, and pasted them together. The one-penny being the most generally used, was the farthest advanced, and to convey the idea, as it would appear in color, we made one impression in green and another in mauve. The King saw them and approved."

King Edward's Approval

Actually two different frame designs were submitted, but His late Majesty preferred the one showing the value in one line, instead of displayed at the sides, and initialed this proof "Appd. E. R.," with a proviso that the head was "leaning too far forward," the poise being corrected accordingly.

Herr Fuchs lived to see his work j- tified by comparison with the first p- age stamps of King George V, which - though designed by British artists, we subjected to a more devastating criticis than had ever been experienced by the of the former reign.—BAZAAR.

THE MOUNTING OF STAMPS

By HAMILTON HARRIS.

In the last few years it has becc more and more true that collectors h confined their enthusiasm to one coun or specialized in one of the many w possible. The question arises as to h they shall be housed. For it is impo- ble to buy a printed album to fit each - dividual want. The answer is the bl loose-leaf album, which may be had various prices from very cheap to most beautiful bindings, with hand-m leaves worthy of the greatest rarities

One of the most interesting pleasu in collecting is the mounting of stamps collected.

My own collection is confined to 19th century, and I have found, as will, that it is often wise to have b used as well as unused copies. A v centered, lightly cancelled, good sp- men is often of more value, beside be of more interest. A cancelled stamp in many cases more desirable. For - ample, a stamp that has been through mail has served the purpose for wh it was created. In the early Unid States stamps the different colored c- cellations, the year dates and the to markings from which the letters w posted, all add to their value and m

SALES DEPARTMENT OF THE A. P. S.

J. E. GUEST, DALLAS, TEXAS, MGR.

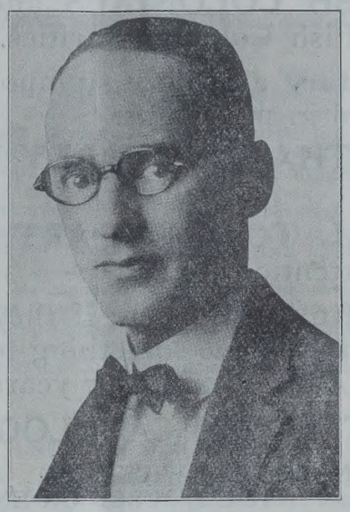
By VERITAS.

One of the outstanding developments n American philately in the past several ears is the remarkable development of ne sales department of the American hilatelic Society, under the management nd direction of that well-liked and pop-lar member of the fraternity, Mr. J. E. uest of Dallas, Texas. The operation f a sales department was not new to Ir. Guest at the time he was chosen by ie Board of the American Philatelic ociety in 1920, for prior to that date, he ad operated a similar department in a naller society.

The records of sales made by the de-rtment prior to his management are not fore us, but basing our statements on the record of sales, made by him ring the eight years that he has held is office, we have evidence enough that s administration of this department the society has been successful. The les made the first year of his encum-ncy, 1920-21, amounted to $19,262.97. ch year this amount has been in-eased, and for the fiscal year ending gust 30, 1928, amounted to $80,266.78, ich makes a total sales for the entire riod he has managed this office of, ap-ximately, $380,000.

Based upon his satisfactory handling this department, the society at the w York convention, a couple of years o, changed his term of office to a five-ar period, so they might be sure of his vices for a longer time, and also, so t he could feel safer in expanding the partment, because theretofore, it had n a yearly appointed position. That s was a wise thing to do, is evidenced the fact that the sales for the last al year were practically $20,000 more n for the next last preceding period.

Mr. Guest has always maintained that, a sales department was operated on a ictly business basis, that it could be veloped in an unlimited way. He intains a down town office, fully fur-hed with the necessary equipment and ficient help to handle the detail work mptly. At the present time, in addi-n to Mrs. Guest's services, there are r other clerks employed, which is dence of the fact that Mr. Guest en-vors to give the best possible service the members of the American Phila-c Society, regardless of the cost. It uld probably be more profitable for to cut the overhead expenses, even gh the sales fell off, but he evidently feels that regardless of expense the members must be given the best service possible.



J. E. GUEST, Sales Mgr.

We understand that for the current year, the department is being patronized more than ever before, and that the sales this year are ahead of those affected last year for the same period. Mr. Guest's ambition is to build the department up to a place where its annual sales total at least $100,000, and while this may not be reached this year, it will doubtless be passed by the time he completes his present term of office in 1931.

It has been said that you can judge a society by its sales department, and if this is so, then the American Philatelic Society is being more successful year after year as a Philatelic organization. It must be remembered that all expenses for postage, printing, office rent, clerical hire, etc., come out of the commissions earned on sales, and therefore, while the total gross commissions may seem large, the net to Mr. Guest, and Mrs. Guest, who assists him, is only nominal.

We congratulate Mr. Guest upon his wonderful record, and wish him continued success in his efforts to keep the sales department of the American Philatelic Society in the lead.

e of the most attractive pages in one's a um.

mistake too often found in mounting st ps on unprinted pages is to over cr d the page. On a page say 10⅜ x 8 one issue of from 8 to 16 stamps is en gh. You may have an issue with se ral copies of each value in different sh les, cancellations, papers, perforation, et You may have a single copy which sh ld stand out by itself, perhaps for its ra y or some special interest. These sh ld be honored with a page by them-se es, with a complete write-up as to wi they are different from the others, wh h may look to an outsider to be the sa e.

the pages you have are quadrilled it wi add to their beauty to draw a plain bla c border around the two sides, top an bottom of the page at the edge of th quadrilling. Place your stamps on ho page in the order in which you wish to nount them, loose without hinges. M k with a pencil dot at each corner ab t one square from the edge of the sta p. Do not crowd the stamps with the frame. Remove the stamps and ir in with black ink the frames by co ecting the dot marks. Then mo it your stamps with a first qu ty hinge. These frames, of course, ma be made to fit any stamp, piece of co or cover. You may place the un-use and the used side by side, or use a pa for the unused and a page for the use stamps. Neatness is most important. If mistake is made and there will be, do not try to correct it, but take a fresh page and start over. You may in this way make up several hundred pages without having two alike as to the number and position of the stamp on the page. Black India ink is the best. It is waterproof and dries very quickly. A four or five inch draftsman's pen is most successful, for it will hold enough ink to complete a full line, which is necessary to have the lines and frames universal.

ASSN. FOR STAMP EXHIBITIONS

By JOHN A. KLEMANN, *Sec.*

The annual meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions will be held Monday, March 4, at 4 P. M., at the Collectors Club, 51 West 48 St., N. Y. City, for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The names presented by the nominating committee for consideration are as follows:

Directors to serve 3 years (1932): W. L. Babcock, J. M. Bartels, E. N. Costales, C. Curie, P. G. Doane, S. P. Hessel, A. H. Lamborn, H. M. Lewy, A. F. Lichtenstein, J. C. Morgenthau, A. E. Owen, E. Perry, B. W. H. Poole, W. R. Ricketts, P. M. Wolsieffer.

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National Stamp Exhibit Will Be Put On At The Minneapolis Convention

THE American Philatelic Society will be entertained this summer, probably the first week in August, in Minneapolis, under the auspices of the Twin City Philatelic Society. In conjunction with the convention, plans are under way for a National Stamp Show, which is to be held during the week of the Convention. The stimulus of the International Exhibit in New York in 1926, prompted the Garfield-Perry Club of Cleveland, Ohio, to conduct their great National Stamp Show, which was held in May, 1928. The enormous success of these two enterprises has encouraged the American Philatelic Society, working in close harmony with the Association for Stamp Exhibits and the American Stamp Dealers' Association, to look forward to National Stamp Shows in conjunction with the Convention each year.

Plans for the exhibit, as far as they have materialized, call for a stamp exhibit which will duplicate the performance of the Cleveland show. A special corporation will be created for this purpose and collectors and dealers throughout the United States will be asked to underwrite the undertaking. Dealers' booths will be provided for and modelled after the old-time English fairs.

The prospectus as to the exhibits is in and the plans are to have competitive exhibits with gold, silver and bronze awards. Looking into the future, it is hoped that a plan will be available whereby the orderly system now used by the yearly Dog Shows and Horse Shows will be inaugurated in the philatelic field. More details will be forthcoming in the next week's issue. In the meantime, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY heralds this advance notice of coming National Stamp Show in the Twin Cities with heartiest enthusiasm.

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA. 1898. 50 Rs. Mint. **No. 109.**
BRITISH GUIANA. 1850. 4c Orange. Superb Used. **No. 3.**
1856. 4c Magenta. Superb Used. **No. 14.**
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA. 1895. £10. Mint. **No. 30.**
1895. £25. Mint. **No. 31.**
1896. £10. Mint. **No. 41.**
£25. Mint. **No. 42.**
1897. 1d on 3/-. Mint. **No. 53a.**
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CANADA. 1851. 12d Black. Mint. **No. 3.**
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. 1882-83. 5/-. Mint. **No. 38.**
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1863. 1/-. Brilliant Mint. **No. 43.**
1861. 8d Yellow Brown. Brilliant Mint. **No. 30.**
1/9 Green. Superb Mint. **No. 35.**
1912. 500 Rs. Mint. **No. 219.**
1922-25. 1000 Rs. Mint. **No. 247.**
COOK ISLANDS. 1902. 2d Value Omitted. Mint. **No. 33a.**
CYPRUS. 1886. ½pi. Mint. **No. 27.**
FALKLAND ISLANDS. 1928. 2½d on 2d. Superb Mint. **No. 52.**
1928. 2½d on 2d. Superb Used. **No. 52.**
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LAGOS. 1884-86. 10/-. Superb Mint. **No. 25.**
1904. 10/-. Superb Mint. **No. 49.**
MALTA. 1885. 4d Imperf. Brilliant Mint. **No. 12a.**
1919. 10/-. Superb Mint. **No. 65.**
MAURITIUS. 1848. 1d Orange. Superb Used copy. **No. 3.**
1848. **2d Blue. An immaculate used copy on entire original. No. 3a.**
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1868. 6d. Superb Mint. **No. 35.**
RHODESIA. 1924. £1. Superb Mint. **No. 141.**
1909. £2. Mint. **No. 100b.**
ST. VINCENT. 1880-81. 5/- Rose. Superb Mint. **No. 29.**
1880-81. 4d on 1/-. Superb Mint. **No. 33.**
PERSIA. 1915. 5c. Mint. **No. 1218.**
1915. 6c. Mint. **No. 1219.**
SAMOA. 1914. 1/-. Superb Mint. **No. 110.**
1914. 2/-. Superb Mint. **No. 111.**
SIERRA LEONE. 1893. ½d on 1½d. Mint. **No. 32c.**
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. 1884. 8c on 12c. Mint. **No. 62.**
1894. 32c. Mint. **No. 80a.**
1899. 5c. Mint. **No. 90a.**
1902. 100 Dollars. Mint. **No. 104a.**
1904. 100 Dollars. Mint. **No. 120b.**
1921-22. 500 Dollars. Mint. **No. 196.**
Federated Malay States. 1900. 25 Dols. Mint. **No. 13a.**
Johore. 1926. 500 Dollars. Mint. **No. 125.**
TOBAGO. 1879. £1. Mint. **No. 6.**
TOGO. 1914. 50Pf. Superb Used. **No. 60.**
1914. 2M. Superb Used. **No. 63.**
TONGA. 1897. 7½d, **INVERTED CENTRE.** Mint. **No. 46a.**
TRANSVAAL. 1902-3. £5. Superb Mint. **No. 267.**
1908. 1d. Superb Used. **No. 285.**
WEST AUSTRALIA. 1865-79. 2d Lilac. **Mint PAIR. No. 31a.**
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Stop Press News

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,
February 16, 1929.

"I am sending you herewith invitation nd program of events received by me oday from the Geo. Rogers Clark Me- orial Commission.

I am sure you will find the Program f Events most interesting. It is an vident fact that stamps are coming into heir own, being given first place in the vents of the day."

ERNEST R. ACKERMAN.

C. A. Ploch of Indianapolis, who fur- ished the picture from which our cut is ade, also favors us with a copy of the rogram, and we are indebted to him r a splendid piece of coöperation. Here the record:—

A. M. Commemorative stamps placed on sale at the Post Office.

XTENSION SERVICE C.A.M. 25

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.

On March 1, there will be established additional division of the air mail ute under C.A.M. 25. The new stops signated for this route are Macon, eorgia, Daytona Beach, Orlando and ampa, Florida.

Special cancellations for use on first ght covers will be furnished the cities entioned. Routing of first flight cov- s for these special cachets may be as llows: (D. B.=Daytona Beach.)

ampa-Orlando	Orlando-Tampa
ampa-D. B.	Orlando-D. B.
ampa-Macon	Orlando-Macon
. B.-Orlando	Macon-D. B.
B.-Tampa	Macon-Miami
B.-Macon	Macon-Orlando
B.-Miami	Macon-Tampa

It is suggested that first flight covers properly marked as to routing and rwarded to the postmasters, under sepa- e cover, with instructions that they be ld for the first flight from the Post fice designated.

IE FLIGHT THAT DID NOT FAIL

Our Halifax-St. John First Flight er bears the date "Jan. 28" on its e, and the St. John marking is "Feb.

We quote from a letter from Don- A. King:—

"The Halifax plane was due to leave Jan. 28, but fog and snow held it up il Jan. 31, when it took off. Half y to St. John the plane was forced vn by a snow storm at Folleigh Lake, l could not take the air until Feb. 2, en it reached St. John. Hence the psed time. Winter flying on the st is difficult. At Folleigh Lake the w had to make a runway—the planes with skis, not wheels."

DONALD A. KING.

PT. FRIED--- STAMP COLLECTOR

lave you been advised that Capt. rge Fried was recently made an Hon- ry Life Member of the Worcester ass.) Stamp Club? When given the s to N. Y. City, a pass key to Nassau should have been included. He could it all right. He is a stamp collector.

WM. LYCETT, Sec. S. P. A.

NEW AIR MAIL EDITOR

Ve expect to be able to announce our air mail editor next week. We are y to lose Mr. Markee, but he has wn a fine spirit in standing by.

STATE STAMPS FOR "CONN."

Denominations to be Overprinted Are the Values 1 to 5c

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.

All postage stamps ranging from 1c to 5c sold in Connecticut in the future will bear the name of the state stamped across the face of the stamp. Postmaster Gen. Harry New is taking this step in order to cope with post office thieves. The stamping of the name of the state in which the stamp is sold across the face of the stamp will render it more difficult to dispose of stolen stamps.

He has announced that for this reason the federal government in the future will stamp Connecticut on all 1c to 5c stamps sold in the Nutmeg State. Connecticut is in the class with Kansas and Nebraska.

L. G. SHEPARD.

NEW AIR MAIL ENVELOPES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.

The envelope manufacturers have found that in the printing of the new air mail envelopes that for some reason it is difficult to register the red and blue bars shown on the present type of envelope. These bars on the present envelope, which are diamond shape and measure 14/32 inches on the long side and 13/32 inches on the short side, will be made smaller so that the red diamond on the new envelopes will now be 13/32 inches on the long side, which will be horizontal or vertical, and 6/32 inches on the short or diagonal side. The blue stamp, which has heretofore appeared in the upper right corner somewhat near the red and blue border, will be spaced about one-eighth inch further in, so that it will be possible in the future for the cut-square collector to mount his cut-square types as they will both be distinguishable, because of their spacing from the border. The colors are the same as heretofore, and it is expected that the new envelope will be available by the time these notes appear in print.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

THE LINDBERGH C. Z. FLIGHT

We are indebted to Emile Mizrahi for a Colon (Panama), Lindbergh cover. The Colon postmark is dated Feb. 9, Miami Feb. 13, and Beverly Feb. 16, all in purple ink. The special Colon cachet is a double lined circle also in purple, and in the centre is "Primer Correo Aero Internacional." A horizontal inscription in two lines separate from the cachet reads: "Pan American Airways, Inc. Primer Vuelo." It is in purple. The air mail fee is represented in the 10c Panama special delivery: "Correo Aereo" at top, "25" on either side of an airplane just below, and bottom line: Veinticinco Centesimos".

JOHN KAY WINS CUP

Detroit Exhibition Feb. 16 a Gala Occasion and Well Attended

DETROIT, Feb. 16.

The exhibition held this evening was a marked success. John Kay, with a $16,000 exhibit, was awarded the silver trophy, the President's cup. Particulars follow.

BEACH CONGER, JR.

$51 FOR A "MOLLY PITCHER"

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.

At the last M. Ohlman auction sale the Molly Pitcher wide-spaced variety of overprint, recently described in these columns, sold for $51. This price is worth noting.

POTPOURRI

You May Want Some of These!

Scott No.		Price
52	**Canal Zone** 1917, 12c purple & blk., block of 4	.80
*285	**Cuba** 1927, 25c violet	.40
*127	**Newfoundland** 1920, 2/30c slate	.65
*129	1920, 3 on 15c scarlet	.85
*130	3 on 35c red	.75
*203	1921, 35c red, Airmail	2.00
203	Same stamp used on cover	2.00
*301-3 } *501-3 }	**Nyassa,** Pombals, 6 var., complete, rare (Cat. 15.00)	5.50
*222-7	**Panama** 1921, 2c to 10c, 6 var.	1.40
*228	1921, 15c light blue	.50
*229	20c olive brown	.65
*230	24c black brown	.75
*231	50c black	1.00
*256-7	1928, Lindbergh stamps	.40
*551-2	1926, Spec. Del., no gum, rare	.85
*601-4	1915, Dues, 1c to 10c, no gum	.50
*214	1918, 12c purple & black	1.00
*215	15c bright blue & black	.45
*216	24c yell. brown & black	.75
320-7	**Roumania** 1928, 25b to 10 lei	.20
*123	**Newfoundland** 1918, 12c Caribou	.50
*124	1918, 15c Caribou	.50
* 26	**New Hebrides** 1920-1, 1p on 5p olive green	1.00
*131	1912, 2fr violet	.75
*132	5fr brown red on green	1.65
*140	1921, 20c on 30c vio. on yell.	2.60
*212	**Conf. States** 1863, 20c green	.75
*306	**Bahamas** 1918, 1p carm. & blk.	.40
*160	**Belgium** 1921-3, 5fr brown vio.	1.35
*163	1924, 5fr, unused or used	.65
38	**Brazil** 1854, 30r blue	1.35

Scott No.		Price
*129	**Brazil** 1898, 100r on 50r	.70
*161	**Ceylon** 1899, 75c	.50
*451-5	**China** 1921, Air Mail	2.90
*301-4	**Congo** 1920, Air Mail	.65
* 7	**Cyprus** 1880, 30pa on 1p red	2.50
100	**Dutch Indies** 1912, 2½gld	1.00
*218-19	**Panama** 1920, 50c and 1 balboa, the 2	5.00
*158	**Peru** 1899, 5 sol or. red	.60
76	**Queensland** 1882, 5sh carm. rose, postally used	.75
*212-16	**Estonia** 1924, 5m to 45m, cpl.	1.00
*101-3	**Falkland Isl.** 1918, ½p to 1sh.	.50
*567-8	**Fiume,** Sp. Del. 1924, 60c and 21	.50
* 47	**France** 1870, 80c rose, o. g.	2.60
191	1925, 1fr carm.	.65
* 49	**Fr. Congo** 1900, 15c gray	.50
* 88-9	**Fr. Guiana** 1924, 10fr and 20fr	2.10
*239-41	**Germany** 1924, 1m to 3m, mint	1.65
*211	**Haiti** 1914, 50c or. yel.	.75
*212	1914, 1 pia red	1.10
* 66	**Ital. Somali,** 3rp on 5l, rare	2.75
* 61	**Montserrat** 1922, 4p	.60
*467	**Monaco** 1925 Dues, 1fr on 50c.	.75
11	**Netherlands** 1867, 25c dark vio.	1.10
12	1867, 5c gold	2.25
*360	**Nicaragua** 1914, 50c pale blue, rare	.80
* 48	**North Borneo** 1889, $10 brown, full o. g.	2.50
32-4	**Norway** 1877-8, 1Kr, 1Kr 50 & and 2Kr	.90
77	**Queensland** 1882, 10sh brown, postally used	1.90
* 97-101	**Surinam** 1923, 5c to 1gld	4.25

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PRESENT DAY PATRIOTICS

By C. A. PLOCH.

As the George Rogers Clark stamp is the first one ever issued commemorating an event which happened in Indiana it is only to be expected that Indiana collectors should show great enthusiasm. This has no doubt been the case in all localities where commemoratives have been issued recently, and the collecting fraternity at large has been content to get a first day cover and such stamps as were wanted, and let it go at that. At any rate I have not heard of anything elaborate in the way of covers themselves being prepared for any of the recent issues.

Now this is what is happening here in the Northwest Territory. A number of collectors have seen the historical importance of this celebration and are having covers made showing some of the stirring scenes enacted during the Clark campaign. To date I have seen the following, and I know of others in preparation, not only in Indiana, but in Wisconsin and Illinois as well:

Bust of George Rogers Clark in General's uniform from painting in Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, black on buff envelope.

Picture of the surrender, same as shown on the stamp.

Old Fort Sackville.

Statue of Clark.

Clark's army crossing the Wabash.

There are others that I have not seen. Is it possible the Civil War Patriotics are to have a rival? The cover collector will do well to tighten up all loose bolts on his typewriter, oil all bearing parts, and prepare for a strenuous campaign in order that none may escape him.

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MR. J. W. WILSON, Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I have five sheets of No. 4411, U. S. revenue stamp, and notice that one stamp in each sheet does not have any period after 'Cigtte.' The stamp in each sheet without period is the twelfth stamp. I am not familiar enough to know if this is a common occurrence, or if it is something rare." All of our specimens have the period, and the one without it is one in a hundred.

MR. FRED JARRETT, Toronto, informs us that his British North American book will have about twice as many pages as estimated at first, and that up to the present, 450 pages have been printed with "200 more in sight." The book will be ready by March 1st, it is predicted.

ACCORDING to the Memphis *Press Scimiter*, Mr. W. N. Emerson, president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, was the "guest of honor at a meeting of local stamp enthusiasts at Chisca Hotel, Friday night."

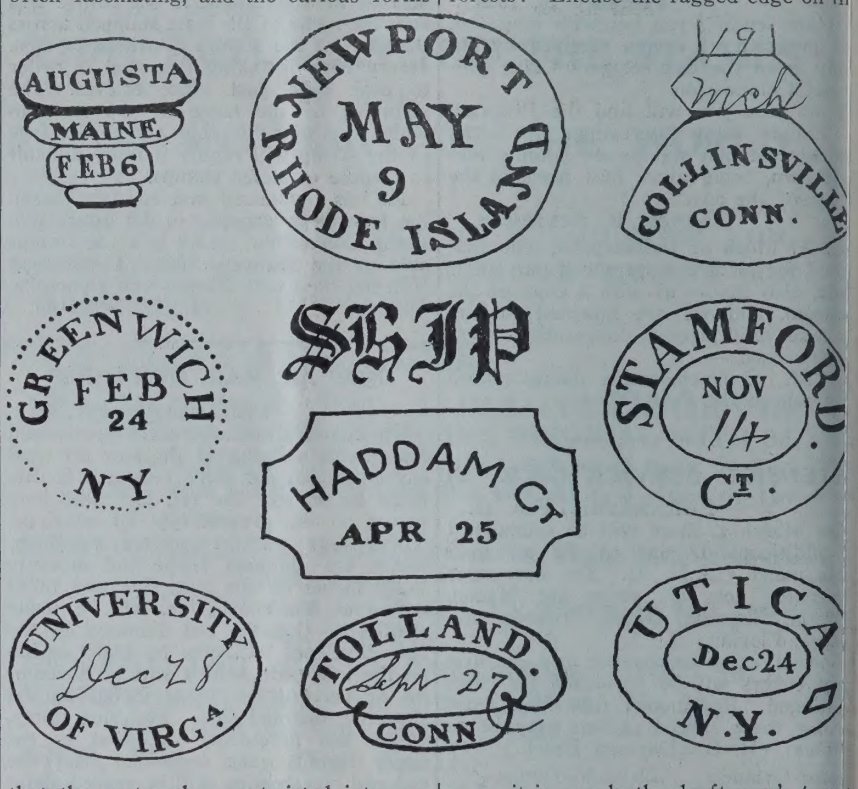
PROFFESSOR JOHN ROSS FRAMPTON of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, wants to know the sheet number and location in the sheet of the double transfer of the 2c Harding, flat plate printing. Too, he asks, what is the double marking?

STAMPLESS COVERS CANCELLATIONS

H. P. ATHERTON, 1562 Main St., Springfield Mass.

(Anything unusual may be sent Mr. Atherton who conducts a Forum on U. S. stamps for the benefit of our readers. Return postage and registration is of course expected as your contribution to the promoting of stamp collecting interest.)

When you get to fussing with these stampless covers, they begin to make an impression on you, especially if an unusual lot arrives. Several mentioned the cancels in my last article, and Mr. Olin H. Clark sent in a big collection of them, so here are some more for you to look over. The old styles of lettering are often fascinating, and the curious forms



that the postmarks are twisted into, are again something to create wonderment.

For example, look at that first bit of bric-a-brac! It is faintly hit in a dull red, and used in 1835. At first I thought I'd wait for a clear copy to come in, but when I got it traced I realized that any other drawing of it would look just like the little lumps of frosting on a celebration cake, so I let it come in with the rest of the odd cancellations. The pmk. had barely readable letters, so if you find one quite similar, this is it. "18¾" to New Haven.

himself of the two top faces of the a for his day and month. This is th home of the axes. The letter is fro one Collins to another, rate 6c to Har ford, and has to do with some 11,7 chopping axes, and 227 broad axes. A this is one month's sales, no wonder w now have societies for the protection forests! Excuse the ragged edge on th

The second one is hit in red in 1829. I thought what a big postmark it was, and on opening the morning mail, an even bigger one from this same town used in 1821 appeared in a letter from Dr. R. F. Chambers. The one shown is approximately 1⅝ inches across, while the 1821 edition is an even 2 inches. Also in the lot is same Newport hit in Green, with an old Script PAID in green, and this appears directly under the Newport. It was used in 1824. 6c to Fall River.

The Collinsville Axe, third one shown, is a marvel of neatness. The postmaster was an opportunist in that he availed

ax as it is merely the draftsman's trem occasioned by too much speed. Str in black, 6c to Hartford.

This Greenwich, Ct., is unusual in h ing the outer frame composed of sm dots. So far as I have seen, this is only one of its type, though there probably many others. It gives anot type to your list of these old pmks. is hit in red in 1844, and the rate 12½c to Hartford, Ct.

The Haddam, Ct., is another odd t of frame used before stamps, and p haps well over into the stamp period.

The Stamford, Ct., is not an unu type, though it is somewhat more o than many of these early ellipses. so they apparently had no numbers to s into their cancellers, and made the in mss. as did many of the old-time to

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THE beginning of an individual who attains success or of an institution that achieves leadership are accepted as fitting material for a story based on a survey of the origin and development of the man or band of men who started the structure. There have been scores of philatelic societies organized in this country, but few have taken root deeply enough not to be toppled over by the winds of adversity when they blew strongly, but one of these organizations survived after combatting adverse circumstances of a temporary nature, becoming sturdier after each crisis was passed until now it is regarded as a monument that will endure. If one were to account for this example of vitality, one would explain briefly that this condition is due to the need of the society and to the good judgment of its founders, and those who became identified with it in the earlier days. However, this opinion is not wholly acceptable if it dismisses without recognition, the loyal adherents who year after year worked unselfishly in the main to keep the society on the right track. From first to last, this organization has been fortunate in being able to attract to its standard followers of no ordinary capacity and ability, and under their guidance, it has become what is today, the most impressive national philatelic body in the world. We refer to the American Philatelic Society.

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FOR some time before the American Philatelic Association (as it was first called) came into being in September, 1886, there was a movement that had for its goal, the founding of a national philatelic organization that would be truly representative of the best traditions of collecting. At that time, philately in a public sense was embraced in the centers of population, although there were many isolated collectors throughout the country who were known as a consequence of their activities of various kinds as recorded in the stamp press. The transactions of the local societies indicated that the members felt that a national union was desirable and the editors of the philatelic journals were favorable to the project. Cities, such as Denver, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Springfield, Mass., New York and Brooklyn, not to mention others brought forth suggestions for launching a national association, and soon there was an embarrassment of ideas and plans from many earnest supporters that ranged from feasible to the contrary. This preliminary period was one characteristic of the state of the collecting mind nearly forty-five years ago, and some of the planners did not stop with indulging their own opinions, but belittled the ideas of others if they did not run counter to their own. Even this controversial spirit could be said to prove the general interest in the proposal of the step of progression.

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THE pioneer workers for a national society while opinionated to a degree that sometimes seemed inimical to accomplishment were sturdy folks in whom perseverance was a dominant trait. Traces of sectional jealousy seeped to the surface, and the question of geographical balance was much in mind. The division between dealer and collector was enlarged upon and all sorts of arguments were brought forth as the personal element was injected. As a consequence, action was delayed, but the delay worked no ill but rather impressed upon all the necessity for a nation-wide federation of philatelists. Still, the audience was becoming restless and there was a cry for the raising of the curtain, and so all the advocates heard with relief that steps had been taken to organize, and a meeting for that purpose was called to be held in New York in September, 1886. The first convention was held on September 13, 1886, when an election for officers was held and organization completed. Four of the five members of the Committee of Organization of the "National Philatelic Society of America" were present in person, as follows: T. F. Cuno of the New York society; S. B. Bradt of the Chicago society; George Henderson of the Philadelphia society; and C. H. Mekeel of the St. Louis society. The absentee was W. G. Whilden, Atlanta, Ga. The meeting was in the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, 64 East Fourth Street, New York. It was estimated that there were four hundred members, prospectively, although few of them had paid their dues at the time. All those who voted for officers were taxed 25c each to defray the expenses of the committee; and 219 votes were cast. The following major officers were elected: President, J. K. Tiffany; Vice-President, R. R. Bogert; Secretary, S. B. Bradt; Treasurer, L. W. Durbin; and International Secretary, Joseph Rechert. The constitution afterwards adopted provided that the following officers were to be appointed by the official board, and so the votes for Superintendent of Exchange, W. H. Mitchell; Editor of Official Organ, J. M. Chute; Librarian, J. K. Tiffany; and Counterfeit Detector, J. M. Chute were not counted. Proxies to the number of ninety-eight were held by C. H. Mekeel, 38; S. B. Bradt, 11; R. R. Bogert, 10; and Geo. Henderson, 11; with 22 under the head of "Scattering." Mr. Theo. F. Cuno was elected permanent president of the convention, and C. H. Mekeel, secretary, and then the constitution was submitted for approval. The name as offered was Philatelical Society of America, but was adopted as American Philatelic Association; and all in all, the Constitution covered about five magazine pages. The work of the Organization Committee having been done, the first convention of the American Philatelic Association was held on the following day, or September 14, 1886, when 108 members were present or represented by proxy. The chair was taken by the President, R. R. Bogert, in Mr. Tiffany's absence, while S. B. Bradt acted as secretary. The proceedings were enlivened by the interchange of repartee that was stinging at times, if not exactly subtle, and we remember that one of those present at the historic gathering said that some of the verbal tilts were exciting, when pointed personal allusions were directed at each other by the debaters. Chicago was selected as the seat of the 1887 convention after an argument that was marked by plain talk. The vote was 76 to 61 in favor of Chicago which, as a city, was described by its opponents as being too far removed from the center of philately. Philadelphia was offered as a compromise or in lieu of that city, the old standby, Niagara Falls, but Mr. Bradt of Chicago saved the day, and his choice was confirmed. A stenographer had been hired to report the proceedings, and among the incidental remarks, we find such as these: "Mr. E. B. Sterling in response for calls for a speech made a few good remarks," and when Niagara Falls was proposed for the next convention, a member said: "No! we are not going through the rapids," whereupon another released the sparking rejoinder, "We seem to be anything but rapid here." At any rate, the convention adjourned to meet at the call of the president, in great

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IN a society that has attained the longevity of the American Philatelic Society, it perforce must have passed through different periods. For some years, the A. P. S. was in a formative stage and even when it was firmly established, attention was concentrated on perfecting the internal workings of the organization. When it was incorporated, further protective measures were adopted until its financial basis was so sound that the eyes of members might be lifted to the horizon. The stern old ideas of the past have persisted in the minds of some of the members until other members think that the organization is more conservative than it really is. The policy that "it is better to be safe than sorry" has been the key-note for many years. The feeling holds that it is wiser to attempt to stabilize philately by providing a safe means for the disposal of stamps through a reliable sales department, and by issuing a journal of admitted merit than to engage in spectacular experiments. Of course, the best path to choose is one that runs between the two extremes, and it is likely that the changing times will instil a general desire on the part of the membership to take a more aggressive part in the making of stamp history of the day. With the great traditions of the past as a background and the seasoned judgment of long-time members on call, there is little likelihood that any grievous mistakes will be made in more actively promoting the claims of philately. The times are propitious for adventuring forth in the name of philately, and it is the duty of the society to take a prominent part in pressing measures for the good of our pursuit.

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68	9.00	5.00
501-503	9.25	5.00
Fr. Guinea—#33-47	18.31	10.00
Fr. India—#25-42	16.82	8.00
Germany—#253a	10.00	3.00
826-842	12.28	8.00
850-866	13.89	8.50
Gibraltar—#75	15.00	8.50
86	20.00	10.00
Gilbert & Ellice Isl.—#1-2	8.00	3.50
8-11	2.10	1.00
Greece—#286	5.00	3.00
801-808	55.50	20.00
Guadeloupe—#42-43	20.00	9.00
Honduras—#139	3.00	1.25
140	2.50	1.00
142	4.00	1.50
225	..	7.50
239a	..	7.50
Iraq—#1-13	15.31	9.50
11	3.00	2.00
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3	3.00	1.20
4	3.00	1.20
7	25.00	10.00
8	25.00	10.00
10	50.00	20.00
no gum 13	350.00	135.00
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34	75.00	30.00
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165-170	2.68	1.35
172	1.50	1.00
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19	1.50	.85
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3-12	5.70	2.50
48-62	6.32	4.00
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Penrhyn Isl.—#11-15	3.20	1.80
17-24	3.72	2.00
Portugal—#266-281	6.80	5.00
301-331	8.42	5.00
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Poland—#610a	300.00	100.00
Queensland—#140-143	27.00	13.50
Roumania—#162-168	18.50	9.00
Russia—#88-104	7.81	3.50
used 170-176	..	6.00
532-535	3.90	1.40
250-259	5.12	2.25
290-291	6.00	2.50
292-293	16.00	7.00
702-705	12.50	6.50
958	15.00	12.00
Russia P. O. Turkey—#224	4.00	1.00
227	30.00	15.00
Saar—#35-37	10.50	4.50
38	20.00	10.00
39	7.00	3.50
Salvador—#749-764	5.75	2.75
1120-1129	18.00	9.00
1178-1183	4.13	2.50
Samoa—#114-119	3.70	2.00
San Marino—#351-352	4.25	2.00
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518	27.50	12.50
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54	30.00	10.00
60	100.00	35.00
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Turkey—#624	9.50	4.50
625-632	7.72	6.50
634-647	7.79	4.75
Upper Senegal—#18-34	7.42	4.00
Upper Silesia—#32-42	6.10	2.00
201	..	100.00
202	25.00	12.50
203	5.00	2.50
204	5.00	2.50
205	3.00	1.50
206	5.00	2.50
207	2.50	1.25
208	4.00	2.00
209	4.00	2.00
210	100.00	60.00
211	3.00	1.50
212	3.00	1.50
213	3.00	1.50
214	3.00	1.50
Upper Silesia—#215	4.00	2.
216	4.00	2.
217	200.00	125.
218	15.00	7.
219	40.00	22.
220	80.00	45.
221	20.00	10.
222	20.00	10.
223	125.00	70.
224	150.00	87.
225	6.00	3.
226	15.00	7.
227	50.00	30.
228	15.00	7.
229	75.00	42.
230	75.00	42.
231	75.00	42.
Uruguay—#285-297	8.43	4.
330-333	4.50	2.
938-944	12.65	6.
945	20.00	10.
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Br. East Africa—#103-107	66.50	8.
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21-28, 30	38.00	5.
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219	250.00	25.
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25-30	79.00	8.
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58	500.00	37.
Gibraltar—#47	75.00	10.
45	10.00	2.
46	15.00	2.
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65	35.00	5.
75	15.00	2.
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73	300.00	30.
Lagos—#23	50.00	8.
24	75.00	12.
47	20.00	3.
48	15.00	2.
49	75.00	10.
Natal—#99	.....Yvert fr. 15,000.—	20.
100	.....Yvert fr. 30,000.—	40.
Nyasaland—#11	200.00	20.
So. Australia— 84-93	696.00	30.
Str. Settlements—#104a	250.00	27.
120a	100.00	12.
Fed. Malay States—#13a	100.00	12.
Transvaal—#267	150.00	17.
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unused 10	6.00	4.
Bechuanaland—used #20	11.00	5.
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Brazil—used #1	17.50	9.
used 2	10.00	5.
Blk. of 6 used 23	..	5.
Blk. of 8 used 24	..	10.
used 40	15.00	10.
Br. Columbia—mint #12	15.00	8.
Cameroons—used #17	6.50	3.
Cape of G. H.—used #1	11.00	6.
used 3	10.00	6.
used 38	15.00	10.
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Colombia—#16	15.00	15.
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44	60.00	30.
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New So. Wales—used #1	50.00	30.
used 2	50.00	30.
3	35.00	22.
6	25.00	15.
8	20.00	12.
9a	40.00	27.
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St. Vincent—used #9	15.00	7.
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STAMPLESS COVERS CANCELLATIONS

(*Continued from page 130*)

It is very pretty in a bright red used in 1825, and carrying the missive to New Haven for the 10c rate.

The type used in the next pmk., University of Virginia, is a very clean cut style, and seems to be of a more substantial metal than are the others of this group. The day and month are in mss., and the cover went to New Haven in 1829 for 25c.

Tolland, Conn., is a very odd shape, too. Hit in red, mailed in 1843. The day and month are in manuscript. This was a 10c rate to Monson, Mass. The design gives a very effective appearance as it is neatly hit on a clean cover.

Utica, N. Y., is one of the three or four towns which used this ellipse with inner ring. They are hit also in blue, though this one is in red. Have seen this stepping over onto the 3c 1851s, and they look pretty with the pmk. falling across the stamp, though they were at that time hit in black mostly. This particular copy is in 1830, and the cover had an additional red PAID in a little scroll which appears in another group of cancellations. The rate was 18¾ to New Haven.

Numerals On Old Covers

Many of the old covers have the figures of value, or their rate, in manuscript. It is unusual to see any of the fractionals in printed figures, yet in the group above is 12½. It is the only one that I have ever found, and is used on a Milton, Mass., cover to Norwich, Mass., in 1844. The color of the number is orange-red.

The WAY 11 in double ring circle is not uncommon on the old Mississippi River mail. It is in red, from Mobile, Ala., on Feb. 4, 1846, and carried the cover to Augusta, Ga. The "5" next to the Way 11 is in brownish-black, used from Guilford, Ct., to Hartford, on Aug. 12, 1848. The next figure, "5," is an odd shaped numeral, hit in red on a Tolland, Ct., cover, the Tolland being in a regulation red circle, used in 1850, and carrying the letter to Mansfield Center, Ct.

That little H(?)RR underneath the two 5s, is presumably the Housatonic Rail Road cancel, and is scarce. The letter is dated inside from Falls Village to Collinsville, Ct., hit in red, and mailed Mar. 25, 1847, 5c rate.

The Steamboat 5 is in bright blue, and handsome on the cover. Used from Norwich, Ct., to Mansfield Center, Ct., in 1850. The letters are very chunky, and unusual.

Notice this PAID 3 in the odd frame. It looks as though the 3 might have once been a 5, and the top shaped into the top of a 3 by hand. It is hit in red, on cover from Stafford Springs, Ct., Sept. 17, 1851, to Mansfield Center, Ct., where the old Chaffee Silk Mill was located.

That antiquated appearing "X" for 10c in a wavy frame is an odd old thing. Hit in black from Lima, Ind., Apr. 27, 1847, and this was the rate to Manchester, Ct.

The next "10" in the small saw-toothed ellipse is of course from Chicago, the 5 also is used in similar frame. This copy is hit in blue (other colors were used at different times), Nov. 3, 1850, to Hartford. A similar cover hit in red was used Aug. 22, 1847. Seems odd that the little town of Chicago was all out of 1847s a good part of the period when 47s were being worn! That next PAID in frame with scroll, is used on the Utica cover where the pmk. is shown in the group above. The "V" in double circle is hit in bright blue at Troy, N. Y., and shows the rate to Hartford, when this was in use, though the year date is missing.

Fincastle, Va., used this shaded "10" (also a "5"). It is hit in red, and makes a novel and effective numeral cancel. This particular letter left on Mar. 7, 1848, and went to Hartford. This last item, the 12½c has been mentioned at start of the article on Numerals.

All in all, the subject is interesting, and if you have anything that you think pretty enough to show, let it come along, and will try to show them in the near future. Dr. Chambers has sent me a wonderful wood-cut cancellation of a full rigged ship hit in red, and some day when time affords, I'm going to make a tracing of the thing for some future copy for the Forum. It is such items that make the hobby of "Stampless Covers" fascinating. Now we have a ship, and the locks of Windsor, Ct. Has anyone anything further that is eccentric enough to add to the group of oddities?

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THROUGH the courtesy of Malcolm Johnson, Managing Editor of the "Youth's Companion," a Perry Mason Co. publication, we are permitted to illustrate the picture on the 2c Vincennes stamp. It is a striking design and the stamp will no doubt be a very popular one. The drawing originally appeared on a "Companion" cover in October, 1923, and was painted by Frederick C. Yohn. It was afterward presented to the Indiana Historical Society. Mr. Johnson, graciously assenting to the use of this picture, adds, "Years ago, when I was younger and an active collector, 'Mekeel's' was some what of a Bible to me. I am glad to see that it is still flourishing."

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Belgium	1071.79	350.00	New Zealand	2131.99	900.00
Br. Guiana	960.11	380.00	Nova Scotia	631.50	300.00
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Junior Dictionary

Loja.—A province in the republic of Ecuador, famous for its cinchone bark. During 1902-3 all the stamps used in this province were overprinted "LOJA FRANCA" before being sold to the public. This was done in consequence of the loss of a large quantity of stamps from the government stores at Guayaquil during the course of a disastrous fire, which nearly destroyed that city in July, 1902. It was thought possible that the stamps had been stolen, and orders were issued to the Governors of all the provinces to apply control marks to all supplies of stamps on hand.

Loja Franca.—A control mark applied to all the stamps of Ecuador used in the province of Loja, Ecuador, in 1902-3.

Los Rios.—A province in the republic of Ecuador in which all the stamps used in 1902-3 were handstamped with the word "RIOS" and "19" before being placed on sale to the public for the reason explained under "Loja."

Lombardy Venetia.—The general title given to those Italian states which, at one time, formed part of the Austrian Empire. When stamps were first issued for Austria, a similar set, but with values in "centesimi" instead of "kreuzer" was issued for these states.

Spasm No. 1

Unpaid Advt.

I want to buy five seven three
Scott's U. S. mint, in large quantity
With the picture turned 'round
So the crown's on the ground.
At face I will take at least three!
—By "Gum".

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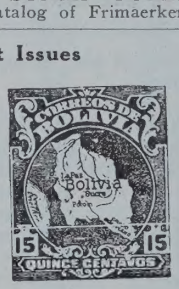

Bolivia
New Map

Cartilla Postal De Espana.—The inscription appearing upon a private postage stamp issued in Spain in 1870 for the special use of Senor Diego Castell for franking a work entitled "Cartilla postal de Espana"—literally "Postal primer for Spain." This was a small pamphlet of eighteen pages, containing instructions for addressing letters in the manner desired by the post office, and it was considered so useful that, in 1868, it was sent to 25,000 primary schools in Spain. In consideration of its general utility, its author was given the privilege of sending it free by post for a period of six months from January 1st to June 30th, 1870; Senor Castell prepared a special stamp, inscribed as stated with the name of the pamphlet, which franked all the copies of the work posted within the prescribed period.

Swedish "Losen"

This inscription, meaning "redemption money," or in other words a sum to be paid before the article is released, is shown upon the postage due stamps of Sweden.

To a Postage Stamp Designer

O stamp designer! Let your stamps
Be lovely little works of art,
For I once knew a boy whose stamps
Were stamped upon his heart;

And sickness and relentless pain
Laid waste his lovely little life,
Till clouding fever with his brain
Waged intermittent strife.

But when the clouds would roll aside
And bare the calmly radiant face,
His wasted hand would slowly glide
And take his treasures from their place,

And trembling hold before his gaze
The tiny pictures that you make,
Then life again its head would raise,
And death its quest forsake.

But once, before the storm's return,
"Keep these till I am well," he said.—
Still in my breast his treasures burn,
Stamped on my heart instead.

So, stamp designer, for his sake
Who loved so well your works of art,
Speak beauty through the things you make—
Yes, speak it from the heart.
—*Oxford Magazine.*

Junior Contest

In order to know what appeals to the junior collectors (young or old) I want each one of you to write me a letter and tell me what you would like to see written up on this page. Just make your letters short and to the point, but clear so that I will understand exactly what is wanted. For the best letter from each state and from each of the provinces of Canada I will give one of the large map stamps of Paraguay. So everyone get busy now and write that letter before you forget it. Send your letters direct to me and address them as follows: A. C. LEDUC, 151 W. Gay St., Red Lion, Penna. And on the lower left corner of the envelope write *"Junior Contest."*

The Daily Mail

"BRAD'S" Bit O' Verse.

Bill Bluffem walks with lordly s
along the village trail. He wears a fr
that's truly great; he's going for
mail. He talks about it with a boast
loud, sonorous tones; you'd think
owned the parcel post and all its m
of zones. The tenderfoot who comes
town looks on with fearsome awe
marvels at his darkling frown,
squareness of his jaw. Not e'en a S
day passes by but, steady as two clo
Bill goes with haughty head on high
his post office box and takes therefr
a cumbrous pile of letters big and sm
then swaggers out with lofty style,
envy of us all. But when Bill Bluf
reaches home, he finds the same
stings, a printed circular from Nome
sundry other things, the customary d
duns, a screed on patent tires, a few s
jokes and pungent puns, good kindl
for the fires. A man may be a comm
runt, and in his business fail; but
most sure to wear a front when g
for the mail.

Science and Charity Stamps

We have received the annual issue
child-welfare stamps from Holland
four denominations, bearing likenesses
distinguished Dutch scientists. Upon
1½+1½ cents violet is portrayed J.
Minckelers, pioneer of gas ligh
(1748-1824); the celebrated physician
chemist, Boerhave (1668-1738), appe
on the 5+3 cents yellow-green; H.
Lorentz, professor at the University
Leyden, who died this year, on the 7½+
3½ cents red; and Christian Huygh
the famous astronomer (1629-1695),
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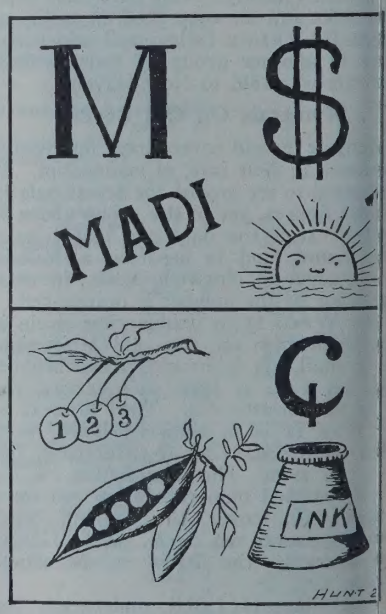

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GEORGIAN CORONATION STAMPS

By GEORGE H. GIDMAN.

(Paper from "Stamp Lover" featured by the WEEKLY)

Leete's Cartoon.

Under the title "The New Stamp", a contributor to the *Evening News* wrote as follows on June 28, 1911:—

Who is this whose face I see
On this garish penny stamp?
Is it someone known to me?
Much I wonder as I damp
The adhesive that I better
May affix it to my letter.

Is it Mr. Samuel,
P. M. G., who saves the cash?
As I do not know him well,
I declare it would be rash
To proclaim this blurry gent meant
For his counterfeit presentment.

Is it Asquith, Haldane, Grey,
Or, more probably, John Burns?
Really, now, I couldn't say,
I decide on all by turns,
But as each one is selected
He is just as soon rejected.

What! You say it is the King?
Do not talk such stuff, I beg.
No, I tell you, no such thing.
Don't you try to pull my leg,
For I saw King George quite lately,
And he can't have changed so greatly!

Die A

Both the ½d and 1d values were first ued on Coronation Day, 22nd June, 1, on the old paper with the crown termark. Two dies of each value were d, Die A being the original and Die the deepened die, which is a decided provement on the original one. In 3, Chas. B. Nissen discovered an inible way of distinguishing the two s, as per note in most catalogues with ich you are familiar.

n August, 1912, Die B of both values eared on paper wmkd. G v R, that is en months after the redrawn type lled Die II) had been issued. The mps on this paper appear to have been d for booklets only, hence their comative scarcity. Of the original type, refore, we have three distinct varie of each value, namely, Die A and B on crown paper and Die B on R paper.

he smiles and sarcasm which greeted stamp's appearance are well exssed in the cartoon by Alfred Leete ded "Lunchtime at the Zoo," in which S.P.C.A. inspector is represented ling the lion with a chop, while the vy wreath round the King's head has changed from laurel leaves to baas. One prominent newspaper said: rring those at the foot of the Nelson dlestick in Trafalgar Square there er was such a lion as that on the mp. The artist must have gone to a spaniel for its body and a spring ken for its soul."

nother newspaper contained a poem hich the author expressed his amazeit at the alteration in the King since aw him a short time before and then gests that perhaps it is not the King r all but Mr. Samuel (the P.M.G.) Mr. John Burns, both of whom were ded men and very like the stamp ograph.

emarks were also made about the face and drunken appearance of King. The direct result of this storm riticism was the withdrawal of the p in its original form and the subtion of the re-engraved type.

Die B

Probably all that was done was to deepen and extend the ditches of the original die so as to give finer lines, but what a difference it makes. Someone wittily summed it up by saying King George has had his hair cut and a wash and brush up and the lion has been fed. Now it is really not a photographic head but a poorly engraved one and, though an improvement, was by no means a success.

Plates made from this die were printed on the old crown paper and also on the G v R paper (type 1). In October, 1912, they also appeared on the G v R alternate or multiple paper, which is said to have been intended for National Health Insurance stamps. The border, however, is watermarked "Postage." Hence we have again three distinct varieties of both the halfpenny and penny stamps, distinguished by the watermarks with numerous shades of each.

In October, 1912, the penny stamp of the new series appeared and hence there were seven different penny stamps in use at the same time. A preliminary printing of both types of the penny was made at Somerset House, but they can only be distinguished by the control which has a full stop after the letter. The halfpenny was not printed at Somerset House.

There is a rarity running through nearly all the printings of these two issues known as the *"no cross on crown"* variety, due to a damaged plate. After looking through a couple of thousand stamps and failing to find a single copy I noticed one on the outside of the big envelope I was using as a storehouse. Since then I have been fortunate to find several different ones of both the halfpenny and penny varieties with good margins. These "no cross on crown" varieties should be fairly common. I have secured a block of twelve stamps with control B12 and three out of the twelve have no cross on the crown, and I know there were others on the same sheet, hence the catalogue price of 20/- each seems to be excessive.

UNPICKED COVERS, 3c 1851

By HENRY BATES.

o those collecting the 3c of 1851 the owing notes may be of interest, as ying to an unpicked lot of 300 dated es secured from an old pump foundry iddletown, Conn. The correspondence red only the years 1851 and 1852, was only saved with stamps attached, rently because the stamps are on the s of the letters themselves, which folded to form the mailing packets e era, no envelopes being used. The is of particular interest, therefore, it constitutes an authentic represen n of the stamps used during those years, the earlier plates and plate itions only being represented, esilly the interesting plate 3. The corredence came from many private users of pumps as well as from other business houses, so that over half the cancellations are of small towns, from Alabama to Iowa to Vermont.

The rarity of early year date cancellations is strikingly borne out, since none was found in this lot of 300. Only one fine copy of a red town cancel turned up, from West Harwich, Mass., but the red town overstrike sometimes occurred, the strike hitting the already cancelled stamp instead of being apart from it. Blue cancels, both town and cork, were fairly common, but no other colors appeared, save one or two suspicious ultramarines. Boston Paids were plentiful, and several other interesting combined town and paid cans, but no copy of the single word PAID across the stamp. Nor were there any examples of the other listed cancels, numerals, carriers, railroads, etc. So this typical lot of those two early years substantiates the high esteem in which many of the rare cancellations are held.

The richest prizes were found, as was to be expected, in the plate cuttings and varieties, there being present 19 of the 34 numbered varieties listed by Mr. Chase in the *American Philatelist* for March, 1928, and 13 of the combination recuts given in the same table. Several copies of each were found in many instances. The lot yielded 13 double transfers, including one "Gents for Cents" and two with double rosettes (upper and lower right). Five other shifts were strong and fine, the balance being weak. Among the rarer varieties as listed in Mr. Chase's table were 4 copies of No. 3, 1 copy of No. 7, 2 copies of No. 1, 1 copy of No. 15, 1 copy of No. 20 (?), 4 copies of No. 23, 2 copies of No. 25, 1 copy of No. 26, 6 copies of No. 27, 2 copies of No. 28, 1 copy No. 29, 3 copies No. 30, 1 copy 8 plus 11, 3 copies 11 plus 16, 2 copies 11 plus 16 plus 17, 1 copy 11 plus 17, 1 copy 11 plus 24, 1 copy 11 plus 25, 1 copy 11 plus 26, 2 copies 11 plus 27, 2 copies 12 plus 17, 1 copy 12 plus 28, 2 copies 16 plus 17, 1 copy 23 plus 24, and 1 copy 28 plus 30. It will be noted in the above there are only two with (strong) double frame lines, two with frame lines close right or left, nine with upper right label and diamond block joined, and two joined upper left. In addition two more copies were joined, both upper right and left. In regard to several (4) doubtful lower right joinings it is noted that a guide dot or similar may often be mistaken for such joining. In the triangles the lot yielded no five-line recuts, but four of the three-line upper left recut and many interesting combinations of the various four corners. Only one copy of Gash on Shoulder occurred, and one copy with frame line close to diamond block upper left.

The total yield of 300 stamps may be summarized as: 85 interesting plate varieties, 25 orange-browns, 122 ordinary copies superb to fair, and the balance poor. Many of the latter resulted from an unfortunate method used in folding the correspondence for filing, whereby many of the stamps were creased through. The circumstance detracts but little from the lot, however, from the standpoint of studying the early plates represented.—*American Philatelist.*

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185	1.50	.75
186	1.75	.90
187	3.00	1.60
188	6.00	3.25
190	2.50	1.60

BR. SOLOMON ISLS.

2	1.50	.75
3	1.50	.75
4	2.00	1.00
5	2.50	1.25
6	3.25	1.75
7	3.50	2.00
15	1.00	.50
16	3.00	1.50
17	5.00	2.50
18	7.50	4.00
27	1.00	.50
36	2.00	1.00
37	2.25	1.40
38	4.00	2.50
39	10.00	6.00
40	9.00	6.40
41	6.00	3.50
58	5.00	3.20

BRUNEI

16	1.00	.50
17	3.50	1.75
18	2.00	1.00
19	1.00	.50
20	1.75	.90
21	1.25	.65
22	2.00	1.00
23	6.00	3.00
33	2.00	1.00
34	1.50	.80

CANADA

55	3.00	1.75
56	1.00	.60
57	1.25	.70
58	2.00	1.25
59	1.50	.85
60	1.75	1.00
61	4.00	2.50
64	12.00	8.00
65	13.50	9.00
71	1.00	.60
73	1.25	.80
80	1.50	.90
87	2.25	1.50
94	1.50	.90
95	7.50	5.00

CAYMAN ISLS.

5	1.50	.75
6	4.00	2.00
7	5.00	2.50
9	1.50	.75
10	1.50	.75
11	4.00	2.00
12	5.00	2.50
13	5.00	2.50
14	5.00	2.50
15	6.00	3.00
16	22.50	12.50
24	1.00	.50
25	10.00	5.00
26	1.00	.50
27	1.50	.75
28	7.50	4.00
29	5.00	2.50
30	12.50	7.00
41	2.50	1.30
42	3.50	2.00
44	1.00	.50
47	10.00	6.00
48	10.00	6.00
57	1.00	.64
58	1.50	.96
61	1.00	.60
62	8.50	5.00
63	20.00	11.00
67	2.50	1.60

CEYLON

171	1.00	.50
173	1.50	.75
175	2.00	1.00
185	1.00	.50
187	1.25	.65
188	2.50	1.30
189	3.00	1.75
194	1.50	.65
195	2.00	1.10
196	5.00	2.75
212	1.50	.75
213	2.50	1.40
214	5.00	2.85
215	12.00	7.00
220	1.50	.75
221	3.00	1.90
222	6.00	3.75
242	5.00	3.50

CYPRUS

24	1.50	.75
28	1.00	.50
29	3.00	1.50
30	6.00	3.50
35	1.00	.50
36	1.00	.50
37	1.75	.90
40	1.50	.75
41	4.00	2.00
42	3.50	1.75
43	3.00	1.50
44	10.00	5.00
45	2.50	1.25
46	5.00	2.50
47	10.00	5.50
53	1.50	.75
54	1.50	.75
55	1.50	.75
56	2.00	1.00
57	5.00	2.75

CYPRUS

70	2.50	1.25
71	10.00	5.50
77	1.50	.75
84	2.25	1.25
85	5.00	2.50
87	45.00	25.00
91	13.50	7.00
92	45.00	28.00
106	2.25	1.60
107	4.50	3.60
108	9.00	6.40

DOMINICA

28	1.00	.50
29	1.00	.50
30	1.50	.75
31	2.50	1.25
33	2.50	1.25
37	1.00	.50
39	1.25	.65
40	12.00	8.00
41	3.00	1.50
43	2.00	1.10
44	3.00	1.60
45	7.50	4.00
53	7.00	3.50
56	4.00	2.00
57	5.00	2.50
68	7.50	4.00
81	8.00	4.00
82	7.00	3.10
83, obsolete	..	8.00

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3	1.25	.65
4	1.50	.75
5	2.00	1.00
6	1.00	.50
7	5.00	2.50
8	4.00	2.00
9	2.00	1.00
10	5.00	2.50
11	7.50	4.00
20	1.00	.50
20a	1.50	.75
22	1.00	.50
23	1.00	.50
24	1.25	.65
25	1.50	.75
26	3.00	1.50
27	5.00	2.50
28	7.00	3.50
29	10.00	5.00
38	1.25	.65
39	1.50	.65
48a	1.25	.65
49	1.00	.50
49a	1.50	.75
50	2.00	1.00
51	4.00	2.00
53	7.00	3.50
54	10.00	5.00
60	1.25	.65

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23a	2.00	1.00
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Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
26	3.00	1.
27	3.00	1.
28	5.00	2.
29	10.00	6.
35	1.25	.
36	3.50	2.
37	10.00	5.
38	5.00	3.
39	9.00	6.
40	2.50	1.

FIJI

62	1.00	
65	1.00	
66	1.00	
67	2.50	1
68	5.00	3
72	1.50	
76	1.50	
77	7.50	4
78	17.50	10
88	1.25	
88a	1.00	
89	1.75	1
90	3.50	2
91a	9.00	6
104	2.50	1

GAMBIA

23	1.00	
24	1.75	
25	2.00	1
26	2.50	1
27	5.00	2
30	1.00	
31	1.75	
32	1.25	
33	1.75	
34	1.00	
35	8.00	4
36	3.00	1
42	2.00	1
43	1.00	
44	2.00	1
45	3.00	1
47	3.00	1
50	7.00	3
58	1.00	
60	1.00	
61	1.50	
62	1.75	
63	1.50	
64	1.75	
65	3.00	1
66	3.50	1
67	4.00	2
68	6.00	3
69	7.00	3
81	1.00	
82	1.75	
84	2.50	1
85	3.50	1
88	2.50	1
91	1.00	
92	1.00	
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101	7.50	3
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BEVERLY S. KING, *Secretary.*

The Unit membership embraces collectors of Revenues of all countries, though for the past year the greatest interest seems to be centered in the stamps of the United States. We have uncovered and listed some sixty varieties of Stitch Watermarks, and about thirty different Double Transfers. We have also been instrumental in having the 2nd, 3rd and 4th issues included in this year's Specialized Catalogue, and still keep unearthing new or little known varieties of various values, many of which will be seen in the next year's Specialized.

Both Mr. Hugh Clark and Mr. John Nicklin have been most courteous in giving the Unit the benefit of their personal assistance, as well as their Revenue stocks and records for study.

Several cracked plates and many major plate "imperfections" have been brought to light. Much of this information, while perhaps not new to all of us, has been locked up in various collections or filed away and almost forgotten.

It is gratifying to receive word from an A. P. S. member, who writes, "Though not now interested in Revenues, I ran across the enclosed the other day and am sending it to you for note in the Revenue Column of the *American Philatelist.*" That sort of thing helps a lot, and we cannot get too much of it.

Only this past week we received a check list of Stitch Watermarks on the Byam, Carlton & Co., match wrappers, and from a collector who is not even a member of the A. P. S. We also have just received several items together with the stamps of double transfers on both Match & Medicine.

We might report among these few notes that we have just discovered an interesting shift in the lower part of the $3.00 Charter Party, 1st issue, heretofore unlisted.

We are hoping to plate some of the early Revenues and thereby locate the major shifts, as has been done with some of our early Postage stamps. This, however, is a job that takes time, so we cannot promise it at once. Both Dr. Robert F. Chambers, the Unit Chairman, and Mr. Philip Little, Jr., are at work on this.

Considerable interest has been aroused by our bringing to light, or at least Philatelic publicity, the 25-cent Entry of Goods with a strong, double outer line at the top. We have so far located seven of these stamps, and there is a controversy now on among the members as to whether this may not represent the sole double or triple inverted transfer of a Revenue stamp, or perhaps as one member says,—"It may have been caused by the impression being rolled in too high and a new one made after erasure." Who knows? Very likely nobody! But we always seem to be tackling some interesting question, and that makes Philatelic life worth while.

OMAHA AIR WRECK SOUVENIRS

By R. J. SCHWARZ.

On January 6, 1929, the Eastbound transcontinental air mail plane crashed at the Omaha air field, and ship and cargo were practically consumed by the resulting fire.

It may betoken a smirch of rapaciousness on the part of the average human that we prize most highly those articles which have cost the dearest in production, in an economic way or even in toll of life; and consequently those very few collectors who have any pieces of mail that were saved in the Omaha wreck prize them highly. Very little mail was saved; according to reports, only about the equivalent of one bag—and the San Francisco-Chicago planes are always heavily loaded since they pick up mail from four other routes.

The covers of which the following is a description are owned by members of the N. A. M. S. Both the covers are from C.A.M., route 4, and the one which was a regular 6¾ envelope is postmarked "Los Angeles, Jan. 4, 11 P. M., 1929," and the upper and bottom edges were badly burned, the stamp being more than two-thirds charred. The other is legal size official envelope without star but with an air mail label, and was s from Bakersfield on the 4th, and ba stamped at Los Angeles on the same da Both these pieces were received by addressees under separate official co from the Omaha post office, and ha stamped across the face in an une shade of magenta in two lines, "Damag By Fire, Jan. 6, Fort Crook, Neb." addition the Bakersfield cover had mimeographed slip about 2x8 inches companying it on which was writt "The inclosed piece of mail addressed or sent by you was damaged in airpla wreck at Fort Crook Air Field, Oma Neb., January 6, 1929. W. M. Col Vernon C. Batie, Post Office Inspecto Omaha, Neb."

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LEEWARD COLOR CHANGES, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

By an Order in Council of January 9, 1922, the rate on post cards to all destinations beyond the Leeward Islands Federal Colony, was raised from 1d to 1½d, as from February 1, 1922, and this remained effective until by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 21 of October 8, 1926, the former rate of 1d was restored to cards addressed to the British Empire, and to the U. S. A. To "other foreign destinations" the reduction was not made to apply until August 1, 1928 (by S. R. & O. No. 10 of April 13, 1928).

Leeward Islands.
General Government.
Statutory Rules and Orders
1928—No. 10.
Post Office.
Rates of Postage

The Rates of Postage Rules, 1926, Amendenmt Rule, 1928 (No. 2) dated April 13, 1928, made by the Governor-in-Council under section 6 of the Post Office Act (No. 9) 1909.

1. Short Title.

These Rules may be cited as the Rates of Postage Rules, 1926, Amendment Rule, 1928 (No. 2).

2. Rates of Postage.

For Schedule "A" to the Rates of Postage Rules, 1926 (S. R. & O. 1926 No. 21) the following shall be substituted:—

Schedule "A"

1. Letters and Post Cards.

(1) Within the Colony of the Leeward Islands.

	Letters.	*Post Cards.*
For the first two ounces	1d	Single, ½d
For every additional two ounces or fraction thereof	½d	Reply, 1d

(2) To Great Britain and Ireland, India, British Dominions, Colonies or Protectorates, Mandated Territories (except Iraq and Transjordan), His Majesty's Ships in Home or Foreign Waters, the United States of America, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Porto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal Zone, Egypt, and the British Post Office at Tangier.

	Letters.	*Post Cards.*
For the first ounce	1½d	Single, 1d
For each additional ounce or fraction thereof	1d	Reply, 2d

(3) To all other places:

	Letters.	*Post Cards.*
For the first ounce	2½d	Single, 1d
For each additional ounce or fraction thereof	1½d	Reply, 2d

3. Commencement.

These rules shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1928.

Signed, E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council.

When the Order of January 9, 1922, was passed, increasing the post card rate to 1½d (from February 1, 1922), a color change was necessary to permit of red, the color then held by the 1d stamp, being transferred to the 1½d, since by regulations of the Universal Postal Union, the postage stamp denoting the foreign post card rate must be in red, just as that for foreign letters must be in blue.

The 1d red of the Federal series, as well as of the Presidential series, was gradually replaced by the 1d printed in violet.

Definite stamps of 1½d denomination were then lacking from the Federal series, and from the Antigua, Montserrat and Br. Virgins Presidential series, but this was remedied in Antigua and Montserrat, by orders of January 9, 1922, and March 24, 1922, and the stamps issued on February 1, 1922, and July 13, 1922, respectively. Not until the letter rate to the British Empire and the U. S. A. was reduced from 2d to 1½d (by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 5 of March 1, 1926, effective April 1, 1926), was a 1½d denomination stamp added to the Federal series (by Orders No. 10 of May 17, 1926), and to the British Virgins Presidential series (by Orders No. 23 of Oct. 8, 1926). The Federal 1½d red was issued Sept. 10, 1926, and the British Virgins 1½d red on January 24, 1927.

A tabulation of the color changes in these two denominations, subsequent to February 1, 1922, is given below:—

Antigua, King's Head and Presidential Seal.

	Date of Issue
1d red, script	July 1, 1921
1½d orange, script	Feb. 1, 1922
1d violet, script	Sept. 27, 1923
1½d red, script	Aug. 26, 1926

Dominica, King's Head and Presidential Seal.

1d violet and black, script	Mar. 1, 1923
1½d red and black, script	Mar. 1, 1923

These stamps replaced the 1d red, and 1½d orange, script CA, in the View of Roseau type, issued in 1921.

Montserrat, King's Head and Presidential Seal.

1d red, script.	Does not exist.
1½d orange, script	July 13, 1922
1d violet, script	Apr. 5, 1923
1½d red, script	Apr. 5, 1923
1d red, script	Jan. 2, 1929
1½d light brown, script	Jan. 2, 1929

St. Kitts-Nevis, Kings' Head and Presidential Seal.

1d red, script	July, 1921
1½d orange, script.	Does not exist.
1d violet, script	Aug. 21, 1922
1½d red, script	Aug. 15, 1925
1½d light brown, script	Jan. 2, 1929

Br. Virgin Islands, King's Head and Presidential Seal.

1d red, script	June 15, 1922
1½d orange, script.	Does not exist.
1d violet, script	Jan. 24, 1927
1½d red, script	Jan. 24, 1927
1d red, script, re-issue.	Oct. 22, 1928
1½d light brown, script	Oct. 9, 1928

Leeward Islands Federal series, Dies 1888, P. & R. type.

1d red, script	Oct., 1921
1½d orange, script.	Does not exist.
1d violet, script	Aug. 21, 1922
1½d red, script	Sept. 10, 1926
1d red, script, re-issue	Jan. 2, 1929
1½d light brown, script	Jan. 2, 1929

With the 1d universal post card restored as from 1st August, 1928, no other change in colors was necessary, the 1d red and 1½d light brown, Postage and Revenue stamps were announced by the Crown Agents in their Bulletin of July-September, 1928, as on order for the Leeward Islands and Montserrat, and in their Bulletin for the fourth quarter as having been dispatched along with 1d and 1½d light brown stamps for the British Virgins, and 1½d light brown for St. Kitts-Nevis.

Upon receipt of the stamps in the new colors, the stocks on hand of the 1d violet and 1½d red Federal stamps were returned to Antigua, for destruction. The Montserrat 1d violet and 1½d red were withdrawn and destroyed at Plymouth.

The 1d violet and 1½d red of the British Virgins Presidential series were not to be had at Tortola after the first week of October, 1928. The 1d red and 1½d light brown (from plate 1, in the King's Head and Presidential Seal type), were received at Roadtown on October 2nd, 1928; the former was issued immediately, not being considered a new variety, but the 1½d light brown was withheld from sale until October 29, 1928.

The 1d red and 1½d light brown, from plate 1, Montserrat, were issued at Plymouth, on Jan. 2, 1929; the Federal 1d red and 1½d light brown, from plate 16, were issued on the same date in the several Presidencies of the Federal Colony. The 1½d light brown, plate 1, St. Kitts-Nevis, was also issued on Jan. 2, 1929.

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WATERBURY NIGHT AT COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Wednesday, February 6th, was quite a gala night at the Collectors Club when a strong delegation from the Waterbury Stamp Club visited us. This delegation consisted of the Rev. A. T. Gesner and Messrs. A. A. Baldwin, I. W. Day, John P. Elton, L. A. Hall, G. C. Ham, O. C. Hill, L. C. Leonard, J. V. Reid, M. Taschenberger and W. D. Pierson.

Our visitors were entertained at dinner at the New York Athletic Club, about fifteen members of the Collectors Club joining the party. After dinner we all drove back to the Collectors Club, when the following interesting displays were shown by some of the visitors:

The Rev. A. T. Gesner

showed United States and Canada, early issues on covers, among them a number of scarce interesting items such as New York 3c blue City Dispatch—New York 5c black, 1845—a few interesting Locals, well tied on, and a number of general issues. 5c and 10c of 1847, and in the later issues interesting cancellations such as one cover showing the Potomac Steamboat cancellation. A fine specimen of the 1c 1857, Type II, broken plate was also shown on cover. The Canada stamps included a number of 3d and 6d from an original find, and a fine specimen of the 10c black-brown.

Mr. W. D. Pierson

showed a highly specialized and well worked out collection of early issues of Great Britain, the chief item of interest being a marvelous series of charts of the early issues arranged to show the alphabets, papers, perforations and watermarks, and other important varieties at a glance. The layout of these charts was very interesting, especially in the Perkins, Bacon stamps. Mr. Pierson also showed some interesting varieties he had discovered in the penny of the King Edward VII issues.

Mr. I. W. Day

showed a special collection of United States Revenues and Department stamps. Amongst the Revenues we noted a 6c Proprietary with full gum. First issue $200.00, both imperf. and perf. Second issue $500.00. A very fine copy in the Proprietary set of the $5.00 on violet paper, and also on green paper, and a strong lot of the later issues. In the United States Department stamps there was a magnificent set of the four high values State, complete—a fine 2c Navy Error, and all the regular issues complete in very fine condition.

Mr. O. C. Hill

showed an extraordinary collection of United States 3c of the issues 1851 to 1857, all on entire covers, and showing dated cancellations of every day of the year for a whole year. He was luckily able to make this interesting collection from a great find he made some time ago. In his exhibit there was also a few interesting Locals and early United States, such as New York, 1845, 5c on cover, 10c, 1847, and a remarkable series of rare New York cancellations, one of the finest lots I have ever seen at the Club.

Mr. L. A. Hall

showed a collection of the first stamp issued in every country in the world as far as he had been able to secure them, all on entire original covers. It is surprising how difficult it is to find covers of some of the small countries in which such difficulty would hardly be looked for. Among others that we noted were a fine specimen of the Brazil 60c—Cape of Good Hope four 1d of the first issue used on one cover—Hungary lithograph on cover, and so on.

Mr. G. C. Ham

showed a remarkably interesting collection of scarce and well selected Patriotic Covers of the United States arranged in groups such as, Flags—Eagles and Flags—Eagles, Globes and Flags—Presidents—Soldiers—Soldiers with Flags—Soldiers on Horseback—Sailors—Farewells between Soldiers and Sweethearts—Series of Envelopes of the 6th Division and of the 19th Connecticut Regiment. Long envelopes with interesting view of camp on the back, and a magnificent series of stickers with Patriotic designs. Among other very interesting Patriotics was one inscribed "Corn not Cotton," also views of "Tremont & Cochrane," "Lincoln & Hamlin." Mr. Ham also showed a few interesting covers of Confederate Locals such as one cover with a pair of the two types of the 5c Athens, Baton Rouge, Petersburg, Knoxville, Memphis, and others, all on original covers.

Mr. J. P. Elton

showed a most remarkable and most complete collection of the rare Waterbury cancellations, and gave us a very interesting account of Mr. Hill, the Postmaster of Waterbury, who made these designs. As Mr. Elton has been good enough to write an article for our Journal with photographs of some of the more interesting pieces, we are not describing this exhibit here as details will appear in his article.

The meeting was voted a great success and a wish expressed that these Interclub visits might be continued.

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45	75 Pfg.	.10
46	80 Pfg	.25
31 to 46	(without #44) Set of 14 values	34.00
Nos. 44-47-48, so-called "INNENDIENST", Set of 3		122.50
	SHIP TYPE—"KOGGE" SET, ROUL.	
49	5 Pfg.	.02
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52	40 Pfg.	.25
53	80 Pfg.	.04
54	1 Mk.	.18
55	2 Mk.	.90
56	3 Mk.	.12
57	5 Mk.	.12
58	10 Mk.	.18
49 to 58	Set of 10 val.	1.60
	SAME PERFORATED	
59	25 Pfg.	.08
60	40 Pfg.	.12
61	80 Pfg.	.15
59 to 61	Set of 3 val.	.30
62	60 Pfg./75 Pfg.	.08
	COAT OF ARMS TYPE	
63	5 Pfg.	.02
64	10 Pfg.	.02
65	15 Pfg.	.02
66	20 Pfg.	.02
67	25 Pfg.	.02
68	30 Pfg.	.04
69	40 Pfg.	.02
70	50 Pfg.	.02
71	60 Pfg.	.04
72	80 Pfg.	.05
73	1 Mk.	.02
74	1.20 Mk.	.10
75	2 Mk.	.75
76	3 Mk.	.75
63 to 76	Set of 14 val.	1.40
	COAT OF ARMS—LIONS	
77	5 Mk.	.15
78	10 Mk.	.18
79	20 Mk.	.18
77 to 79	Set of 3 val.	.40
80	75 Pfg.	.02
81	80 Pfg.	.03
82	1.25 Mk.	.02
83	1.50 Mk.	.02
84	2 Mk.	.03
85	2.40 Mk.	.08
86	3 Mk.	.03
87	4 Mk.	.05
88	5 Mk.	.02
89	6 Mk.	.04
90	8 Mk.	.05
91	10 Mk.	.02
92	20 Mk.	.02
93	9 Mk. rose, red & or.	.65
94	50 Mk. gold & carm.	.40
95	100 Mk. green & red	.60
93 to 95	Set of 3 val.	1.60
96	8 Mk./4 Mk.	.04
97	6 Mk /3 Mk.	.02
98	20 Mk./8 Mk.	.04
99	4 Mk.	.02
100	5 Mk.	.02
101	10 Mk.	.02
102	20 Mk.	.02
99 to 102	Set of 4 val.	.07
103	40 Mk.	.02
104	80 Mk.	.03
105	50 Mk.	.02
106	100 Mk.	.02
107	150 Mk.	.02
108	250 Mk.	.35
109	500 Mk.	.04
110	1000 Mk.	.05
111	5000 Mk.	.18
105 to 111	Set of 7 val.	.55
113	50 Mk.	.02
114	100 Mk.	.02
115	200 Mk.	.03
113 to 115	Set of 3 val.	.06
117	250 Mk.	.03
118	300 Mk.	.03
119	500 Mk.	.02
120	1000 Mk.	.03
121	3000 Mk.	.02
117 to 121	Set of 5 val.	.10
123	10,000 Mk.	.03
124	20,000 Mk.	.10
125	50,000 Mk.	.06
126	100,000/20,000 Mk.	.25
123 to 126	Set of 4 val.	.40
127	1000 Mk.	.03
129	5000 Mk.	.02
131	20,000 Mk.	.02
132	50,000 Mk.	.02
133	100,000 Mk.	.02
134	250,000 Mk.	.02
135	500,000 Mk.	.03
127 to 135	Set of 7 val.	.10

ABBREVIATIONS

"T" for 1000; "Mil" for 1,000,000.

137	40 T./200 Mk.	.08
138	100 T./200 Mk.	.06
139	250 T./200 Mk.	.25
140	400 T./100 Mk.	.02
141	500 T./50 T. Mk.	.02
142	1 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.10
137 to 142	Set of 6 val.	.50
143	10 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.04
144	1 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
145	2 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
146	3 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
147	5 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
148	10 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
149	20 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
150	25 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
151	40 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
152	50 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
153	100 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
154	300 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.02
155	500 Mil./10 T. Mk.	.03
144 to 155	Set of 12 val.	.18
	GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS	
156	5 Pfg./50 Mk.	.05
157	10 Pfg./50 Mk.	.10
158	20 Pfg./100 Mk.	.15
159	25 Pfg./50 Mk.	.20
160	30 Pfg./50 Mk.	.25
161	40 Pfg./100 Mk.	.30
162	50 Pfg./100 Mk.	.40
163	75 Pfg./100 Mk.	.60
164	1 Gld /1 Mil. Mk.	.90
165	2 Gld./1 Mil. Mk.	1.80
166	3 Gld./1 Mil. Mk.	2.70
167	5 Gld./1 Mil. Mk.	4.50
156 to 167	Set of 12 val.	9.25

This set was withdrawn by the authorities of Danzig on Feb'y 28th, 1927, and is not obtainable at anything near its former value, hence the increase in price.

168	5 Pfg.	.02
169	10 Pfg.	.04
170	15 Pfg.	.07
171	20 Pfg.	.07
172	25 Pfg.	.09
173	30 Pfg.	.10
174	40 Pfg.	.14
175	50 Pfg.	.16
176	75 Pfg.	.25
168 to 176	Set of 9 val.	.90
177	1 Gld.	1.25
178	2 Gld.	1.60
179	3 Gld.	.96
180	5 Gld.	1.60
181	10 Gld.	3.20
182	1 Gld.	.32
183	2 Gld.	.64
184	15 Pfg.	.06
185	35 Pfg.	.12
186	3 Pfg.	.02
	AIR MAIL STAMPS	
401	40 Pfg./40 Pfg.	.10
402	60 Pfg./40 Pfg.	.10
403	1 Mk./40 Pfg.	.12
401 to 403	Set of 3 val.	.30
404	40 Pfg.	.02
405	60 Pfg.	.02
406	1 Mk.	.02
407	2 Mk.	.03
404 to 407	Set of 4 val.	.08
408	5 Mk.	.03
409	10 Mk.	.05
408 and 409	Set of 2 val.	.07
410	40 Pfg.	.02
411	60 Pfg.	.02
412	1 Mk.	.02
413	2 Mk.	.02
410 to 413	Set of 4 val.	.05
414	5 Mk.	.02
415	10 Mk.	.03
414 and 415	Set of 2 val.	.04
416	20 Mk.	.03
418	25 Mk.	.02
419	50 Mk.	.02
420	100 Mk.	.02
421	250 Mk.	.02
422	500 Mk.	.03
419 to 422	Set of 4 val.	.08
410 to 422	Set of 12 val.	.20
423	250 T. Mk.	.02
424	500 T. Mk.	.02
425	2 Mil./100 T. Mk.	.02
427	5 Mil./50 T. Mk.	.02
423 to 427	Set of 4 val.	.05
425a	Inside of Block of 9	1.65
	GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS	
428	10 Pfg.	.04
429	20 Pfg.	.08
430	40 Pfg.	.16
431	1 Gld.	.32
432	2½ Gld.	.80
428 to 432	Set of 5 val.	1.40
	CHARITY STAMPS	
551	30 Pfg. + 30 Pfg.	.03
552	60 Pfg. + 60 Pfg.	.10
553	1.20 Mk. + 1.20 Mk.	.10
551 to 553	Set of 3 val.	.20
554	50 Mk. + 20 Mk.	.03
555	100 Mk. + 30 Mk.	.03
554 and 555	Set of 2 val.	.05
	OFFICIAL STAMPS	
601	5 Pfg.	.03
602	10 Pfg.	.02
603	15 Pfg.	.02
604	20 Pfg.	.02
605	25 Pfg.	.03
606	30 Pfg.	.08
607	40 Pfg.	.04
608	50 Pfg.	.02
609	60 Pfg.	.03
610	80 Pfg.	.15
611	1 Mk.	.03
612	1.20 Mk.	.15
613	2 Mk.	2.50
614	3 Mk.	1.75
615	5 Mk.	.75
618	75 Pfg.	.02
619	80 Pfg.	.04
620	1.25 Mk.	.04
621	1.50 Mk.	.02
622	2 Mk.	.05
623	2.40 Mk.	.18
624	3 Mk.	.03
625	4 Mk.	.05
626	5 Mk.	.02
627	6 Mk.	.02
628	10 Mk.	.02
629	20 Mk.	.02
618 to 629	Set of 12 val.	.35
630	6 Mk./3 Mk.	.04
631	4 Mk.	.02
632	5 Mk.	.02
634	10 Mk.	.02
635	20 Mk.	.02
636	50 Mk.	.02
637	100 Mk.	.02
631 to 637	Set of 6 val.	.10
639	50 Mk.	.05
640	100 Mk.	.02
641	200 Mk.	.02
639 to 641	Set of 3 val.	.08
643	300 Mk.	.04
644	500 Mk.	.04
645	1,000 Mk.	.03
643 to 645	Set of 3 val.	.10
	GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS	
646	5 Pfg.	.05
647	10 Pfg.	.10
648	15 Pfg.	.15
649	20 Pfg.	.20
650	25 Pfg.	.25
651	30 Pfg.	.30
652	40 Pfg.	.40
653	50 Pfg.	.50
654	75 Pfg.	.75
655	15 Pfg.	.15
656	35 Pfg.	.35
646-656	Set of 11 values	2.50

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	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS	
801	10 Pfg.	.02
802	20 Pfg.	.02
803	40 Pfg.	.02
804	60 Pfg.	.02
805	75 Pfg.	.02
806	80 Pfg.	.02
807	120 Pfg.	.02
808	200 Pfg.	.02
809	240 Pfg.	.02
810	300 Pfg.	.02
811	400 Pfg.	.02
812	500 Pfg.	.02
813	800 Pfg.	.03
814	20 Mk.	.03
815	100 Pfg.	.02
816	200 Pfg.	.02
817	300 Pfg.	.02
818	400 Pfg.	.02
819	500 Pfg.	.02
820	800 Pfg.	.02
821	10 Mk.	.02
822	20 Mk.	.02
823	50 Mk.	.03
824	100 Mk.	.02
826	500 Mk.	.02
827	5 T./50 Mk.	.03
828	10 T./20 Mk.	.03
829	50 T./500 Mk.	.04
830	100 T./200 Mk.	.08
827 to 830	Set of 4 val.	.15
	GOLD CURRENCY STAMPS	
831	5 Pfg.	.02
832	10 Pfg.	.04
833	20 Pfg.	.07
834	30 Pfg.	.10
835	40 Pfg.	.14
836	50 Pfg.	.16
837	60 Pfg.	.20
838	100 Pfg.	.33
839	15 Pfg.	.06
840	3 Gld.	.99
831 to 839	Set of 10 val.	2.05

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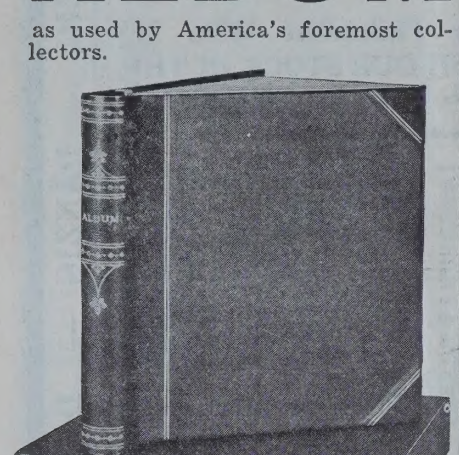

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PRECANCEL SPECIALIZATION

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This form of precancel collecting received its greatest impetus between 1918 and 1923, when the Aeroplane, Victory, Pilgrim and Harding issues appeared. The multiplication of varieties resultant from the regular issues of 1917 and 1922 probably had something to do with this as well. In addition the idea of specialization was ballyhooed in the precancel press at that time. The result of all these factors was the beginning of several kinds of specialization, one sort of which has declined very perceptibly, another is barely holding its own at present, and still another has grown faster than any of the others ever grew, until today it leads all precancel collecting.

The one which has declined so noticeably is that of Commemorative specialization. The basic reason for this was the altogether too high prices given these items in the Precancel Catalog. This in turn led many collectors and about as many non-collectors to seek favors from postal clerks, thus overloading the market with too many varieties of questionable pedigree. The Commemorative precancel simply became so top-heavy that it collapsed under its own weight, and today that whole species of precancels, almost without exception, is a drug on the market, regardless of catalog prices. Nor is there any indication that it will come back for some considerable time to come, if indeed it ever does. For these reasons I can't very well name any outstanding Commemorative collections. Were I to do so, I fear that those named would call me down for exposing their earlier fatuousness. No one likes to be reminded that he once fell for a skin game. Nuf sed.

The form of specialization which is barely holding its own against general collecting is that of specialization in single states or groups of states. Those engaged in this make up a goodly proportion of active precancel collectors, though at present there is quite a noticeable trend toward general collecting. I have space to do no more than skim over the list of state and group specialists.

The most closely specialized states at present are New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Washington and Oregon. The groups of states most popular are Southeastern, Southwestern, Northwest Plains, and Pacific Northwest. Two states that everybody is off are New Hampshire and Vermont. The reason for this is the dirty work done by one or two men in these states, in having a lot of favor work done by various offices there.

Among the state specialists let me name J. R. Boker, a junior, who quite emphatically leads the large group interested in New York, though he has been collecting only about two years; Mrs. N. R. Foerster, whose five years or so of intensive collecting have put her at the head of the colony of New Jersey collectors. H. T. Updegrove's application of the go-getter tactics to precancels that he applies in his highly successful insurance business, makes him the peer of all collectors of Pennsylvanias. I hardly know whether to award the palm of honor in Floridas to Richard Gardner or to M. L. Johnson. They are both on their toes for them all the time, and I'd say they're just about neck and neck. Richard is decidedly a junior, so far as I know he has the best specialized state collection in existence, formed by so young a collector. Al Burns once had the best Indiana collection known, but today it rests partly in the general collections of W. H. Field and the writer, and partly in the recently started Indiana collection of Al Jones. In spite of his recent start, I believe Jones leads the Indiana crowd. In Illinois there is very keen competition between G. E. Ulrich and Adolf Gunesch. The latter must have put on considerable steam during the past year if he has now what I know Ulrich had a year ago. The best Iowa collection reposes in the National Museum in Washington, put there by Walter L. Gates, whose precancel donations to that institution were the occasion of a moronic editorial (idiotorial) by some office boy in the employ of the New York *Sun* a while ago. I understand Gates has started another Iowa collection, but it will have to be good to approach the one owned by R. J. Tarpy. Two words sum up the very best in Wisconsin—Alvin Krause. Dr. Rolf Hoyde has the edge on his confreres interested in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, mainly because he was first on the ground. Robert Baughman outclasses all other Kansas collectors by several leagues. Missouri has many devotees, probably Walter C. Black leads them. In Washington and Oregon it is a close race between E. J. Newcomer and A. A. Johnson, with the latter probably a short nose ahead.

There has been quite a flurry over city type coils during the past two or three years, due mainly to the publicity given them by Al Jones and Gunesch. Since these eminent publicists have both deserted that field for others, the palm of coil honor reposes in the general collections of W. H. Field and the writer, with very little to distinguish them in point of excellence.

During the last two years there has been a decided reawakening of interest in the earlier issues ('79 and '87 down to 1908), especially in the dated and bar varieties. Allan R. Brown of New Rochelle leads us all in these.

Specialization in denominations is not quite as popular as it was a few years ago. The reason is partly lack of material to keep the collecting spirit up to the proper pitch, partly lack of variety, and in less degree the dirty work of a few well-known favor seekers. The f denomination really to be specialized the old 13c apple green. In this f Francis Engel leads all. The writ collection of 14c is superior to any ot known to him. I am not aware of really outstanding collections of 13c, 25c. I know of some that are touted remarkable, but since they do not eq the numbers of these denominati found in some of the larger general c lections, they are not taken seriou Hence my contention that this form specialization is on the wane.

But the form of specialization t wins the fur lined bath tub, that le them all by many a mile, is that of reau Prints. I doubt very much if phase of stamp collecting has grown fast as has this, both in number of lowers and in market value of the sta collected. Everyone collects Bur Prints, not to do so is a mark of odd But not everyone has even a majority the desirable ones.

Dr. Walton I. Mitchell leads the w known world in Bureau Prints. Sta ing as soon as the first ones appeared, has consistently kept ahead of every To name the fine Bureau collecti would be to take up half a column this paper, but two in particular sho be named—that of W. H. Stouffer, cause of the physical handicaps un which it has been formed, and that C. A. Carroll, because of the rare bea of the mounting and writing up. C lectors of Bureaus go in for blocks four of the ordinaries, and for four five varieties of the coils, and tho there are only a bit over 1,100 varie in existence at present, these highly s cialized collections already fill seve volumes.

But don't misunderstand the impli tion of that statement, "only a bit o 1,100 varieties." Start out today round them all up, and thereby com yourself to the dizziest philatelic ch you've ever undertaken.

Taking the precancel field as a wh then, outside of Bureaus there is a p ceptible trend away from the vari forms of specialization, toward gene collecting. The reasons for this mainly the amount of favorable publi given general collecting during the two years or so, and the inevitable fl ging of collecting interest after the s cialized collection has reached a cert point. More and more, specialists branching out into larger fields, or bui ing a general collection alongside th specialized one. During the next years I look for general collecting to come more and more the rule, speciali tion the exception.

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54	15 ore	.15	.02
	1904, Wmkd. Crown		
	Perf. 12½, 13		
55	4/8 ore	.05	.04
56	15/24 ore	.15	.05
	1904-05, Wmkd. Crown		
	Perf. 13, 14x14½		
57	1 ore	.03	.01
58	2 ore	.03	.01
59	3 ore	.04	.01
60	4 ore	.04	.01
62	10 ore	.08	.01
63	15 ore	.15	.01
64	20 ore	.18	.01
65	25 ore	.25	.03
66	50 ore	.45	.25
67	100 ore	.75	.30
Set	57-67	1.95	.60
	1905-06		
	Re-engraved		
68	5 ore	.06	.01
69	10 ore	.15	.01
	1907-12, Perf. 13		
70	5 ore	.05	.01
71	10 ore	.10	.01
73	20 ore	.15	.01
73a	20 ore	.25	.05
74	25 ore	.20	.01
75	35 ore	.25	.06
76	50 ore	.40	.02
77	100 ore	.75	.04
Set	70-77 exc. 73a	1.95	.15
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	Wmkd. Crown, 12½, 13		
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	Perf. 14x13½		
79	35/20 ore	.40	.35
	Black Surcharge		
80	35/32 ore	.60	.60
Set	78-80	1.40	1.25
1912,	Wmkd. Crown, Perf. 13		
81	5 ore deep	.04	.01
82	10 ore deep	.08	.01
83	20 ore deep	.16	.02
Set	81-83	.25	.03
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	1913-15		
	Wmkd. Multiple Crosses		
	Perf. 14x14½		
85	1 ore	.02	.01
86	2 ore	.02	.01
87	3 ore	.04	.02
88	4 ore	.03	.01
99	5Kr	4.25	.75
88a	Half used as 2c	..	4.75
89	5 ore	.04	.01
90	10 ore	.08	.01
91	15 ore	.10	.01
92	20 ore	.15	.01
93	25 ore	.18	.01
94	35 ore	.25	.02
95	50 ore	.45	.03
96	80 ore	.55	.25
97	1Kr	.60	.02
98	2Kr	1.25	.06
Set	85-99 exc. 88a	7.75	1.10
	Wmkd. Crown		
	1915. Perf. 12½, 13		
100	80/12 ore	1.25	1.10
101	80/8 ore	1.25	1.15
Set	100-101	2.25	2.00
	Postfrim		
	Sur. 27		
	Danmark		
	1918. Perf. 12½		
105	27/1 ore	2.50	2.50
106	27/5 ore	2.00	2.00
107	27/7 ore	2.50	2.50
108	27/10 ore	2.50	2.50
110	27/68 ore	.50	.50
111	27/5Kr	.20	.20
112	27/10Kr	.30	.30
Set	105-112	8.50	8.50
	Wmkd.		
	Multiple Crosses		
	Perf. 14x14½		
113	27/1 ore	.20	.20
114	27/5 ore	.25	.25
115	27/7 ore	.20	.20
116	27/8 ore	.20	.20
117	27/10 ore	.20	.20
118	27/20 ore	.20	.20
119	27/29 ore	.20	.20
120	27/38 ore	1.25	1.10
121	27/41 ore	.25	.25
122	27/1Kr	.20	.20
Set	113-122	2.55	2.25
	1918-19		
123	7 ore	.05	.01
124	12 ore	.10	.03
125	27 ore	.20	.12
126	30 ore	.20	.02
127	35 ore	.22	.02
128	40 ore	.35	.01
129	50 ore	.32	.01
130	60 ore	.40	.03
Set	123-130	1.60	.20
	Surcharge 2 ore		
	1919		
131	2/5 ore	12.50	4.00
131	On Cover	..	5.00
	1920		
135	8 ore	.08	.03
136	25 ore	.18	.03
137	40 ore	.30	.03
138	70 ore	.40	.03
139	90 ore	.45	.04
140	5Kr	2.50	.20
Set	135-140	3.75	.30
	Comm. Issue		
	1920. Perf. 14½x14		
141	10 ore	.10	.01
142	20 ore	.15	.01
143	40 ore	.30	.04
	Sur. 8 8		
144	8/12 ore	.10	.05
	1921		
145	10 ore	.10	.01
147	40 ore	.30	.04
Set	141-143, 145-147	.75	.10
	Sur. 8		
148	8/3 ore	.10	.04
	1921-22		
	Perf. 14x15		
149	5 ore	.03	.01
150	8 ore	.05	.01
151	10 ore	.06	.01
152	20 ore	.12	.01
153	25 ore	.18	.01
154	30 ore	.20	.02
155	40 ore	.25	.02
156	50 ore	.25	.01
157	60 ore	.30	.02
160	1Kr	.50	.02
Set	149-160	1.65	.10
	Sur. 8—8		
	1922		
161	8/7 ore	.08	.04
	1924. Perf. 14x14½		
	Wmkd. Multiple +		
162	10 ore	.06	.01
163	10 ore	.06	.01
164	10 ore	.06	.01
165	10 ore	.06	.01
166	15 ore	.10	.03
167	15 ore	.10	.03
168	15 ore	.10	.03
169	15 ore	.10	.03
170	20 ore	.15	.02
171	20 ore	.15	.02
172	20 ore	.15	.02
173	20 ore	.15	.02
Set	162-173	.95	.20
Set	Blocks of 4	1.25	.95
Set	12 Blks. in four diff. positions	7.00	6.00
	1925-26		
174	20 ore	.12	.02
175	25 ore	.15	.02
176	30 ore	.18	.02
177	40 ore	.25	.02
178	2Kr	.95	.10
Set	174-178	1.60	.15
	1926		
	Surcharged		
	20 20		
	20 20		
180	20/30 ore	.15	.05
181	20/40 ore	.15	.06
	Postal Jubilee Issue		
	1926. Perf. 14-15		
183	10 ore	.08	.01
184	20 ore	.15	.01
185	30 ore	.25	.05
Set	183-185	.35	.06
	Surcharged		
	7		
186	7/8 ore	.05	.04
187	7/27 ore	.06	.06
188	12/15 ore	.08	.05
189	7/1 ore	.07	.07
190	7/3 ore	.12	.12
191	7/4 ore	.06	.05
192	7/5 ore	1.50	1.50
193	7/10 ore	.08	.07
194	7/15 ore	.07	.07
195	7/20 ore	.30	.30
Set	186-195	1.95	1.75
	1926. Perf. 14x14½		
196	7 ore	.05	.01
197	12 ore	.07	.02
	1927		
	Perf. 14x15		
198	15 ore	.08	.01
199	20 ore	.09	.02
200	25 ore	.12	.01
201	30 ore	.15	.03
202	35 ore	.15	.03
203	40 ore	.18	.03
Set	198-203	.70	.10
204	7/20 ore	.05	.02
205	5Kr	2.00	.45
206	10Kr	4.00	—
	PARCEL POST STAMPS		
	Postfaerge		
	Wmkd. Multiple Crosses		
	1919-22. Perf. 14x15		
301	10 ore	1.50	1.25
302	15 ore	.12	.08
302a	15 ore	.85	—
303	30 ore	.50	.20
304	50 ore	4.75	4.75
305	50 ore	.25	.20
305a	50 ore	2.25	—
306	1Kr	2.25	1.75
Set	301-306	8.95	7.95
	1922		
307	10 ore	.05	.04
	1924		
308	1Kr	.50	.35
	1926		
309	30 ore	.50	.40
	1927		
310	15 ore	.08	.07
311	30 ore	.15	.12
	LATE FEE STAMPS		
	1923. Perf. 14x15		
351	10 ore	.08	.05
	1926		
352	10 ore	.05	.04
	NEWSPAPER STAMPS		
	Wmkd. Crown		
	1907. Perf. 12½		
401	1 ore	.18	.02
402	5 ore	.30	.03
403	7 ore	.35	.01
404	10 ore	.15	.01
405	20 ore	.75	.02
406	38 ore	1.50	.02
407	68 ore	1.75	.07
408	1Kr	1.25	.03
409	5Kr	4.75	.20
410	10Kr	7.95	.25
Set	401-410	—	.55
	Wmkd. Mutiple Crosses		
	1915-17		
411	1 ore	.15	.03
412	5 ore	1.00	.05
413	7 ore	.75	.03
414	8 ore	1.75	.08
415	10 ore	1.00	.03
416	20 ore, Rare	7.50	.08
417	29 ore	3.25	.25
418	38 ore	—	1.25
419	41 ore	3.25	.20
420	1Kr	3.25	.10
Set	411-420	—	1.75
	CHARITY STAMPS		
	1921. Perf. 14½x14		
451	10+5 ore	.40	.35
452	20+10 ore	.55	.50
	OFFICIAL STAMPS		
	Wmkd. Crown		
	1902. Perf. 12½, 13		
513	1 ore	.03	.03
514	3 ore	.05	.04
515	5 ore	.06	.0
516	10 ore	.15	.0
Set	513-516	.20	.1
	Wmkd. Multiple Crosses		
	1915-20. Perf. 14x14½		
517	1 ore	.03	.0
519	3 ore	.12	.1
520	4 ore	.15	.1
521	5 ore	.10	.0
522	10 ore	.60	.0
523	15 ore	.30	.2
524	20 ore	.30	.1
Set	517-524	1.50	.6
	1921-23		
525	5 ore	.40	.3
526	10 ore	.12	.0
	MILITARY STAMPS		
	Sur. S F		
	1917. Perf. 14x14½		
551	5 ore	.35	.3
552	10 ore	.25	.2
	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS		
	Sur. Porto		
	1921. Perf. 14x14½		
601	1 ore	.04	.0
602	5 ore	.15	.1
603	7 ore	.06	.0
604	10 ore	.18	.1
605	20 ore	.25	.1
606	25 ore	.30	.1
607	50 ore	.35	.1
Set	601-607	1.25	.5
	On Military Stamp		
608	10 ore	.20	.1
	1921-22. Perf. 14x15		
609	1 ore	.01	.0
610	5 ore	.03	.0
613	10 ore	.05	.0
614	20 ore	.10	.0
615	25 ore	.20	.0
617	1Kr	.65	.1
Set	609-617	.95	.2
	1925-27		
618	4 ore	.03	.0
619	7 ore	.05	.0
620	25 ore	.12	.0
621	1Kr	.45	.1
623	5Kr	2.25	1.2
Set	618-623	2.75	1.3
	AIR MAIL STAMPS		
	1925-26. Perf. 12x12½		
701	10 ore	.06	.0
702	15 ore	.09	.0
703	25 ore	.15	.1
Set	701-703	.25	.2

NORWAY

Sc.#	Description	Mint	Used
	1905. Kr. Surch. Unwmkd.		
69	1Kr/2sk	.75	.55
70	1Kr 50ö/2sk	1.50	1.25
71	2Kr/2sk	2.00	1.35
Set	69-71	3.95	2.95
1906.	30ö Surch. Wmkd. P. H.		
72	30 ore/7sk	.25	.10
	1907		
73	30 ore	.25	.02
	1907. Die A		
74	1 krone	1.00	.35
75	1Kr 50 ore	1.50	.95
76	2 krone	2.00	.70
Set	74-76	4.25	1.95
	1908. Surch.		
77	15 ore/4sk	.15	.05
78	15 ore	.15	.02
	1909-10. Die B		
79	1 krone	5.50	1.55
80	1Kr 50 ore	8.50	6.65
81	2 krone	1.50	.10
Set	79-81	15.00	8.25
	1910-11. Re Engraved		
82	1 ore	.01	.01
83	2 ore	.02	.01
84	3 ore	.02	.02
85	5 ore	.04	.01
86	10 ore	.08	.01
87	15 ore	.12	.01
88	20 ore	.12	.01
89	25 ore	.20	.01
90	30 ore	.15	.01
91	50 ore	.25	.01
92	60 ore	.30	.01
Set	82-92	1.25	.10
	1911-18. Die C		
93	1 krone	.40	.01
94	1Kr 50 ore	.60	.02
95	2 krone	.80	.01
96	5 krone	2.00	.15
Set	93-96	3.75	.16
	1914. Perf. 14		
97	5 ore	.05	.03
98	10 ore	.08	.03
99	20 ore	.15	.12
Set	97-99	.25	.15
	1917-20. Perf. 14½x13½		
100	12 ore	.07	.03
101	15 ore	.07	.01
102	35 ore	.15	.01
103	40 ore	.25	.01
	1921-22		
104	5 ore	.03	.01
105	10 ore	.10	.01
106	20 ore	.15	.01
107	25 ore	.30	.05
108	40 ore	.20	.01
Set	100-108	1.25	.15
	1922. Surch.		
109	5/25 ore	.03	.03
	1922-24		
112	10 ore	.07	.01
114	20 ore	.16	.01
115	25 ore	.18	.03
117	45 ore	.30	.06
Set	112-117	.60	.10
	NORTH POLE ISSUE		
	1925		
120	2 ore	.04	.04
121	3 ore	.06	.05
122	5 ore	.08	.07
123	10 ore	.12	.10
124	15 ore	.18	.16
125	20 ore	.25	.23
126	25 ore	.30	.28
Set	120-126	.85	.85
	SPITZBERGEN ISSUE		
	1925		
127	10 ore	.07	.06
128	15 ore	.16	.06
129	20 ore	.24	.04
130	45 ore	.44	.25
Set	127-130	.85	.40
	1926-27		
	Norway in Sans-serif Capitals		
133	10 ore	.05	.01
134	15 ore	.07	.02
135	20 ore	.11	.01
136	25 ore	.13	.06
137	35 ore	.15	.04
138	40 ore	.30	.03
139	50 ore	.22	.08
140	60 ore	.25	.03
Set	133-140	1.15	.25
	1927 Type. 1893 Issue		
142	30 ore	.17	.04
	Surch. 30		
143	30/45 ore	.19	.05
144	30/45 Svalbard	.23	.15
	1927-28		
145	20 ore	.08	.01
146	25 ore	.10	.06
147	30 ore	.12	.08
148	40 ore	.16	.02
Set	145-148	.45	.15
	1928. Surch. 20		
149	20/25 ore	.10	.05
	HENRIK IBSEN ISSUE		
150	10 ore	.06	.02
151	15 ore	.09	.10
152	20 ore	.12	.02
153	30 ore	.18	.18
Set	150-153	.45	.30
	NEW PROV. ISSUE		
	Postage Due Stamps overprinted with the word "Frimerk"		
9 values		1.95	—
	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS		
	1914. Wmkd. P. H.		
207	15 ore	—	.0
	1922-23. Inscribed "a betale"		
210	4 ore	.03	.0
211	10 ore	—	.0
212	20 ore	—	.0
213	40 ore	—	.0
215	100 ore	—	.2
216	200 ore	—	.6
Set	210-216	—	.9
	OFFICIAL STAMPS		
	1925. Wmkd. P. H. Perf. 14½x13½		
401	5 ore	.03	.0
402	10 ore	.05	.0
403	15 ore	.08	.0
404	20 ore	.09	.0
405	30 ore	.15	.1
406	40 ore	.17	.0
407	60 ore	.27	.1
Set	401-407	.75	.3
	AIR POST STAMPS		
	1927. Wmkd. Post Horn Perf. 13½x14½		
501	45 ore	.20	.2

ICELAND

Sc.#	Description	Mint	Used
	1900. Wmk. Crown		
30	4 aur	.15	.10
	1901-02		
31	3 aur	.15	.08
32	25 aur	.35	.30
33	50 aur	2.95	2.95
	1902-04. Wmkd. Crown		
34	3 aur	.15	.12
35	4 aur	.05	.04
36	5 aur	.05	.04
37	6 aur	.10	.05
38	10 aur	.08	.03
39	16 aur	.12	.08
40	20 aur	.13	.09
41	25 aur	.20	.13
42	40 aur	.25	.15
43	50 aur	.40	.25
44	1Kr	.60	.45
44a	2Kr	1.25	.95
44b	5Kr	2.95	2.55
Set	43-44b	5.85	4.75
	1902-03. I Gildi		
	Red Surch. '02-'03		
	Wmkd. Crown		
45	5 aur	.08	.08
46	6 aur	.06	.06
47	20 aur	.15	.15
48	25 aur	.25	.25
	Black Surch.		
49	3 aur	.85	.85
50	3 aur	.10	.15
51	4 aur	.30	.40
52	5 aur	3.75	3.75
53	6 aur	—	—
54	10 aur	.07	.07
55	16 aur	.35	.35
56	20 aur	—	—
57	25 aur	—	—
58	40 aur	.40	.40
59	50 aur	.50	.50
	Perf. 14x13½		
	Red Surch.		
60	5 aur	5.50	—
61	6 aur	3.50	—
62	20 aur	—	—
	Black Surch.		
63	3 aur	3.00	—
64	10 aur	—	—
65	16 aur	3.00	—
66	40 aur	.50	—
67	50 aur	.65	—
68	100 aur	.50	—
	1907-08. Perf. 12½		
	Wmkd. Crown		
71	1 eyr	.03	.02
72	3 aur	.04	.03
73	4 aur	.05	.03
74	5 aur	.06	.02
75	6 aur	.08	.04
76	10 aur	.10	.02
77	15 aur	.10	.05
78	16 aur	.12	.10
79	20 aur	.15	.04
80	25 aur	.17	.15
81	40 aur	.25	.18
82	50 aur	.40	.25
83	1Kr	.70	.50
84	2Kr	1.25	.95
85	5Kr	3.15	2.40
Set	84-85	6.45	4.55
	1911-12		
86	1 eyr	.03	.03
87	3 aur	.15	.15
88	4 aur	.04	.03
89	5 aur	.08	.06
90	6 aur	.06	.05
91	10 aur	.09	.06
92	15 aur	.10	.05
93	20 aur	.15	.10
94	25 aur	.18	.15
95	50 aur	.40	.30
96	1Kr	.70	.50
97	2Kr	1.25	1.10
98	5Kr	3.00	2.55
Set	95-98	5.95	4.75
99	1 eyr	.02	.02
100	3 aur	.03	.02
101	4 aur	.03	.03
102	5 aur	.04	.02
103	6 aur	.05	.05
104	10 aur	.07	.02
107	20 aur	.12	.04
Set	99-108	.35	.15
	1920		
108	1 eyr	.01	.01
109	3 aur	.02	.02
110	4 aur	.03	.02
111	5 aur	.04	.04
112	6 aur	.04	.04
113	8 aur	.05	.05
114	10 aur	.08	.05
115	15 aur	.10	.04
116	20 aur	.15	.10
117	25 aur	.30	.25
118	30 aur	.12	.09
119	40 aur	.25	.25
120	50 aur	.30	.10
121	1Kr	.50	.15
122	2Kr	.90	.55
123	5Kr	2.40	1.60
Set	122-123	4.75	3.25
	1921		
126	10 aur	.06	.02
127	25 aur	.16	.10
128	40 aur	.20	.08
Set	126-128	.40	.20
	1921-22. Wmkd. Crown		
130	5a/16a	.25	.20
131	20a/25a	.25	.20
132	20a/40a	.25	.20
134	5a/16a	.15	.10
135	20a/25a	.25	.20
136	20a/40a	.25	.20
Set	130-136	1.25	.95
	1922. Wmkd. Crosses		
137	10a/5a	.10	.04
138	5 aur	.04	.03
139	20 aur	.12	.03
Set	137-139	.20	.10
	1924. Wmkd. Crown		
140	10Kr/1Kr	6.50	4.50
	1925		
141	30a/50a	.18	.12
142	50a/5Kr	.25	.20
	PICTORIAL ISSUE		
	Wmkd. Multiple Crosses		
143	7 aur	.04	.03
144	10 aur	.06	.03
145	20 aur	.10	.05
146	35 aur	.20	.15
147	50 aur	.25	.15
Set	143-147	.60	.35
148	2Kr/25a	1.25	.75
149	10Kr/50a	5.25	1.50
150	1Kr/40a	.50	.15
	AIRMAIL STAMPS		
	Wmkd. Multiple +		
301		.06	.06
	OFFICIAL STAMPS		
	1901. Wmkd. Crown		
361	4 aur	.15	.15
	1902		
362	10 aur	.25	.25
	1902. Wmkd. Crown		
363	3 aur	.05	.04
364	4 aur	.05	.04
365	5 aur	.06	.04
366	10 aur	.07	.04
367	16 aur	.12	.09
368	20 aur	.18	.10
369	50 aur	.35	.25
Set	363-369	.75	.55
	1902-03. I Gildi		
	Surch. '02-'03		
	Wmk. Crown		
370	3 aur	.08	.08
371	4 aur	.08	.08
372	5 aur	.08	.08
373	10 aur	.10	.10
373g	20 aur	.20	.20
	Perf. 14x13½		
374	3 aur	1.10	1.10
375	5 aur	.30	.30
376	10 aur	1.00	1.0
377	16 aur	.30	.3
378	20 aur	.35	.3
379	50 aur	.40	.4
Set	370-379	3.95	3.9
	1907-08		
380	3 aur	.05	.0
381	4 aur	.04	.0
382	5 aur	.05	.0
383	10 aur	.07	.0
384	15 aur	.10	.0
385	16 aur	.12	.1
386	20 aur	.15	.0
387	50 aur	.35	.2
Set	380-387	.80	.5
	1918. Mult. Crosses		
388	15 aur	.10	.0
	1920		
389	3 aur	.02	.0
390	4 aur	.02	.0
391	5 aur	.03	.0
392	10 aur	.06	.0
393	15 aur	.09	.0
394	20 aur	.10	.0
395	50 aur	.25	.1
396	1Kr	.50	.3
Set	389-396	1.00	.6
	1922. Pjonustâ		
	Wmkd. Crown		
397	2Kr	1.15	1.1
398	5Kr	2.75	2.5
	1923. Multiple Crosses		
399	20a/10a	.15	.1

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SWEDEN

Sc.#	Description.	Mint.	Used
	Wmkd. Crown		
	1900. Perf. 13		
33	1Kr	.75	.02
	1903-04		
34	8 ore	.08	.03
35	50 ore	.75	.01
36	5Kr	2.50	.35
	1910-15		
37	1 ore	.02	.02
38	2 ore	.03	.02
39	4 ore	.04	.02
70	5 ore	.15	.12
71	10 ore	.07	.01
72	1Kr	.50	.01
73	5Kr	2.00	.05
et	67-73	2.75	.20
	Unwmkd.		
75	20 ore	.15	.04
76	25 ore	.15	.03
et	75-76	.25	.05
77	5 ore	.03	.01
78	8 ore	.06	.02
79	10 ore	.06	.01
80	15 ore	.07	.01
81	20 ore	.12	.01
82	25 ore	.18	.01
83	30 ore	.15	.01
84	35 ore	.20	.01
85	50 ore	.30	.01
et	77-85	1.10	.05
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	1910-19		
86	1 ore	.02	.01
87	2 ore	.02	.01
88	3 ore	.04	.03
89	4 ore	.03	.01
et	86-89	.10	.04
	Unmkd.		
	1917-18. Perf. 13x13½		
92	40 ore	.20	.01
94	65 ore	.30	.04
96	90 ore	1.00	.01
et	92, 94, 96	1.25	.05
	1918. Surcharged		
97	7/10 ore	.06	.02
98	12/25 ore	.10	.03
99	12/65 ore	.10	.05
00	27/55 ore	.15	.08
01	27/65 ore	.15	.08
102	27/80 ore	.15	.08
Set	97-102	.60	.25
	1918-19		
105	7 ore	.06	.01
108	12 ore	.10	.01
110	27 ore	.20	.10
111	1Kr	1.50	.01
Set	105-111	1.75	.11
	1920		
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
115	3 ore	.03	.03
116	5 ore	.25	.25
116	5ö ReEngraved	.05	.01
117	10 ore	.10	.01
118	15 ore	.15	.02
119	20 ore	.15	.01
120	30 ore	.20	.01
121	40 ore	.18	.01
122	60 ore	.35	.01
123	80 ore	.45	.01
124	110 ore	.55	.01
125	140 ore	.65	.02
Set	115-125	2.95	.30
126	20 ore	.15	.02
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
127	5 ore	1.50	1.00
127	5ö ReEngraved	.05	.03
128	20 ore. scarce	7.50	.20
129	30 ore	1.00	.15
130	60 ore	1.50	.75
	Perf. 10 Four Sides		
130a	5 ore	.45	.20
130b	10 ore	.30	.20
	Unwmkd.		
	1920-21		
131	5 ore	.75	.75
131	5ö ReEngraved	.05	.03
132	10 ore	.25	.03
133	20 ore	.35	.06
134	20 ore	.45	.04
135	30 ore	.75	.05
Set	132-135	2.35	.85
	1921		
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
136	5 ore	.04	.01
137	10 ore	.04	.01
138	20 ore	.20	.01
139	25 ore	.20	.03
140	40 ore	.50	.01
141	50 ore	.25	.02
142	1Kr	.45	.02
Set	136-142	1.95	.10
143	20 ore	.75	.65
144	110 ore	.95	.15
145	140 ore	1.15	.15
Set	143-145	2.45	.75
	1921-22		
	Perf. 10, Four Sides		
146	10 ore	.06	.03
148	20 ore	.50	.12
	1922-23		
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
152	15 ore	.12	.01
153	20 ore	.15	.01
154	25 ore	.40	.15
155	30 ore	.30	.02
156	35 ore	.15	.01
157	45 ore	.25	.03
158	70 ore	.75	.12
Set	152-158	1.95	.30
	Perf. 10, 4 Sides		
159	15 ore	.15	.04
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
160	5 ore	.08	.02
161	10 ore	.12	.03
162	15 ore	—	20.00
163	80 ore	1.25	.40
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	1923. Perf. 13 Vert.		
164	5 ore	.25	.10
165	10 ore	.35	.15
	Unwmkd.		
166	5 ore	4.50	3.50
	1924		
	Perf. 10, Four Sides		
	Congress Issue		
168	5 ore	.04	.04
169	10 ore	.08	.08
170	15 ore	.12	.10
171	20 ore	.15	.12
172	25 ore	.18	.15
173	30 ore	.22	.20
174	35 ore	.27	.25
175	40 ore	.31	.30
176	45 ore	.35	.35
177	50 ore	.40	.35
178	60 ore	.45	.45
179	80 ore	.60	.60
180	1Kr	.95	.95
181	2Kr	1.95	1.95
182	5Kr	4.95	4.95
Set	168-177	1.95	1.75
Set	168-182	9.75	8.75
	Commemorative Issue		
183	5 ore	.04	.04
184	10 ore	.08	.08
185	15 ore	.12	.10
186	20 ore	.15	.12
187	25 ore	.18	.15
188	30 ore	.22	.20
189	35 ore	.27	.25
190	40 ore	.31	.30
191	45 ore	.35	.35
192	50 ore	.40	.35
193	60 ore	.45	.45
194	80 ore	.60	.60
195	1Kr	.95	.95
196	2Kr	1.95	1.95
197	5Kr	4.95	4.95
Set	183-192	1.95	1.75
Set	183-197	9.75	8.75
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	Perf. 10, 4 Sides		
200	10 ore	.60	.60
201	10 ore	.65	.65
	Perf. 10 Vert.		
202	35 ore	.60	.10
203	110 ore	2.65	.60
	1925. Perf. 10 Vert.		
	Unwmkd.		
204	10 ore	.04	.01
205	15 ore	.06	.01
206	20 ore	.08	.02
207	28 ore	.10	.01
208	30 ore	.12	.01
New	605 Claret ...	.25	.02
209	85 ore	.35	.12
210	90 ore	.40	.05
211	115 ore	.50	.12
212	120 ore	.50	.05
213	145 ore	.65	.12
Set	114, 204-213 ...	2.95	.40
	Perf. 10, 4 Sides		
215	10 ore	.06	.03
216	15 ore	.09	.01
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	Perf. 13 Vert.		
218	5 ore	.15	.05
	1926		
219	10 ore	.15	.10
	1928		
220	5 ore	—	—
	CHARITY STAMPS		
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
	1916. Perf. 13x13½		
411	5+5/2 ore ...	.12	.06
412	5+5/3 ore ...	.12	.06
413	5+5/4 ore ...	.09	.06
414	5+5/5 ore ...	.09	.06
415	5+5/6 ore ...	.09	.06
416	10+10/12 ore.	.15	.10
417	10+10/20 ore.	.15	.10
418	10+10/24 ore.	.15	.10
419	10+10/30 ore.	.15	.10
420	10+10/50 ore.	.15	.10
Set	411-420	1.15	.55
	Wmkd. Two Crowns		
421	10+4.90/5Kr .	3.95	3.95
	Unwmkd.		
422	5+5/1 ore ...	.20	.15
423	5+5/3 ore ...	.20	.15
424	5+5/5 ore ...	.20	.15
425	5+10/6 ore ..	.20	.15
426	5+15/12 ore..	.30	.20
427	10+20/20 ore.	.30	.20
428	10+40/24 ore.	.60	.50
429	10+20/30 ore.	.20	.15
430	10+40/50 ore.	.60	.50
Set	422-430	2.65	1.95
431	10+90/1Kr ..	6.95	6.95
	1918. Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
432	7+5/2 ore ...	.10	.07
433	7+5/3 ore ...	.10	.07
434	7+5/4 ore ...	.10	.05
435	7+5/5 ore ...	.10	.05
436	7+5/6 ore ...	.10	.05
439	12+10/12 ore.	.15	.07
440	12+10/20 ore.	.15	.07
441	12+10/24 ore.	.15	.07
442	12+10/30 ore.	.15	.07
443	12+10/50 ore.	.15	.07
Set	432-37, 439-43..	.95	.45
444	5+5 ore	.07	.05
445	10+5 ore	.09	.07
446	15+5 ore	.12	.09
447	20+5 ore	.15	.11
448	25+5 ore	.18	.13
Set	444-448	.55	.45
	AIR POST STAMPS		
	1920. Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
501	10/3 ore	.15	.10
502	20/2 ore	.25	.15
503	50/4 ore	.45	.30
Set	501-503	.75	.45
	PARCEL POST STAMPS		
	1917. Wmkd. Crown		
531	1.98/5Kr	.85	.30
532	2.12/5Kr	.95	.35
Set	531-532	1.75	.60
	OFFICIAL STAMPS		
	1910-12. Wmkd. Crown		
728	1 ore	.01	.01
729	2 ore	.03	.03
730	4 ore	.03	.02
731	5 ore	.03	.02
732	8 ore	.04	.03
733	10 ore	.05	.01
734	15 ore	.07	.02
735	20 ore	.12	.02
736	25 ore	.15	.02
737	30 ore	.15	.02
738	50 ore	.30	.05
739	1Kr	.45	.10
740	5Kr	2.00	.15
Set	728-740	3.25	.40
	Wmkd. Wavy Lines		
742	2 ore	.01	.01
743	4 ore	.03	.01
744	5 ore	.03	.01
746	10 ore	.05	.01
748	20 ore	.07	.01
749	25 ore	.10	.01
750	30 ore	.15	.02
751	35 ore	.15	.02
752	50 ore	.35	.03
Set	742-752	.95	.10
	1918-19		
753	1 ore	.02	.02
754	3 ore	.06	.05
755	7 ore	.05	.04
756	8 ore	.40	.30
757	12 ore	.05	.02
758	15 ore	.06	.02
Set	753-758	.60	.40

NOTE:—Prices should not be confused with the re-engraved stamps of #116, 127, 131.

FINLAND

	1901. Perf. 14½x15		
64	2 pennia	.10	.04
65	5 pennia	.25	.02
66	10 pennia	.15	.02
67	20 pennia	.50	.01
68	1 mark	3.75	.08
et	64-68	4.50	.15
	Perf. 13½		
69	10 mark	6.75	1.95
	1901-03		
70	2 pennia	.02	.02
71	5 pennia	.02	.01
72	10 pennia	.03	.01
73	20 pennia	.05	.01
74	1 mark	.20	.02
et	70-74	.30	.05
	Perf. 13½		
75	10 mark	2.75	1.10
	1911. Perf. 14		
77	2 pennia	.02	.02
78	5 pennia	.02	.01
79	10 pennia	.03	.01
80	20 pennia	.05	.01
81	40 pennia	.10	.02
Set	77-81	.20	.05
	1916. Perf. 14½		
82	10 mark	3.50	1.25
	HELSINGFORS ISSUE		
	1917-18. Perf. 14		
83	5 pennia	.01	.01
84	10 pennia	.02	.01
85	20 pennia	.03	.01
86	25 pennia	.03	.01
88	40 pennia	.05	.01
89	50 pennia	.03	.02
91	1 mark	.12	.01
92	5 mark	.40	.02
93	10 mark	.60	.10
Set	83-93	1.25	.15
	WASA ISSUE		
	1918. Perf. 11½		
95	5 pennia	.02	.01
96	10 pennia	.02	.02
99	30 pennia	.03	.03
100	40 pennia	.03	.03
101	50 pennia	.04	.04
102	70 pennia	.06	.06
103	1 mark	.05	.05
104	5 mark	2.65	1.75
Set	95-103	2.75	1.95
	1919. Surch. Perf. 14		
105	10/5 pennia ..	.02	.02
106	20/10 pennia .	.02	.02
107	50/25 pennia .	.03	.02
108	75/20 pennia .	.04	.03
Set	105-108	.10	.07
	1919		
109	5 pennia	.02	.01
110	10 pennia	.02	.01
111	20 pennia	.03	.01
112	25 pennia	.04	.01
113	50 pennia	.05	.02
Set	109-113	.15	.05
	1921. Surch.		
115	30/10 pennia .	.05	.02
116	60/40 pennia .	.05	.03
117	90/20 pennia .	.06	.03
118	1½m/50 pennia	.08	.03
Set	115-118	.20	.10
	1921-26		
119	10 pennia	.02	.01
120	30 pennia	.03	.02
121	50 pennia	.05	.01
122	60 pennia	.06	.01
123	75 pennia	.05	.02
125	1 mark	.25	.18
126	2 mark	.20	.05
127	3 mark	.18	.03
128	25 mark	1.10	.50
Set	119-128	1.85	.75
	1922		
130	2 mark	.18	.02
	1924		
131	20 pennia	.02	.01
132	40 pennia	.06	.02
	1925-27. Perf. 14x14½		
	Wmkd. Multiple Swastika		
134	10 pennia	.02	.01
135	20 pennia	.03	.01
137	30 pennia	.03	.02
138	40 pennia	.03	.01
139	50 pennia	.05	.01
140	60 pennia	.05	.02
142	1 mark	.08	.02
143	½ mark	.11	.01
144	2 mark	.09	.02
145	3 mark	.25	.03
146	5 mark	.25	.04
147	10 mark	.50	.30
148	25 mark	1.55	.95
Set	134-148	2.95	1.35
	1927. Perf. 14½x14		
	Laid Paper. Wmkd. Post Horn		
149	1½ mark	.10	.07
150	2 mark	.10	.08
	1928. Perf. 14x14½		
	Wove Paper. Wmkd. P. H.		
156	40 pennia	.02	.01
157	50 pennia	.03	.03
160	1 mark	.04	.01
161	1½ mark	.09	.01
162	2 mark	.10	.05
163	3 mark	.15	.01
164	5 mark	.40	.25
165	10 mark	.45	.30
166	25 mark	1.25	.85
Set	156-166	2.45	1.50
Set	1928 Exhib. 1 & 1½mk	.45	—
	SEMI-POSTAL STAMP		
	1922. Unwmkd. Perf. 14		
301	1 mark + 50p	.12	.10

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The following items of some unchroni-d Canadians which I have selected om my collection, may prove interesting those who specialize in this country:—

(1) No. 105 Scott. 2c carmine. Im-rforate. A used specimen shown. Al-ough a single, it has wide margins on borders. This specimen is without ubt an unperforated stamp. Generally eaking, however, such a stamp has ver been authorized in this form, but ully no trustworthy information can be and that such a stamp has not been ued, either by accident or design.

(2) Coil Stamp. 2c dark green. Perf. vertically. A single unused specimen own. This stamp is not catalogued listed anywhere.

(3) No. 307 Scott. War-tax 2c + 1c own Type II. Imperforate. A mint r shown. One sheet only of this stamp s issued imperforate. Very rare.

(4) No. 117 Scott. Coil stamp. 1c k green perf. 12 horizontally. Large e perforations. A vertical strip of ht mint shown. These were issued from the Toronto P. O. for a few days, at the most, during 1917.

(5) 1c yellow type A43 Scott; 2c green, type A43 Scott; 3c carmine, type A43 Scott. Imperforate x perf. 8 horizontally. A vertical pair of each, mint, shown. Only 22 sheets were issued of the first printing of the above. This printing on thick paper, and the 1c and 2c are in rather different shades from the later printing. The 3c comes in this printing only, and is rare. (S.G. description of these.)

(6) Duplex coil stamps, 1912-24. Each consisting of two separate parts. 7 different pairs, mint, shown. For instance, in a vertical pair the upper stamp has a lower straight edge border, which is attached to the lower stamp and perforation. In a horizontal pair, the right hand stamp with straight edge is attached to the left hand one, which provides the perforation with it. I have never come across a description of these stamps, which I believe are quite common, though interesting to special collectors. I know of no other stamp manufactured in this manner and have named them "Duplex," as consisting of two parts.

I am fortunate in having in my collection a complete set of mint pairs of the "Quebec" issue. These sets are rare. Two sheets only were issued: a third set was either stolen or destroyed. A set was sold in New York during 1927 for $147, and recently a set brought over $200.

With the exception of item No. 5, which were obtained in London, and the Quebec set, none of the specimens described above are catalogued or listed anywhere as far as I can find.—*Canadian Philatelist.*

GLEANINGS—

SOMETIME ago we received from Mr. J. L. Riedel, Nurnberg, Germany, a copy of the London *Times* of Dec. 29, 1929, in which the issues of the year of 1928 were reviewed in a column article, ending with the special Spanish issue showing the effigies of Pope Pius XI, and the king of Spain for "Restoring the Catacombs of St. Praetextatus and St. Damascus, and by express authority of the Pope engraved and printed in England."

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A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	8
Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	8
A. P. Schmelzer, Buffalo, N. Y.	8

Mr. Klopfer has 2 points on Feb. and Mr. Hitchings has 8.

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Alice M. Hottle, Phila., Pa.	8
John Kay, Detroit, Mich.	8
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A PHILATELIST---And How He Gets That Way

By H. M. BREHM, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Say, fellers, did ya ever meet up with one of these here philatelist-guys—you know, stamp-collectors? Well, I did, last night, and it's a wow! As we was sitting down to supper, my missus says to me, We're going over to the new neighbors for a little bridge tonight. Fine, says I, because I loves the game, and because the new neighbors sure looks like nice folks to me, what little I'd seen of them, just passing the time of day, as you say, since they first moves in. He's a salesman of some kind, I understand, and looks like he knows his business, and minds it, too—you know, a regular guy, what I mean. He seems forever busy, too, when he's home; many the night, me coming home late, after midnight, I sees him still busy over some big books at his desk in their sun-parlor. Seems now like my missus has gotten kinda friendly with his missus via the back door, so we're headed over to cement the neighborly affection.

She says to come early, says my frau, so we ambles over about 7.45. Gee, their house is nice and neat and comfy-like, and they're sure a friendly team. It ain't long before the women-folks is comparing baby-food and permanent waves and things, so the neighbor says to me, would I like to look at his stamps for a few minutes, till the girls get up to date with the day's news? I didn't get him, but I'm always agreeable in company, so I says, Sure, and he herds me over to his desk in the sun-parlor and says, Pull up a chair and make yourself at home.

Then he opens a small steel cabinet, like we have 'em down at the office, and it's full of thick books, and he brings out three of 'em, brown ones, labelled "Postage Stamps." Then I gets the idea—he's a stamp-collector—and I says to him, Say, my oldest boy is some collector, too; he's got over 350 stamps from all over the world, so he tells me. Is that so? That's fine, says the neighbor.

Then he starts paging through those books, kinda carelesslike, just here and there and everywhere, because the time is short, I guess, and do you know, fellers, he has thousands of stamps in those books—some of the queerest ones you ever laid lamps on—printed in all kinds of foreign languages, with funny pictures and all kinds of shapes and sizes; great big ones, little tiny ones, square ones, oblong ones, triangle ones, and gosh knows what else. Finally I says to him, Goodness, neighbor, has you corralled all the stamps in the world? and he says, quietlike, Oh, my, no. There's hardly 20,000 stamps in these albums; they represent my maiden-effort and are just a general collection which I expect to give to my boy as soon as he is a little older—it will give him a nice little start in the game. Can you feature that, I ask you?—only 20,000 stamps for a modest start for the little feller?

But the neighbor is broadcasting again, in that gentle voice of his—I'm specializing now, mostly in United States mints and a few countries overseas, says he, and with that he hauls out another big album, which he lays on the desk with loving care, as my missus would say, and opens it to the first page. It says UNITED STATES on top, and he has only one stamp on the whole page, though it's marked off for many more. That's the oldest U. S. stamp I own, says he. It's a 5-center, with a picture of Ben Franklin, if I remember right, which he says was in use about 1850-something-or-other.

Gosh, that's an old-timer, sure, I says, and just reaches over to touch it, but the neighbor heads me off, pronto. Please, don't never touch a valuable stamp with your fingers, he says, you might injure it somehow—and he brings out a little pair of tweezers from his vest-pocket and very carefully turns over that stamp for my benefit. There, that's the only way a stamp should ever be handled, says he. Why, is it so valuable? I comes back, and he reaches for a little fat book marked "Catalogue" and opens it right in front. Let's see now, says he, here you are—number 28, $35.00—$8.00 Tha means that this stamp, which is U. S stamp number 28, is worth $35.00 in mint or unused condition, or $8.00 cancelled, o used, like this one here.

Goshalmighty, says I, $8.00 for that lit tle square inch of old paper? Think o that! Well, that's not much money, say the neighbor, as money goes for old an valuable stamps. One of the oldest U. S was sold at auction lately for $12,000.0 and probably the most valuable stamp i the world (from some British colony i South America, I think he said it was brought $32,500.00 recently. Featur that!

Gosh, do they know the price of a the U. S. stamps in that there catalogue I asks. Yes, says he, not only all th U. S., but every known stamp in th world is listed, numbered, illustrated an priced in that little book; probably ove 150,000 of them. Ohmeohmy!

On the second page in that album h has three stamps, on the third page h has about a dozen, and thereafter eac page is pretty nearly full—all queer look ing stamps, nothing like I can remembe at all. Now, from 1893 on, my collectio is all in mint, says the neighbor, meanin they are not used, just like you buy the from the post office. He explains tha stamps is usually more valuable in min only those real old ones are very hard t get that way, and cost "beaucoup" cas Well, these here mint stamps begin t look a little more familiar to your Unc Dudley, although I hadn't no idea th there was so many of them, all differen right here in our own country.

He shows me one pair of 2-center which he says both stamps are differen although in a pair, not torn apart. H brings out a magnifying glass and says look at the triangles in the upper corne there's where the difference is; but guess I'm dumb that way, because th sure look alike to me. On another pa I asks him, What's the diff betwe those two stamps, and he says, It's the color; one is carmine and the oth is carmine-rose, whatever that may b Well, neighbor, your eyesight is su better than mine, says I.

I sees quite a few stamps with ext little tags on 'em, all with little color numbers, and I asks him what they mea He says those are plate-numbers, whi is printed on the margins of full shee of stamps and indicates which plat Uncle Sam used when he printed t stamps. What does he care? says Some collectors, says the neighbor, nuts about plate-numbers and wants the on all their stamps. Nuts is righ thinks I.

Next he shows me a bevy of pur 3-centers that all looks alike to me. S that stamp, he says, and that one? S any difference? No. I sure couldn But he tells me one is worth $6.00 a the other one 6 cents. Says the diffe ence is only in the perforation; the o stamp is perforated with 10 little hol every inch, or centimeter, or somethin while the other one owns 11 holes in t same mileage. Can you beat that, I a you—$5.94 more just because of one l tle hole more or less? That's wor than golf, I'll tell the world.

On the next page he has a flock of centers, all in a bunch, not yet torn apa Do you see anything peculiar about a of these stamps? pipes the neighbor, a I'm a sonofagun if one of those 2-cente wasn't a 5-center, right in the middle the bunch! That's one of your Un Samuel's famous 5-cent errors, explai he, with a laugh, and says that the figu "5", read upside-down, like on the d looks an awful lot like the figure " upside-down, and that likely that's ho the government printer made the mista in his set-up. Maybe he had a lit drink the night before, I suggests. T neighbor says that little block is wor about $15.00, and that he's angling f another block with another error li that, that the printer made, but has had a nibble yet.

By and by he turns another page a says, Now we come to all the comme

atives, meaning special stamps issued
e for the Chicago Worlds Fair and
ch, and my, what a bunch he had.
ever knew they issued $1, $2, $3, $4 and
-stamps for that fair, did you? He
d a double flock from the Panama-
cific expo, too. Difference in perfo-
tion again, says he; one set is perfo-
ed so-and-so, and the other set is
rforated thus-and-thus. Let's see what
e difference in values is. Here we
e—$2.57 for this set and $7.95 for that
. Boys, ain't nature grand?

Then he points to another stamp—a
-center this time, which he says our
n post office sold about 10 years ago
ht over the counter; now it's worth
0.00, he says, and explains that it's just
mb scarce now, and that some 50,000
mp-collectors in this country wants a
y.

He shows me pages of coil-stamps, you
w the ones we buy at the hotels, 2
a nickel, and try and get the other
t; a full-page of special-delivery
mps, one of them worth $8.00, I think
says; postage-due stamps, stamps we
d in Cuba and Porto Rico during the
anish-American war, stamps we are
ng now in the Philippines and down
the Panama Canal, those red parcel-
t stamps we used for a couple of
rs, air-mail stamps and gosh knows
at else!

Then he brings out yet another book,
ich is full of what he calls blocks-of-
ur—you know, four unused stamps,
l together in a block, 2 by twice. Says
s is probably the latest way of collect-
stamps and that each block is quite
it more expensive than 4 times the
e of a single stamp. I wonder how-
e—stamps is stamps, married or di-
ced, ain't they? He apologizes for
ing only about $250.00 worth so far—
s he has been so busy collecting his
gle stamps and hasn't given much se-
is thought to these here blocks-of-
r as yet. Ye Gods and little fish-
ks!

My head begins to go round like a pin-
eel, and I asks the neighbor how can
keep so calm and collected and all
h all them there stamps in his noodle,
he just smiles and says it's his hobby.
's, however, that he makes a regular
e business of it too, and darned if he
't pull out a little ledger and show
where he keeps books on the pesky
e stamps! Yessirree, shows me right
the book where he's invested about
00.00 in stamps in the last 5 years or
which a year ago catalogues at about
00.00, and this year at over $3,700.00.
s he feels sure he can sell his stamps
t any time on 30 days notice or so,
ugh regular brokers and auctions,
that one concern down in Chicago
s in stamp-collections as collateral
loans out real money on the same.
you feature that, I asks you?

e finally says he is specializing in
nt 7 or 11 foreign countries, too, but
be we'd better get to our bridge-
e now, as the girls is getting kinda
atient. Sure, he and my missus
s us pretty,—guess I was A. W. O. L.
t of the evening, seeing blocks-of-
and triangles instead of spades and
ps, and my missus bawls me out
ething fierce after we gets home, for
g such a numbskull.

ell, I told my oldest kid this A. M.,
re I left, to dig out his stamps after
er tonight—nix on his date with that
—boys of his age should spend some
ings at home yet, and I, his father,
oing to be there and see what he's
y got in stamps; not that I'm inter-
l personally at all, you understand—
goodness gracious no!

n, yes, the neighbor tells me that
recently organized a little stamp-
here in town, and I'm a sonofagun
of the biggest local business-men
belong, and two of them my broth-
iwanians—feature that!

BOOK REMAINDERS

e have the following book remain-
in stocks:—

Canal Zone, by Dr. Evans,	.20
U. S. 3c Violet, by Barrett,	.10
U. S. Grills, by Stevenson,	.15
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ese books will not be reprinted.

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NEWS ITEMS—

THE WEEKLY recently quoted the Associated Press to the effect that Emil Fuchs painted the picture for the White Plains stamp. Dr. Jason S. Parker calls our attention to the fact that this honor belongs to Edmond F. Ward of White Plains, N. Y.

WE are indebted to Dr. E. B. Swift for an air mail envelope from New York City. Upon the reverse side is a rubber stamp impression as follows: "The New York Aviation Show under auspices of the Aviators' Post, No. 743, American Legion, Feb. 6 to Feb. 13."

A NEW stamp club has been organized in Troy, New York, and collectors in that vicinity who are interested are urged to communicate with Mr. W. Flanders, 317 3d Ave., Troy, N. Y. The president of the club is J. Stensor and the Sec.-Treas. is J. Campbell.

FRANK MARQUIS, 15 Park Row, N. Y. C., sends us a superb catalog of a sale to be held March 8, 9 and 11. The lots are U. S., and there are 1,961 in all. Something for everybody—and then some. Send for the catalog.

THE air mail schedule from Canal Zone to U. S. is as follows: Leave Miami February 4 and 17, and the 1st and 15th of each month thereafter. Arrive Cristobal third day by 4 p. m. Leave Cristobal Feb. 10 and 23 and the 7th and 23d of each month thereafter. Arrive at Miami third day by 4 p. m.—R. S. CARTER.

A RESOLUTION has been introduced in Congress authorizing the issue of a "Special Series of Postage Stamps," the denomination of which shall be 2c, to commemorate the founding of the First Building and Loan Association in the United States. Thanks to Bertram F. Linz for copy of the resolution.

THE STERLING STAMP CO., which advertised blocks U. S. No. 483 (3c 1916 imperf.) with orders for Scott's Standard or Specialized catalogs, were obliged to withdraw their offer on the first of February. The advertisement first appeared with the advent of the Standard catalog.

W. T. WILSON, Birmingham, England has been entrusted with the sale by auction of the famous "Odfjell" collection of Norway, which won a Gold Medal at the London Exhibition, 1923, Great Gold at Oslo, 1924; and Gold at New York, 1926. The collection will be offered at auction by H. R. Harmer in May.

THE Louisville (Ky.) Stamp Society meets twice monthly, 2nd and 4th Friday nights, in room 803 of Inter-Southern Building, and its membership is steadily increasing. Monthly stamp auctions have helped.—W. E. GREENAWAY.

"IT is with deep regret that I learn of the death of Mr. H. Kenneth Irvin of Beaver Falls, Pa. His sister sends this information. Mr. Irvin was a member of A. P. S., etc. He was mostly interested in U. S. 3c 1851 covers."—H. HERDELIN.

"ENCLOSED please find my check for $5.00 for a five-year renewal. This will make my second five-year subscription. I find the paper very interesting and well up-to-date. I think my old friend Charlie Mekeel would feel proud if he could see the paper as it is now."—HERBERT E. KENDALL.

POSTAL CARDS have been received from the following readers who are traveling abroad: Mr. Leonard Michael, London; Mr. M. B. Kennedy, Havana; Rev. T. T. Farwell, Nassau, Bahamas; Mr. E. N. Rideout, Lima, Peru; M. Foley, Antwerp; and Mr. R. B. Bowles, Cairo, Egypt.

THE meeting of the New York Precancel Club Friday, February 1, was notable in that two stamp men of prominence were present and gave short talks. E. B. Power gave a lecture on Paul Wise's burlesque analysis of the 4c green. It was a laughable take-off. V. W. Rotnem, publisher of the Standard Precancel Catalog, suggested a plan of getting members that may be adopted by the Club. One of Hoover's Precancel Auctions followed. This Club meets on the 1st and 3d Friday of each month at the Hoovers' office, 35 W. 33d St., N. Y. City.

"YOU seem to have made good use of the article on stamps and religion which I sent you recently, and here are two more, one from our issue of January 26, and the other February 9. These articles have been running fairly regularly on our church page, and have attracted quite a bit of attention from both ministers and stamp collectors in the city. W. W. T. Squire, director of the Junior Achievement Foundation here, has a small nucleus for a promising class of beginners, while a larger and more advanced group is being promoted among the pupils of the Nathan Hale Junior High School—by a Mr. Searle, I believe. There are one or two other similar groups, while the city seems to be filled with adult collectors who have not organized, and find it difficult to do so. There are scores who are enjoying philately quietly, and it has one good feature—every so often I discover another collector, and it gives me a warm feeling that the world is a pretty fair place after all."—K. E. PARKER.

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3c	"	345	.30	.30
4c	"	346	.35	.35
5c	"	347	.75	.75
1909, 2c	"	368	.20	.20
2c	"	371	.15	.15
2c	"	373	.20	.20
1910, 1c	"	383	.05	.05
2c	"	384	.10	.10
1912, 1c	"	408	.05	.05
2c	"	409	.10	.10
1916-17, 1c	"	481	.03	.02
2c	"	482	.05	.02
3c	"	483	.08	.05
1918-20, 1c	"	531	.40	.30
2c	"	532	.05	.05
3c	"	535	.15	—
1922-23, 1c	"	575	.03	.02
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2c	"	577	.05	.02
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2c,	"	353	.40
4c,	"	354	1.50
5c,	"	355	1.00
1910, 1c,	"	390	.12
2c,	"	391	.25
1c,	"	392	.15
2c,	"	393	.20
3c,	"	394	.20
4c,	"	395	.35
5c,	"	396	.25
1914-15, 1c,	"	441	.10
2c,	"	444	.15
2c,	"	449	.15
4c,	"	457	1.25
5c,	"	458	1.75
10c,	"	497	.25

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1882, 3c, " 207		.03
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1893 **(Columbian)**, 1 to 10c complete		.60
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" $5, " 245		13.00
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$1.00, " 276		1.00
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1917, 5c red "error", No. 505, in blk. six 2c stamps	7.50
1918, 6c orange, Aeroplane, No. 520	.25
3c "Victory", No. 537	.10
1919-21, 1c, Perf. 11x10, No. 538	.05
2c Perf. 11x10, No. 539	.10
3c Perf. 11x10, No. 541	.60
1c Rotary, Perf. 11, No. 545	1.00
2c Rotary, Perf. 11, No. 546	.40
1920 (Pilgrim Issue), 1, 2 and 5c, complete set	.40
1922-23, 1c Rotary, Perf. 11x10, No. 578	.75
2c Rotary, Perf. 11x10, No. 579	.25
2c Rotary, Perf. 11, No. 595	4.00
1923 (Aeroplane), 8, 16 and 24c, Nos. 608-9-10	1.00
1925 (Norse-Amer.), 2 and 5c complete	.40
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$10.00 orange	.50
$100.00 green	4.00

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STILL THEY COME

More magnificent items have just been received to add to my wonderful stock and this includes an important sending from abroad. There is a magnificent France, one franc vermilion, issue of 1849 on the entire cover, with blue town postmark. Several of the other values on entire cover are available showing rare cancellations. There is one particularly choice little lot of early French covers used from abroad, including some from Shanghai, Beyrouth, Constantinople, Salonique, etc. Another sending consists of upward of twenty to twenty-five covers not expensive, but exceedingly desirable of the Seebeck issues of Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, Ecuador used on the entire cover at the time they were current.

In the way of United States issues, a small property recently acquired includes four superb mint copies of the 1847 5c with full gum, a complete mint set of 1857 in perfect condition, including shades, mint blocks of the 10c and 12c, a large block of the 1861 1c, September printing on the thin August paper with dark gum, two unusually fine 5c buff with full gum, a used pair of the 1869 90c, an item that I have never owned before, etc.

As previously stated, these are mentioned as the type of stamp that is constantly coming to hand and the kind that I am anxious to purchase. Individual pieces or collections are desired for immediate cash.

Condition is of paramount importance and only the finest things the market affords are desired. I particularly require mint singles and blocks of the early issues, including scarce and unusual covers.

In the later issues, the scarcer mint blocks and errors are required. At the present time, I am particularly anxious to complete several collections of the revenue stamps with inverted centers. If you have any of these to offer, please submit.

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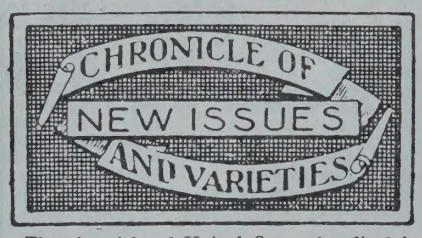

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United States

State Surcharges

The information relative to overprinting our current stamps for use in special states was received so late that it was necessary to wire the information to the WEEKLY, hence, it appeared in the "Stop Press Department," of the last week's issue. I am now informed that these new overprinted stamps are not likely to make their appearance until April, and at that time all denominations from 1-cent to 10-cent inclusive, will be available for the two states of Kansas and Nebraska. All first-, second-, third- and fourth-class post offices in these two states, with the exception of a few selected first-class offices, will receive these new overprinted varieties. They cannot be considered "precancels" in any sense of the word, as a precancel stamp by its very name indicates that it has been cancelled in advance of its use. Each and every one of these stamps will have to be cancelled, hence, they are distinct issues and are officially designated by the Department as "surcharged" varieties.

The overprint consists of abbreviation of the state name in type somewhat different from that used for the authorized form of Bureau precancels, but without the bars characteristic of these Bureau prints. The overprint on the Kansas variety will consist of "Kan" and not the official "Kans" which is given in the Postal Guide as the abbreviation of this state. Those for Nebraska will be surcharged "Nebr." The surcharge will appear in black.

These stamps will be issued in these states under the personal supervision of the Department, and their use will be watched carefully. It is believed that the establishment will prove successful, and in this case there will be forty-eight different sets of overprints for the forty-eight different states giving us eleven different denominations or five hundred and twenty varieties in all. As far as I can learn at the present time, it will not be the intention of the Department to have these available at the Philatelic Agency.

Clark Memorial Stamp

The Postmaster General has advised the postmaster at Vincennes, Indiana, that he has arranged to have Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Supt. of the Division of Stamps, present on the day of the issue of the George Rogers Clark stamp at Vincennes, on February 25. The demand for first day covers and stamps has been so great that the Postmaster General felt it advisable to have one experienced in the sending out of first day covers present at the time. Mr. E. W. Determann writes from Vincennes that letters are coming in daily asking for covers and that every effort will be made to take care of the requirements of the dealer and collector. It, however, is to be understood that not over twenty-five covers will be stamped by the postmaster. Those requiring more will have to make arrangements with outside agents. Unused stamps to any amount may be had, and those sticking on their own stamps or having an agent take care of the work, may send through as many covers on the first day as they will require. The postmaster has announced that he will see that clear and distinct cancellations will be applied in each case.

As previously mentioned in this column, it is expected that supplies will be available in most large cities the day following their appearance in Vincennes.

The Bureau is completing its first printings, and the initial quantity will go forward to Indiana possibly on the fifteenth of February.

Playing Card Stamps

The *Linn Weekly Stamp News* in a recent issue quotes from remarks in this Chronicle wherein a letter from Mr. R. M. Estes, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, advised under what conditions playing card stamps could be collected. Mr. Linn, as well as others, interpreted the letter to mean that only used copies could be collected, and that these must be torn in half at the time of opening the package of cards. Under date of January 22, 1929, I wrote the Deputy Commissioner further upon the subject, and under date of January 26, 1929, he replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter of January 22, 1929, you are advised that the collection for philatelic purposes of used and cancelled playing card stamps, whether torn or not, is not prohibited by the law so long as the stamps are not reused to denote payment of tax."

Under the circumstances, it will be readily seen that such stamps, if cancelled, may be legally collected, whether torn in half or not.

Canada.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the 3c carmine, 5c purple, in the new King's head desi and the 10c green, new pictorial ty The stamps are perf. 12, engraved a with no watermark.

Cyprus.—We learn that the curre commemorative issue is to be withdra from sale on the 31st inst., after wh we assume there will be a reversion the former type, in which case new pri ings should be watched.—*Stamp C lecting.*

Guatemala.—"In No. 1988 you form your readers about the new stan recently issued, viz.: ½c green, 1c brow 2c blue, 3c brown-violet, 5c red, and ultramarine. May I inform you that just received the full set on a spec cover and the series apparently compl comprises the following values in ad tion to the above mentioned values:

4c orange (General Miguel C. Gra dos), 10c chocolate brown (Palacio Minerva), 25c bistre brown (J. Ruf Barrios horseman statue), 30c gre (Parque La Aurora), 50c rose (Lago Amatitlan), 1 quetsal black (kind coat of arms)."—SIGMUND WEISER.

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts sends chronicle the 1E slate surfaced pap Ceres type, perf. 11½, surcharged "40

Spain.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* January 15th, page 8, publishes the qu tities of the Catacombs series print *Forthcoming Issues:* Thirteen val each for the Exhibitions of Seville a Barcelona will be issued for Spain a Spanish Morocco: Tangier, Cape Ju Fernando Po, Sahara, and Guinea are have eleven values each. M. Champ gives the quantities of these also. The are to be printed also 150,000 of a n 20c Express stamp for Spain and air mails in the following denomi tions:—5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 1p and 4p. quantities of from forty to sixty th sand apiece.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Alaouites.—We have received a complete sheet of fifty 1 piastre Postage Due stamps overprinted in French and Arabic showing both overprints double, one being in black and the other in blue.

Falkland Islands.—We are officially informed that it is proposed to issue some pictorial stamps for this Colony, but only up to the 6d denomination. These stamps will be issued concurrently with the present issue. So far as is yet known no special stamps are to be issued for South Georgia.

Fiji.—The Colonial Postmaster informs us that the 4d denomination has been withdrawn from use.

Gibraltar.—It is always the unexpected that happens in this British Colony so far as issuing postage stamps is concerned. The 1/- and 2/- stamps printed on coloured papers have been suddenly withdrawn from use and replaced by two new stamps printed on white paper, the 1/- is printed in olive and the 2/- in red-brown, the duty in the tablet at the base of the stamp being in black in both cases. These stamps were issued on January 8th, and we understand that very few people in Gibraltar knew that the change was to take place and consequently there will probably be a shortage of the old stamps on the coloured papers and likewise a rapid increase in price.

Italy.—Another new commemorative stamp is to hand from this country, this time in memory of King Victor Emmanuel II, who died fifty years ago. The stamp is of small size and printed in green, it shows a portrait of King Victor Emmanuel and is dated "1878-1928." The stamp is sold for 60 centesimi, 50 centesimi being for postage and the excess charge of 10 centesimi goes to benefit the veterans of the War for Independence and Unity of Italy.

Kelantan.—We have received the $1 stamp of a new design showing a portrait of His Highness the Sultan of Kelantan surrounded by an ornamental border with the words "Kelantan Postage and Revenue" in English and local vernacular. The stamp is printed in blue and will certainly make a handsome addition to a set of these stamps, all previous issues being of the arms design.

Liechtenstein.—The Jubilee stamps were withdrawn from sale on January 31st, and are now obsolete.

Luxembourg.—The Charity stamps were withdrawn from sale on January 31st.

Madeira.—This Portuguese Colony is again to have special stamps of its own, a complete new issue having been printed in London. Madeira postage stamps have not been used since 1880, except for the special commemorative Vasco da Gama issue in 1898, and the Marquis de Pombal issue in 1925. The denominations of the new set are as follows:—3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 25, 32, 40, 50, 64, 80, 96 centavos, 1 escudo, Esc.1.20, Esc.1.60, Esc.2.40, Esc.3.36, Esc.4.50 and 7 escudos.

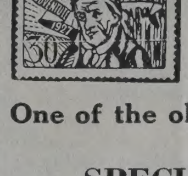
Poland.—A special stamp of 25 groszy, brown, has been issued in connection with the Posen Exhibition and is of large oblong shape, showing a representation of Swiatowid, the God of Slaves, who had four faces and was thus able to see the four ways of the world.

Russia.—With further reference to the Child Welfare stamps, these have now come to hand, but we find that the actual stamps are not printed in the same colours as the advance illustrations we received, the 10+2 kopecs is brown and red-brown, and the 20+2 kopecs brown and blue.

Saar.—The annual set of charity stamps has arrived and there are seven denominations, 40, 50 centimes, 1, 1½, 2, 3 and 10 francs. The three lower denominations illustrate the Blind Beggar and is taken from a picture by the Belgian painter, J. L. Dyckman, the original of which is in the Antwerp Museum. The 1½, 2 and 3 francs represent almsgiving and show a good Samaritan giving a part of his loaf to a starving man, this subject is taken from a picture painted by Schiest, another Belgian painter. The 10 francs stamp is printed in brown and shows a representation of Raphael's Charity. All these stamps have been sold at double face value, the extra charge going towards the fund for Child Welfare. The 10 francs stamp was sold out on the day of issue and we are informed that all the other denominations are exhausted.

Trans-Jordan.—A series of Postage Due stamps of a new design has been printed in London and will shortly be issued, meantime a provisional set has appeared, consisting of the ordinary postage stamps overprinted locally with the equivalent of "Postage Due" in Arabic. The numbers of these provisionals overprinted are as follows:—1 mil on 3 mils, 15,000; 2 mils, 15,000; 4 mils on 15 mils, 15,000; 10 mils, 20,000; 20 mils on 90 mils, 5,000; 50 mils, 5,000. In the case of the 1, 4 and 20 mils, there are also additional overprints of the new values in numerals, Arabic in upper corners and Roman in lower corners.

Virgin Islands.—We are officially informed that the 1d violet and 1½d stamps are entirely exhausted at the Post Office, and no more are obtainable, these stamps are likely to prove quite scarce. We have received a small supply of the 1d red, reversion of color, but in the new issue there is a little difference in the shade, which is a darker red than the previous issue.—*Whitfield King & Co. Bulletin.*



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By HERMANN FOCKE.

I have had the opportunity of perusing the issue of February 2 of *Stamp Collecting*, an English stamp paper, and my attention has been fastened upon an article therein entitled, "Important Notice—Colonial Office and Philately," bringing to its readers' knowledge a circular letter addressed by the Hon. Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governors of the Colonies, Protectorates, etc., on questions of Administrative procedure concerning Colonial Governments and Colonial Postal Administrations, in which particular mention is made of the sale of postage stamps to collectors.

The 2nd and 3d paragraphs of this communication emphasize the necessity of maintaining at all times sufficiently large enough a stock of all denominations, in order to obviate the, more or less questionable, necessity of provisionals, and to abstain from bringing into use any new postage stamp of a particular denomination until all the remaining specimens of the previous issue have been either sold, or, if unduly large stocks exist, destroyed.

Certainly a very wise procedure for which we collectors must be thankful.

Paragraph 5 deals with and approves of the fact that an extra supply of stamps should be printed for the sale to dealers (mind you, dealers, but not collectors, the latter being required to obtain their wants from the former who must pay a commission of ¼% with a minimum charge of 10/- for services rendered).

This means that the British Empire is not satisfied with selling a 1/-, 2/- and up to £5, nay even £20 stamp, the manufacture of which costs, perhaps, not more than a penny, at its face-value, but requires in addition a commission on such a lucrative business. "Oh Ye Gods" one is tempted to cry out, when reading of such an imposition, or should we call it parsimony or plain highway robbery? For, in order to take advantage of the lowest rate of ¼%, one would have to purchase stamps to the amount of £200, or about $1,000.00 in our money.

Paragraph 6 gives directions as to how dealers and (in contradiction of the foregoing paragraph) collectors shall obtain their stamps from a local officer in the Colony, but in order not to lead into temptation this honorable servant of the Crown, the money shall not be remitted in cash, i.e., bank notes, because—verbally: "It is not fair to the officer concerned that he should be submitted to the temptation of receiving remittance in such a form, that its receipt cannot easily and quickly be traced".

Can anybody imagine a more humiliating insinuation of dishonesty hurled at these officers? For more than 25 years have I purchased my stamps from the postmasters of nearly every British Colony, and with perhaps three or four exceptions, where there has been absolutely no proof of dishonesty. I have never lost a single penny, and a good many times, where my orders were insignificant, I had not even taken the precaution of sending the remittance by registered mail. I can only exclaim, what a shame for a high official to express such poor an opinion about an officer of lower rank.

The instructions sent out require that all remittances be made by Bank draft or postal Money Order; well, what about Colonies like Ascension Island, St. Helena, Cayman, Maldives Islds., etc., with which there exists no money order arrangement, or where there is no bank to cash a draft?

Paragraph 7 is another exhibition of, let me say mildly, shortsightedness, for it forbids an officer to comply with requests to "affix stamps to letters," or to "cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters," the former being rather unintelligible, because some stamp has to be affixed to a letter, unless the Hon. Secretary has in mind to top it off by demanding that after taking the stamp collectors, pardon, the dealers' money the stamps be mailed without postage being paid for the missive, so that the addressee has to pay a double fee, if he wants his letter, and this in spite of the fact that the sale of postage stamps constitutes nowadays a large percentage of a Colony's revenues.

If these two paragraphs are carried out to the letter, it will serve to curtail the sale of stamps considerably, and they might as well discontinue the printing of all higher values, because there are still a good many thousands of collectors who will have their stamps "used" or cancelled, if this sounds better, because to them it means two things, first, that they were not merely Revenue stamps with only the word Postage added for ulterior purposes, and second, because the cancellation in a good many cases is proof of their genuineness, vide Barbuda, etc.

The conclusion of the letter is vague, but unimportant, so we will pass it by, but I take leave to recommend to the Hon. Secretary of State for the Colonies, that after he changes the brand of tea, which he may indulge in, together with the ingredients which he partaketh of therewith, he reconsider these instructions and not throw a wrench into this part of the administrative machinery, and thereby reduce the productivity the proceeds of which amount to many a thousand of sovereigns every year at a negligible cost.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Department copy this week is by Mr. Markee as usual.

In connection with the recent Lindbergh flight, Miami to the Canal Zone, Panama officials got busy and arranged for the acceptance of Colon air mail for the return trip. The 10c special delivery was surcharged 25c as already recorded in the WEEKLY, and a special cachet applied. To accommodate stamp collectors, who had no previous notice of this flight, a companion plane to Lindbergh's brought along a big supply of air mail covers, which the company is holding for disposition, singly or otherwise to collectors. For particulars, write Pan-American Airways, 122 E. 42nd St., New York City.

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On the First Flight of FAM No. 5, Mr. Victor M. Suarez got off to a good start for the year by sending through a round tripper. Commander Micojah Boland of the U. S. S. Florida and Mr. Harry Leonard were both thoughtful and kind in sending covers to me from the flight. Mr. Geo. H. Kieley has shown me a nice round trip cover that bears the autographs of Postmasters Bliss of Cristobal, and Hodge of Coco Solo, C. Z. Mr. Kieley's cover bears a choice assortment of various issues of Air Mail stamps, and is one of the unofficial Lindbergh covers that went out from Boston when the Colonel made his first visit here July 22, 1927.

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It is a safe bet that many more novel covers were carried on FAM No. 5, and I hope to have an opportunity of examining many in the near future.

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As forecast in this column some time ago, CAM No. 25 will have additional service in effect March 1st to cover Macon, Daytona Beach, Orlando and Tampa. Special cachets will be used at these points. Southbound, daily except Mondays, and days after holidays. Northbound, daily except Sundays and holidays. Leave Atlanta 6.45 A. M., arrive Miami 1.45 P. M., Tampa 12.50 P. M. Returns from Miami at 12.30 P. M., Tampa, 1.25 P. M., arriving at Atlanta 7.30 P. M.

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Second Annual Air Meet was held at Tampa on Feb. 21st and 22nd, a cachet being applied both days by the C. of C. * * * Louisville, Ky., held an Air Mail Day, Feb. 13th. They don't believe in hard luck! * * * Boston is sporting a new Air Mail killer. Differs from previous type quite materially. * * * Number 2 of the *Air Post Collector*, R. E. R. Dalwick's house publication, contains some mighty interesting reading, and is well worth asking for. Address him "Cotswold," Dorking, Eng. * * * Vernon J. Hoyer reports Sioux City, Ia., is looking sideways for an Airport!

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Postmaster Healy of Worcester, Mass., has informed several coöperators that the First Trip out of that city would occur on Feb. 18th, "or soon thereafter." Up to this writing, no official notice has appeared in the *Postal Bulletin.*

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Springfield, Ill., through the Chamber of Commerce, applied a very handsome cachet to covers on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th. Postmaster Wm. H. Conkling can always be depended upon for something novel and attractive, and he has earned the thanks of hundreds of collectors for his unfailing courtesy and ready willingness to handle covers.

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Henry O. Meisel writes that a special cachet will be used in Washington, D. C., on March 4th. Collectors can send their covers to Mr. Meisel for handling @ 5c each in addition to postage. His address is Waukesha, Wis.

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Service from Brownsville, Tex., to Mexico City will begin operations on March 9th, and not February 23rd or 28th, as has been given by newspapers. The Mexican Aviation Company, a subsidiary of the Pan-American Airways, holds the contract for this route, the bid price being $2.00 per mile. Contract runs for ten years, and provides for a one-way service seven times a week. Maximum daily load not to exceed 800 pounds per trip. It is probable that the Mexican Government will enter into a like contract with the Aviation Company, and that full daily service will be rendered.

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The coöperators certainly stepped on the gas this week—covers, letters, clippings, etc. Gonna keep me busy sending thanks! R. S. Carter**, Victor M. Suarez*, Geo. H. Kieley*, Herbert Cohn, Carroll L. Weber*, George T. Street*, M. P. Colegrove*, Anna M. Schafer**, Com. Micojah Boland*, Harry Leonard**, Vernon Hoyer, C. A. Forster, Henry O. Meisel, Wm. H. Conkling*, Wm. G. Ogilvie, Harold Rosenthal, A. C. Roessler*, Chas. P. Ingold*, Ray Blumenthal, Hugh Shelley, Clarence Montgomery*, Roberto Ortiz*.

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On two covers received from FAM No. 5, a special cachet of the Postal Agency of Panama is noted. Circular in form, "Agencia Postal-Panama, R. de P.-Primer Correo Aereo International" enclosed in the circle. In addition, a two line cachet—"Pan-American Airways, Inc.—Primer Vuelo." The covers are franked with the above mentioned Panama surcharged Air Mail stamps, cancelled Panama, Feb. 8th, 8 P. M., and backstamped Boston, Feb. 17th, 8 A Still another cover, from Costa Ri cancelled Feb. 8th—no backstamp.

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Newark Airport covers received 18th, bear a neat little cachet anc quite distinctive. * * * Madison, dedicated a new Post Office on Feb. and a privately applied cachet is not covers of that date. * * * A cachet be applied to Air Mail on March 4 Montebello, Calif., by the Rotary Send covers, ready to go, to Hugh ley, 232 So. 4th St., above city. N received Feb. 18th, so may be too for some readers.

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The possibility of a special cach Washington, D. C., for March 4th, s to be evident by the programs arra for this date. Big Air Parade, Angeles" flying and lots of doings. bet would be Chamber of Commerc

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Birmingham, Ala., has been warn improve field or lose Air Mail se * * * Wichita, Kan., is an early s prospect for a dedication. * * * are a few other points recently rep as being "in the market";—Ne Beach, Calif.; Marlboro, Mass.; Id cah, Ky.; Roswell, N. M.; Denma C.; Andrews, S. C.; Columbia, S and Thomas, W. Va.

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However, as no objection was raised to a new series incorporating His Majesty's features, arrangements were made in 1927, to replace the ½d "Jamaica Exhibition, 1891," first issued on Roman CA watermarked paper on Nov. 12, 1920, and on script CA, February 5, 1922. The replacing stamp, typographically printed from Nyasaland keyplate No. 1, was issued Nov. 3, 1927. This same Nyasaland keyplate design was used for the first Georgian series of Jamaica, 1d to 5s (introduced with the 3d on March 6, 1912), the ½d continuing in the Arms type of Nov. 8, 1906.

Early in 1928 it was decided to have 1d and 1½d stamps prepared after the Cayman Islands design of 1921. 1d is the inland letter rate, and 1½d that to the United Kingdom and the British Empire generally. A third denomination, 9d was later added. The charge for telegrams throughout Jamaica (and this charge must be paid in postage stamps attached to the message), is 9d for any number of words up to twelve (the address and signature are both counted), and ½d for every additional word. Lacking a 9d stamp it has been necessary to use two or more stamps on even the minimum rate messages.

Although known in June, 1928, that these stamps were on order, the Crown Agents gave no advance notice of their preparation, but in their *Bulletin* for the fourth quarter (October-December, 1928) notified that supplies of the new stamps, 1d red, 1½d brown, and 9d purple, had been dispatched.

Cayman Islands Design of 1921

In July, 1915, New Zealand placed in circulation a King George V series of stamps, designed by H. Linley Richardson, R.B.A., after the penny black of Great Britain, issued May 6, 1840. The New Zealand design was followed closely in that made up for the Cayman Islands line engraved series introduced on April 4, 1921, with the 1½d, 3d, 1s and 5s. Other values followed at intervals until it was completed on June 28, 1923, with the 4½d.

As used in the Cayman Islands design (19½ x 23½mm), the head of King George V, facing the left, in a vertical rectangle (curved at the top), is placed on a faintly diamonded ground, instead of the usual plain or horizontally lined one. The Imperial Crown occupies a

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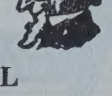
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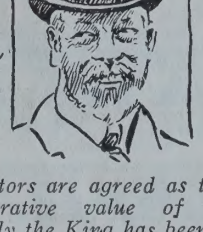

His Majesty's Stamp Collection as a Great Empire Record : : Experts Who "Swap" with King George

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG

¶ *Doctors are agreed as to the high recuperative value of a hobby. Happily the King has been an ardent collector of postage stamps all his life, so that it is safe to say that many hours of his convalescence at "Craigweil" will be pleasantly passed in the company of his valued collection.*

During the long weeks of His Majesty's illness any number of new specimens have accumulated, and await transfer to the royal albums. A certain firm of London stamp dealers has a standing commission to supply every new stamp of the British Empire as it appears, so that the King's collection may always be kept right up-to-date.

A Royal Authority on Stamps

Whilst it is unlikely that the scores of volumes which house the King's stamps will be transferred from the special room that is given over to them at Buckingham Palace to His Majesty's temporary residence by the sea, those in which he is especially interested at the present time will doubtless accompany him. King George is no mere accumulator of stamps, but a keen and knowledgeable student of things philatelic upon which he is no mean authority.

In days gone by he has, in his capacity of President of the Royal Philatelic Society contributed important papers and displays before its meetings. Since his accession, however, affairs of State have precluded him from devoting much time to his stamp collection, so that for the most part the arrangement and classification of the specimens has to be delegated to the philatelic secretary.

Nevertheless His Majesty contrives occasionally to snatch a quiet evening with his stamps. Convalescence will accordingly provide a welcome opportunity to pore over his albums and renew acquaintance with their extensive and valuable philatelic treasures.

The King's Vast Empire Collection

Contrary to the common belief, the Royal Stamp collection is neither the largest nor the most valuable in the world, nor even in Great Britain itself. But it is the finest and most comprehensive of its kind, for the King confines his collecting activities to the stamps issued within his own Dominions, thus upholding his well-known Imperialist tendencies.

His Majesty has, of course, enjoyed exceptional opportunities for acquiring through official channels many stamps that are quite unique in their way. For instance, in the course of his Empire tours he has frequently been the recipient of specially compiled collections from Colonial governments. Needless to say, he makes it a rule not to accept valuable gifts from private individuals, although well meaning but misguided persons, learning of his philatelic predilections, are constantly endeavouring to thrust presents of stamps upon him.

Like any school-boy collector the King delights in a "swap," and more than one Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, can proudly boast of having exchanged stamps with the Society's Royal and Honorary Patron.

A certain wealthy American philatelist, on ascertaining that he had unwittingly outbid the King's agent for the rarest stamp in the world, a year or two ago, begged to be allowed to present the unique specimen to the royal collection, an offer that was graciously, but nonetheless firmly, declined.

Quite recently someone in the United States addressed to King George six commemorative postage stamps dedicated to a heroine of the War of Independence, nicknamed "Molly Pitcher." These were promptly returned, however, by the Private Secretary with an intimation that "His Majesty only collects stamps of the British Empire."—*Bazaar.*

central position at the top, and in the upper corners are shield shaped tablets with large numerals of value in color. At the foot is "Postage & Revenue—Cayman Islands," in two lines of colorless caps, and in the lower corners, three concentric circles, on colorless squares. A border of conventional scroll work, at the sides, with a diamond beading at the outer edge, completes the design.

This same Cayman Islands design was used for the Crown series of the Turks and Caicos Islands (½d to 3s), issued Nov. 20, 1922, and for the Postage and Revenue series (½d to 10s) of March 1, 1928. Unfortunately in these two instances, so much detail was included as to completely destroy the effectiveness of the original design.

Jamaican Pictorial Series, Roman CA, 1919-21

When the 1½d "Contingent Embarking" of Jamaica was issued on July 4, 1919, it was not intended as the forerunner of a pictorial series, but when plans were later made for such a series, it was included and made a part of it. In the tabulation below, the denominations and subjects are given, in the order as issued, along with the quantities printed.

	Date issued.	Quantity
1½d Contingent Embarking	July 4, 1919	7,975,160
10s George V. of Jamaica Supreme Lord	May 6, 1920	10,080
½d Jamaica Exhibitions, 1891	Nov. 12, 1920	3,616,320
1s Statue of Queen Victoria	Dec. 10, 1920	104,100
2s Rodney Memorial	Dec. 10, 1920	21,540
3s Statue of Sir Chas. Metcalfe	Dec. 10, 1920	6,390
4d Spanish Town Cathedral	Jan. 21, 1921	116,320
2d King's House, Spanish Town	Feb. 18, 1921	85,840
2½d Return of a Contingent, 1919	Feb. 18, 1921	965,340
3d Jamaica discovered by Columbus, 1494	Apr. 8, 1921	979,120
5s Isle of Wood and Water	Apr. 15, 1921	12,240
6d Abolition of Slavery, Aug. 1, 1838	Not issued	362,400
1d Arawak making Cassava	Oct. 3, 1921	3,582,080

The ½d and 1d were typographically printed at two operations; the 1½d and 10s recess printed from single working plates, and the other denominations, recess printed from border and vignette plates.

Copies of the 1½d "Contingent Embarking" are known with the Myers Wharf (Kingston) postmark of July 3, 1919, and the 10s, King George, with dates as early as May 3rd and 5th, 1920.

Although practically all of these stamps were printed in 1920, their issue in Jamaica was withheld until the large stocks of the Nyasaland Georgian series were reduced.

Of the 5s and 10s, 2,899 and 2,595, respectively, were burned towards the end of May, 1924.

The 6d Abolition of Slavery was never issued (although "Specimen" overprinted were distributed by Berne), and the 362,400 Roman CA watermarked were destroyed in the furnaces of the General Penitentiary, Kingston, on July 2, 1921.

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PROF. CLARK REPLIES

Prof. Hubert Lyman Clark refused to be silenced by Mr. Ronald A. King, who recently criticized the former's views on Irish varieties. Says Mr. Clark:—

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Prof. Clark is leaving March 15 for a stay of nearly a year in Japan, Java and Australia. He will spend five months on the northwest coast of Australia, where he will collect and study his pet marine animals, sea stars, sea urchins, etc. He will return in Feb, 1930.

The well wishes of a host of friends will go with Prof. Clark, as for the nonce he parts company with his blocks of four and other treasures.

THE ALVIN GOOD SALE

Last week, and again this week, the advertisement of Alvin Good has heralded the breaking up of a very fine lot of U. S. It is his own private collection which he started in 1894, and had many opportunities to pick up nice items while with Mr. Worthington. He was really the first collector to specialize in the 1c 1851-57, also the 10c of same issue.

Mr. Good has the 1c plated and all the scarce varieties, but this part of his collection he is not breaking up, and will be sold intact, if at all. From the items mentioned in his ads one can see that his collection was not an ordinary one. Mr. Good finds it very inconvenient to deal in stamps, and at the same time keep up a collection. He has a well equipped stamp shop in Cleveland.

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The picture that will appear upon the amp will be reproduced from the por-ait of Sullivan in the New Hampshire tate House, painted by Ulysses D. Ten-y, native of Lyme and for a time a sident of Portsmouth. A very large mber of the paintings in the State ouse galleries were the work of Ulysses enney and his brother, Alvin.

Selection of the Tenney portrait for e commemorative stamp was due to search undertaken by the University of e State of New York, which is largely ncerned with proper observance of the 0th anniversary of the American Rev-ution. The Concord picture is said to the best likeness of Sullivan that has en found.

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(We publish this newspaper report th the statement that the P. O. Dept. Washington has not yet confirmed it. W. O. W.)

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TORONTO EXHIBITION

TORONTO, Feb. 25.

A stamp exhibition will be held by the Toronto Stamp Club, April 5 and 6. I shall be pleased to send particulars to anyone desiring them.

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DANVILLE (ILL.) ORGANIZES

The Midwest Stamp Club Launched Under Favorable Auspices

On Monday evening, Feb. 18, the Midwest Stamp Club was organized at the Hotel Grier-Lincoln. Lionel Martelle is president and Clair Van Sant, Cayuga, Ind., Sec. Committees on constitution, membership and exhibition were appointed.

There are no restrictions regarding residence for membership. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. The club was no sooner organized than an exhibition was proposed, the project was warmly supported and plans are being perfected.

The members voted to extend the benefits of the organization to boys and girls under 16 years through the formation of junior clubs, which will be affiliated with the Midwest Stamp Club. This extension work will be in charge of Ernest R. Jones.

The organization of the Midwest Stamp Club is directly due to the "The Stamp Collector" column, which has appeared Sundays for the past year in the local *Commercial News*.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DATE, FEB. 26

The Local Post Office Literally Swamped with Orders

UNIVERSITY, VA., Feb. 23.

Orders for the George Rogers Clark memorial stamp which goes on sale in Charlottesville, Tuesday, one day before the issue will be sold generally at post-offices throughout the country, have swamped Postmaster James L. Humbert.

The letters, from all parts of the country, are from stamp collectors who say they saw the advertisement of the issue in a stamp publication. Mr. Humbert said that many of the orders would be unfilled as he now has many more than he will be able to supply.

Residents of Charlottesville who want the stamps must file their orders by noon on Monday. Five hundred stamps will be held for residents who order by that time.

On the morning of the twenty-sixth at 1 o'clock, two of the stamps will be cancelled with a special stamp, and sent to Postmaster-General Harry S. New and to Third Assistant Postmaster General Robert S. Regan, whose department is responsible for the stamp. At 2 o'clock twenty-four stamps will be cancelled, at 3 o'clock one hundred, at 4 o'clock 500, and the balance at 5 A. M.

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CLARK STAMPS ON SALE

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.

The Clark commemorative has been received, postmarked, Vincennes, Feb. 25, at 8 A. M. The stamp is a striking one, and will make an impression on collectors and the public, alike. A huge number of orders for the stamp was received by the Vincennes office.—C. E. S.

FLYING-BOAT COVER

Mr. Paul C. Butcher, Box MM, Chico, has shown us a cover that was carried by Captain Courtney on the Dornier-Wahl Flying-Boat last June, 1928. The route of the flying-boat was from England to New York, *via* Lisbon and the Azores. It will be remembered that Captain Courtney re-fueled at the Azores on the way to this country, and was forced to drop in mid-ocean in the Atlantic by trouble of some kind and that he was rescued from his perilous situation by the "Minnewaska."

We do not find any data at hand on the postal aspects of the venture although, we believe something has been recorded of the postal arrangements in connection with it. Mr. Butcher's cover is addressed to a point in Canada and bears the 1.60 e., dark blue of 1926, cancelled at Lisbon, June 20, 1928. At the left of the stamp is the air mail cancellation in six lines, "Primeiro—Correio Aereo—Transatlantico — Lisboa — American — Junho 1928." Mr. Butcher is desirous of learning the particulars of the stamp usage and the cancellations employed on his cover, which, at least, has the distinction of being one of a small family.

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94	5.00	3.00
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107	7.50	4.00
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91	1.00	.50
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98	1.75	1.00
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NINTH REPORT ON POINTS

JANUARY LEADERS

E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	20
R. Myers, Elkins Pk., Pa.	17
F. A. DeCamp, Succasunna, N. J.	10
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	8
Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	8
A. P. Schmelzer, Buffalo, N. Y.	8

FEBRUARY CONTEST

Two of the January leaders, Messrs. Klopfer and Hitchings, are pushing for Feb. honors, Mr. Klopfer with 10 points, and Mr. Hitchings with 8.

W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash.	18
Roy A. Barton, Houlton, Me.	13
Oliver Andrews, Upper Montclair, N.J.	12
H. M. Brehm, Appleton, Wis.	12
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	10
Stanley Hosmer, Santa Rosa, Calif.	8
E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	8
Frithjof Seifert, Brooklyn, N. Y.	8
C. S. Ernst, Seattle, Wash.	8
Mrs. Mary DeC. Banks, Albany, N. Y.	8
Alice M. Hottle, Phila., Pa.	8
John Kay, Detroit, Mich.	8
Alex LaRoche, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	8
Cleon McClarran, Perrysburg, N. Y.	7
Capitol Stamp Shop, Chicago, Ill.	5
Raymond E. Martin, Phila., Pa.	5
Stanley Gregory, Detroit, Mich.	5

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EDITORIAL

THE flags are out in Vincennes, Indiana. At 7 A. M., on February 25, 1929, the special George Rogers Clark will be placed on sale in the historic city, and for the day, Vincennes was the philatelic capital of the country. That Vincennes was made aware of this distinction was certain; and evidences of the ardor of the rampant philatelists were seen variously. A number of philatelists were drawn by the stamp attraction and the general festivities to the city, and the WEEKLY sent a special correspondent in the person of Mr. W. F. Gilley. Postmaster General New, whose interest in the special stamp is keen, as befitting an Indianian, says that the stamp is the most beautiful one that has ever signalized an event or anniversary in this country. The department is sending a special crew of clerks to assist the local post office in filling orders for the stamp, and certain restrictions are to be enforced in the mailing of first day covers, we understand, for any one person, in order that the widest distribution possible be made of the stamps on the first day of sale. The postmaster at Vincennes will agree, no doubt, that collectors are as thick as leaves in Villambrosa, if he is poetically inclined; otherwise, he will speak more to the point.

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THE stamp issued in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the capture of Fort Sackville, Indiana, by George Rogers Clark is a reproduction of Mr. Yohn's picture for the cover of the *Youth's Companion* of October 11, 1922, which is now hung in the state capitol, Indianapolis. Mr. Arthur B. Ayres of Newcastle, Indiana, owns a large replica of the picture painted by Yohn, which he loaned to the Hoosier salon, which was recently closed. The picture is described as a striking one that is appreciated for its historical significance.

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THE Associated Press despatches telling of the purpose of the department to mark the names of Kansas and Nebraska on the stamps sold within the confines of the states have received wide currency. The experiment will be made on April 1, 1929, and is the culmination of efforts to discourage the traffic in stolen stamps, which since 1902 have been a thorn in the flesh of the authorities. The plan that has been adopted is to be tried experimentally, and if it is found practical, the innovation will be extended to cover all the other states. According to the present information, the issues that will be marked, range from one to five cents. The philatelic vista is broadening.

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WORK is being done to accomplish an end that will be helpful to philately, i.e., the removal of the duty on used postage stamps when imported into this country. As it is, dealers and others are harassed by the enforcement of the unnecessary and unjustifiable imposition. Moreover, its discouraging influence is brought home to all collectors, and it looms forth as a danger signal in the minds of philatelists of every degree. We have had efficient aid in distributing the slips to be signed by protesting philatelists, and the names of the following workers are placed on record: A. I. Clare, F. K. Fontaine, N. J. Garland, Oscar E. Hibbing, Phillip F. Haas, M. C. Mooney, J. L. McCarthy, Leonard Sterling and Herbert E. Sandstrom. Mr. Sandstrom, for instance, collected all the slips signed by the members at a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society in order to send them with a special letter to his friend, Congressman Chindblom. The work of Henry A. Diamant deserves recognition as he was the first in the field with his printing, and he has been instrumental in securing for our movement publicity of much benefit. The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* of Feb. 8th, contained an editorial, "The Duty on Used Stamps," the writer of which deserves the thanks of philatelists for his intelligent and clever representation of the issue. Elsewhere, we must make room for the *Globe-Democrat's* editorial, which, incidentally, is as good an example of effective presentation as one would ask for.

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A SHORT time ago, a meeting of the members of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held at Central Y. M. C. A., in Minneapolis, at which the following officers were named: President, Gerald H. Burgess; Vice-President, Olaf J. Olson; Secretary-Treasurer, Percy A. Brown; and Sales Manager, W. B. Kessel. It is this society composed, as it is, of philatelists in Minneapolis and St. Paul that will have charge for the entertainment of delegates to the convention of the American Philatelic Society to be held at Minneapolis next August; and already there is authorization for the announcement that "a national stamp show" will run concurrently with the convention. The sponsors will use the Cleveland exhibition of May, 1928, as its model, and no doubt, incorporate the features that made the Cleveland occasion so successful. The understanding is that the proposed exhibit which will be national in scope is being undertaken by the members of the Twin City Philatelic Society under the guidance of the combined committee of representatives of the American Philatelic Society, the Association for Stamp Exhibits and the American Stamp Dealers' Association. Under the auspices of the committees of these experienced organizations, there is every reason to believe that the enthusiasm and enterprise of the local men will be directed along channels that will lead to great results.

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THE *Daily Review* of Towanda, Pa., tells of the death of F. E. Bush, postmaster of Standing Stone, Pa., since 1875. Last year, the veteran received a congratulatory letter from Postmaster-General New, who informed him that he was the oldest postmaster in the United States. Mr. Bush was in his ninety-seventh year, and in a former issue of the WEEKLY mention was made of his long tenure of office. The following tribute from Mr. Herbert Campbell is a fitting one: "I have a personal feeling of regret at Mr. Bush's death, having a keen interest in the postal history and cancellations of my own county, and a separate collection of these covers. Standing Stone is in this county, and through a mutual friend, I was planning to meet Mr. Bush and was hoping to hear many old postal reminiscences. Wonderful, indeed, is the privilege given to a man to live so long and so well as this man seems to have done. How old he seems to us when we consider that he probably was doing a man's work when he first saw the new '47 stamps!"

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REMARKS made in the WEEKLY some weeks ago on the operation of the Philatelic Agency at Washington impelled several correspondents to write us to give their viewpoints. We are glad to make room for the following communication from Major Harry Morell: "*Apropos* of your remarks in a recent editorial concerning complaints of the delay in filling orders for the Wright stamps by the Philatelic Agency, will you allow me to point out that many philatelists, including myself, are quite satisfied that the Agency invariably gives prompt and efficient service to its patrons. It is not to be wondered at, that during an unusually heavy rush for stamps, as occurred during the Wright issue, many became impatient, but considering the volume of business done by the Agency, it will be agreed that orders were filled within the shortest time possible. It might be well to note at this time, the information given on Form P. A.-1. 'At times the orders of patrons are unusually heavy and a delay in filling orders cannot be avoided. However patrons may be assured of impartial treatment as the orders are numbered on receipt and filled in regular turn.' Many of the patrons of the Agency feel that Mr. Chamberlin, the Philatelic Agent deserves commendation for the manner in which his work is carried out."

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Most of you have received a copy of the 40-page program also credited to the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club, but you really did not hear about the Exhibition and its success.

The program was issued naturally to defray expenses of the exhibition as well as the convention, which was accomplished and great credit for this is due to the Club, as at their meetings throughout the year they auctioned off lots of stamps donated by members of the club, and this money went toward defraying these expenses.

The members of the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club put the exhibition over in such a good shape, that it gave the jealous fellows a pain in the neck, and to the non-precancel collector something to think about. It was a real exhibition, in this exhibition were precancel stamps from collectors not only of Chicago, but from collectors throughout the United States.

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The Exhibition was such a wonderful success that the Chicago Newspapers saw fit to come to our exhibition rooms, photograph the frames and published it with a picture of same in their newspapers. One of these pictures was reproduced by the *Collectors Magazine* of London, with a page and a half of reading matter, commending our exhibition here in Chicago.

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O. G.

Sometimes the letters *o. g.* follow the description of an unused stamp, and the uninitiated may be puzzled as to their meaning. The letters are a contraction of the term *original gum*, which refers to the fact that a stamp has the full gum with which it was originally supplied when issued.

Stamp Knowledge Contest

Our Juniors can have the time of their lives with the Contest now open to them. *Beach Conger, Jr.*, 1012 E. University Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich., will act as our associate editor in connection with this Contest, and all answers should be addressed direct to him and *not* to the WEEKLY. The Contest will close April 15, and our Juniors are urged to send in all the answers that they can get, even though they are but few in number.

It will be noted that there are three divisions to this Contest, with a total of 80 questions. This means that each question answered correctly will count 1½ points in the total. In making up your answers, you may number them in accordance with printed list below, and write them as neatly as possible.

There will be 10 prizes given to the ten Juniors whose names are reported back to us by Mr. Conger. This Contest is not a difficult one. It will, however, be a very useful one and any boy or girl should be able to make a good showing.

This test was originally made for the Bosse High School (Evansville, Ind.) Philatelic Club. The winner made a grade of 86. We are indebted to Roger C. Hackett for submitting these questions and we gladly acknowledge his courtesy in sending them on for the use of our Juniors.

PART 1

1. What country has the largest stamp?
2. What country has a stamp showing a map of the world?
3. What foreign country has a stamp bearing a picture of George Washington?
4. What country does not have its name, in any language, on any of its stamps?
5. What country has stamp inscribed "Un Real"?
6. What country has a "Life Insurance Department Stamp"?
7. What is the meaning of "Vale 2c" found inscribed on many Central American stamps?
8. What country has stamps inscribed in Dutch and English?
9. What country has stamps inscribed "K. u. K"?
10. What country has advertisements printed on the back of many of its stamps?
11. What women are pictured on United States stamps?
12. What country has a coin called a "kopec"?
13. What country has a coin called a "tical"?
14. What country has a coin called a "sen"?

15-20. Name six countries or colonies which have, or have had, surcharged United States stamps, in use.

PART 2

Name the countries whose stamps have the following inscriptions. With the exception of No. 11, the inscription is the native name or initial of the country. In a few cases the inscriptions are roughly represented from non-English alphabets:

1. Acores
2. Bayern
3. Bosnien
4. Braunschweig
5. Ceskoslovenska
6. Cpenja
7. Dansk Vestindien
8. Deutsch Reich
9. Eesti
10. Eire
11. Escuelas
12. Espana
13. Filipinas
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15. Island
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21. Noytobavmapka
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23. Oranje Vrij Staat
24. Ottomanes
25. Polska
26. Preussen
27. Shqipenia
28. S. H. S.
29. Sverige
30. Ultramar

PART 3

The 30 stamp issuing countries below are, or were, colonies of the following countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain. Indicate by initials the mother country of each.

1. Angra
2. Anjouan
3. Antigua
4. Benadir
5. Benin
6. Cayman Is.
7. Congo
8. Curacao
9. Gold Coast
10. Guadaloupe
11. Horta
12. Iceland
13. Ivory Coast
14. Jamaica
15. Kamerun
16. Kiauchau
17. Labuan
18. Lourenzo Marques
19. Madeira
20. Mauritius
21. Montserrat
22. Niue
23. Obock
24. Penhryn
25. Reunion
26. Rio de Oro
27. St. Helena
28. St. Pierre et Miquelon
29. Sarawak
30. Timor

Answers to Mr. Conger by April 15.

Fair Philatelists

Here are two charming and mannerly young ladies whose stamp knowledge is such as to make them real assistants to their father, A. Hippchen, Chicago dealer. The elder is Marie Genevieve, and the other, Helen Julia (seated),

and soon they will be graduated from school. Marie is thirteen and Helen, twelve, we believe. They have grown up in an atmosphere of stamps and with their natural inclinations for them, they have assured themselves of a profession, should they wish to follow it.

Spasm No. 2

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Scott's comment sure swells to heaven.
Those stamps are no worse
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Sevard's Twinkles

Employee Les Timbres Antitube leux appears on the slogan cancel f Bruxelles, and we are sure that the s stamp is quite appealing. It show well-known bit of architecture, fam to everyone. For the moment, we c recall the name.

Mr. Alfred N. York informs us Buffalo on Jan. 4, 1929, did a green chine cancel, similar in color to the used in Washington for the Aero gress. Perhaps some clerk was g with envy.

Mr. Clattenburg has called our tention to the Ielfield cancel mach which has been in use since 1925. this machine so closely resemble normal Columbia marking, only tailed descriptions can identify e These markings seem to run by ades, from the early Leavitts and perials, to the Americans, the Ba the Cummins, the Columbias, the ternationals, and the Universals. meters are still rampant.

Those handstamp grid cancels sh be noted, as the grid on some consis nine bars, and on a few, of eight We find most to be of the nine bar but some of the eight bars are so p that one just cannot soak them off c Generally speaking, very many of grid cancels are so poorly impressed they are difficult to read, both as t cality as well as dating. These m are for third class postoffices, of w quite a few are known.

The shades of the 3c 1879 as us noted run the gamut of greens, suc light, dark and lager green. If we ourselves to these shades, we find 73% our stamps to be green, and the light dark evenly divided in the remai 27%. Mr. Luff notes a few more sh just to make it more difficult, pale b green, yellow-green, dull green, deep green, gray-green, dark green myrtle green. All of these can found, but one must say that the bright green and the myrtle green scarce indeed. A nice myrtle green ought to fetch 37 times the value o ordinary green, and a pale bright g 26 times. Gangrene may develop at time.

With the 2c 1883, we find a sin condition for the red-brown color, arying from light tan to a deep ch late. The luscious deep brown ch late colors make us reach for a L everytime.

PYBUS, THE PHILATELIST

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ore him. He was examining a stamp ough a lens mounted on a silver han-." (Page 80)

He collected types, but not as his her collected postage stamps. The termark corresponded to a personal-" (Page 133) — GORDON TONGNE, ttle, Wash.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

Ve received from the Berkshire Exnge, Cummington, Mass., a copy of ne American Catalog of Air Mail and st Day Covers." It is a substantial k of 116 pages, bound handsomely rown cloth.

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t is with pleasure that we call attenti to the fact that Prof. L. J. Ragatz o George Washington Univ., Washingto D. C., an oldtime philatelist, has just plished "The Fall of the Planter ss," from the press of the Century The book is royal octavo, 520 pages n double page two-toned map and 23 istical charts. The book is an exstive study of the breakdown of the tation system in the Caribbean Sugar onies of Great Britain.

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The airmail enthusiasts crowded around Mr. Hedricks' frame of European airmails, embracing first flight covers from every nation in Europe with an airmail, and also covers signed by the three Bremen fliers. All Zepp covers were shown, and the ZR-3 one was autographed by Dr. Eckener. Dr. Hoskins had several albums of precancels on display, one of them showing old classics with bars and lines, the queer looking Lansing Railroad Precancels, and other rarities. Glastonbury, Whitaker, Mich., Rochester, N. Y., were among those represented. Mr. Brisley showed two large frames, one containing British Empire Mulready envelopes and copies of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, while the other displayed early Canada, Charley's favorite, among which a Port Hood, 2c, on cover was noticed.

The judges, Mr. John Jungwirth, Mr. George Bradford, and Mr. Emil Janke carefully viewed all collections and then announced that Mr. John Kay was to receive the silver cup trophy, the Presidents Cup, donated last year by Charley Brisley. The other awards followed.

Class A. U. S. and possessions: 1. Mr. Myers, 2. Dr. Hoskins, 3. Mr. Koslowski.

Class B. Great Britain and Colonies: 1. Mr. Andrews, 2. Mr. Kay.

Class C. Other foreign countries and their colonies: 1. Mr. Koslowski, (You guessed it, Latvia and Russia), 2. Mr. Andrews, 3. Mr. Markett, Honorable Mention, Mr. Hartwell.

Class D. Collection of 12-25 rare stamps: 1. Mr. Kay, 2. Mr. Laancswert.

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United States

State Overprints

The daily press of Wednesday, February 20, 1929, carried a notice relative to the new surcharged stamps being prepared for the states of Kansas and Nebraska. One of the Philadelphia papers carried an editorial upon the subject, and mentioned the fact that the Department has been seriously considering ways and means to prevent the sale of stolen stamps, and has been giving the subject consideration since 1902. This recent step whereby the rotary stamps will be overprinted for use in certain states is a result of many conferences upon the subject.

The local paper states that the experiment will be tried out for several months, and if successful, will then be put into general practice. No doubt, a greater length of time will be necessary, but in the end it will possibly be found that the extra work in assorting and separating stamps will take more extra clerk hire and trouble than the amount to be saved in the end would warrant. The stamp crook will soon learn that stamps stolen in Ohio will have to be sold in the same state, and will not use New York and the larger mailing centers for dumping his stamps, as has been the practice heretofore.

1922, 2-cent Imperforate

Mr. Milton R. Miller has recently submitted for inspection, blocks of the 2-cent current issue imperforate flat plate variety, wherein distinct differences are shown in the vertical spaces between the stamps. In this case, the discrepancy certainly is not chargeable to a shrinkage in paper, for the stamps in both blocks are identical in size, but the spacing in one case is about one-half millimeter wider between the stamps, than in the case of the first block. There is no doubt that similar varieties are to be found among the perforated stamps.

1917, 5-cent Double Print

I have recently been shown a block of the 1917 5-cent blue, perforated 11, with double impression. The second impression was not caused by the sheet being run through the press a second time, but is no doubt, due to the sheet being partially lifted from the plate and then allowed to drop back into position, giving it a second impression, which is quite distinct, the second impression being about one-fourth of a millimeter away from the first print.

The variety has been noted in the 1c, 2c and 3c heretofore, but the 5-cent value is new.

New Envelopes

Through the courtesy of Messrs. C. F. Drake, P. R. Crooker, Bryant Pollard and H. Clay Reed, we are enabled to list a number of heretofore unchronicled envelopes with both the old and new watermarks.

5c Old Watermarks

On:		*Size.*	*Wmk.*	
White	H. B.	5	27	Ex. Q.
White	L. B.	5	23	
Blue	L. B.	5	27	
Blue	H. B.	8	27	

2c New Watermarks

On:	*Die.*	*Size.*	*Wmk.*	
White	A—L. B.	5	30	
Blue	A—L. B.	5	28	
White	H—H. B.	5	29	Ex. Q.
White	H—H. B.	5	30	
Blue	E—L. B.	5	28	Window
White	A—L. B.	13	30	
White	A—L. B.	13	30	Window
Blue	A—L. B.	13	28	
Amber	H—H. B.	13	28	
White	H—H. B.	13	29	Ex. Q.
Blue	A—L. B.	13	28	Window
White	A—L. B.	7	30	Window
White	A—L. B.	8	30	
White	A—L. B.	8	30	Window
Amber	A—H. B.	8	28	
Blue	A—H. B.	9	28	

The three new watermarks designated as Nos. 28, 29 and 30, may be distinguished by the manner in which the year date "1929" covers the monogram "U. S." In the case of watermark No. 28, the year date is horizontally across the top of the monogram. In watermark No. 29 it is diagonal, and in the case of watermark No. 30, it is horizontally across the bottom.

Panama

Mr. R. S. Carter writes from the Canal Zone that Panama is surcharging thirty thousand of their old 50-cent stamps, issue of 1920, with a new value of 25-cent, so that they may be available for the air mail from Panama to the United States.

Belgium.—Mr. R. Roberts submits the 35c blue-green, current type, a new color, perf. 14 as before. Also these values have been precancelled and overprinted "Bruxelles 1929 Brussel 5c": 30c lilac rose, 75c purple slate and 1fr25c blue. The 35c blue-green mentioned above has also been issued overprinted with the device of a wheel on wings, and in like manner the 5c grey, 10c green, and 60c olive bear this same surcharge. Mr. Roberts also sends a new series of stamps issued in January. The Lion type typographed, no watermark, perf. 14, in 1c orange, 3c purple-brown, 5c grey, 10c sage, 20c bright mauve, 25c scarlet, 35c deep green, 50c deep blue; Franc values are line engraved with a new portrait of King Albert, 10fr sepia, 20fr myrtle green, 50fr royal purple, and 100fr claret.

Eritrea.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us of the 7½c brown, surface printed stamp of Italy, surcharged in the usual ma for use in this colony.

Finland.—Copies of the 2 m blue, watermark posthorn are to from Whitfield King & Co.

France.—Mr. R. Roberts advise the appearance of the 40c pale ultra rine, in the Sower design. This is a color.

Gwalior.—The 8a magenta Ser Nasik printing, watermark star, has sent us by Mr. Roberts.

Italian Somaliland.—Mr. R. Rob reports that he has received the brown, surface printed stamp of I and also the L1 75c brown, engra stamp of the same series, overpri for use in this colony.

Libya.—Mr. R. Roberts advises the following new issues: current sta of Italy, overprinted in black, 7½c br surface printed; L1 75c brown, engra 50c claret Air Post and 80c maroon purple Air Post.

Nabha State.—Mr. R. Roberts se copies of the ½a green, ordinary N printing (small type), watermark m ple star.

Norway.—Mr. R. Roberts sends following notes regarding Postage stamps overprinted "Post Frimerke," "POST" with black obliterating bar ering the word Portomaerke, for us ordinary postage stamps, this being an pedient for using up the old stocks these P. Due stamps. Set up in form 100 to fit the original sheets of 100 Perf. and wmk. as before. Marginal scription in the left side margin opp rows 1 and 2 and 9 and 10 sideways re ing up, as given below:

1ö drab, S. G. 301 (1st type surch.)		Feb.,
4ö lilac rose, 312 " " "		Jan.,
10ö green, 313 " " "		Dec.,
15ö brown, 311 (2nd " ") (thick Roman caps)		Apr.,
20ö purple, 314 (2nd type ") (thick Roman caps)		Dec.,
40ö blue, 315 (2nd type ") (thick Roman caps)		Oct.,
50ö maroon, 308 (2nd type ") (thick Roman caps)		(none at
100ö yellow, 316 (1st type ")		June,
200ö violet, 317 (2nd type ") (thick Roman caps)		June,

The overprint is carefully done there are no varieties of importance my present supply.

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts shown us the 32c blue-green, Ceres t perf. 11½, surcharged "16 c." Our co spondent also advises that among multitude of surcharges the follow may be among the scarcest: 15 on ultra., perf. 11½; 40 on 90c ultra., p 15; 40 on 90c ultra., perf. 11½ and on 2c yellow, perf. 11½.

Trans-Jordan.—Whitfield King Co. report a set of six provisional p age due stamps as follows: 1m on 2 mils; 4m on 15m; 10 mils; 20 on 1 and 50 mils.

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SOME member of the Yorkville Stamp Society has sent us a carbon copy of a report of the Feb. 15 meeting. Many of the names are hard to decipher and this is especially true in regard to initial letters. It is sometimes true that haste takes the place of efficiency, and it is certainly true in this instance. We suggest to both advertisers and club officials that a clear carbon copy is essential in connection with contributions to our publication.

A LETTER from Fred. J. Melville expresses regret that he could not contribute a written message to our special number. He did send us the cable message expressing his congratulations. He has been confined to his room for ten days with influenza, but is on the road to recovery. Mr. Melville sends best regards to his friends here in the States.

W. W. MACLAREN, Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 29 years, connected with the Cleveland *Press* where he held a responsible position, has resigned on account of health. He will, however, take advantage of the coming months to continue his activities in the stamp hunting line, and on March 1 will open an office at 700 Prospect-Fourth Bldg. Mr. MacLaren's quarters will be distinctly a stamp hunter's office, and he will multiply his former activities along this line many fold. He will be assisted by his daughter, Miss Eleanor MacLaren, who will be remembered by those who attended the Cleveland exhibition. In passing the WEEKLY desires to add that philately is under a great obligation to Mr. MacLaren, and one that will never be repaid for the thought, energy and labor that he expended to make the Cleveland exhibition a success.

THE current number of the *Precancel Bee* is a superb one, and we recommend our subscribers who collect precancels, to send for a sample copy. Address *Precancel Bee*, 2758 Clarkson Ave., Omaha, Nebr.

THE Twin City Philatelic Society held its annual meeting and banquet on Saturday, Jan. 14, in the banquet hall of the Y. M. C. A., at Minneapolis. The regular meeting was preceded by the banquet. After the banquet, officers elected were as follows: Gerald H. Burgess, Minneapolis, Pres.; O. J. Olson, St. Paul, Vice-Pres.; Percy A. Brown, Minneapolis, Secy.-Treas.; and W. B. Kessel, St. Paul, Sales Manager. Arrangements were discussed for the annual A. P. S. Convention, which will be held in Minneapolis this summer. An auction was held and the proceeds are to be placed in the A. P. S. Convention Fund. The Twin City Philatelic Society boasts of a goodly sized membership of live collectors.—PERCY A. BROWN.

"IT will be of interest to collectors to know that the 2c and 5c Hawaiian stamps may still be obtained at the Philatelic Agency in Washington. Your correspondent bought a number of blocks and pairs at varying prices from dealers before discovering this important fact."—E. D. COLCORD.

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NEW JAMAICANS, 1929

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very peculiar, and unfortunately do not show up to advantage the several designs. Considerable improvement might have been effected had the vignettes been printed in black, and the frames in color.

Although the designs and colors of the stamps of this series have been much criticised, locally and abroad, the collecting world and many others, have through their issue, gained considerable knowledge of Jamaica's early history.

Writing to the *Gleaner,* on March 4, 1921, a correspondent asks "who is responsible for the subjects selected for the new stamps? I understood they were to advertise some of the beauties of Jamaica, but not one of these has as yet appeared. First, we had the departure of a War Contingent, then the Jamaica Exhibition building (a temporary structure of 30 years ago), followed by a statue of 'Missis Queen,' the Rodney Memorial, Spanish Town Cathedral, and now the return of one of the Contingents (The Union Jack on the dexter side of this last, 2½d, is actually drawn upside down). It really seems a pity that with such a wealth of beauty spots to select from, the Bog Walk Gorge, the coast scenes in St. Thomas, Portland, St. Ann, etc., we should foist off on the world buildings and monuments, which while making very nice appearing stamps, do not rise above the mediocre."

Jamaican Pictorial Series, Script CA, 1921-23

Script CA watermarked paper for British Colonial stamps was introduced in November, 1920, and in the *Crown Agents Bulletin* for the second quarter of 1921, they notified that the ½d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 3s and 10s Jamaican pictorials, on script CA, had been dispatched to the island. Between February, 1921, and November, 1923, all denominations of the pictorial series appeared on the script CA paper.

	Date issued.	Quantity
1½d	Feb, 2, 1921	
6d Abolition of Slavery	Not issued	46,360
3s	Aug. 23, 1921	
6d Nyasaland, King George	Oct. 21, 1921	1,138,320
2d	Nov. 4, 1921	
2½d corrected border	Nov. 4, 1921	
1s	Nov. 4, 1921	
4d	Dec. 5, 1921	
½d	Feb. 5, 1922	
2s	Feb. 5, 1922	
3d	Mar. 6, 1922	
10s	Mar. 6, 1922	
1d Postage & Revenue	Dec. 5, 1922	
6d Town & Harbour of Port Royal	Dec. 5, 1922	
5s	Nov. 8, 1923	

The 6d Abolition of Slavery, script CA (also distributed by Berne with the "Specimen" overprint), was not issued, and the stock in the island was destroyed in December, 1921. The decision not to issue these stamps, and the exhaustion of the 6d Nyasaland type, Roman CA, made necessary fresh printings (1,138,320 stamps) in the Nyasaland design, on script CA, which variety was issued October 21, 1921. Of this latter stamp 46,360 copies were destroyed at the end of May, 1924. The replacing 6d Port Royal was issued December 5, 1922.

The 1d and 2½d script CA were printed from border plates differing from those used for the Roman CA varieties. The former, as issued Oct. 3, 1921, was without the inscription "Postage and Revenue". A new border plate was made up with the omission rectified, and used for the script CA printing issued December 5, 1922. An error was also made in the frame of the 2½d, the Union Jack at the left being in an inverted position. A corrected border plate was used for the script CA variety issued November 4, 1921.

In 1922 plans were made for an 8d stamp, War Memorial Cross at Kingston (for use on 2 lb. inland parcels), and although mentioned in the *Crown Agents Bulletin* for the third quarter of 1922, the order was cancelled.

The practice of supplying British Colonial stamps to dealers in England, through the Crown Agents, at face value, was adopted by Jamaica, about 1920. "When shipping consignments of new stamps, those required by dealers in this country, are retained, in order to avoid the delay and inconvenience of sending them to the Colony and then having them returned in response to orders sent out by those dealers to the Colonial postal authorities. These stamps are not issued by us until the supply has reached the Colony concerned, and the arrangement does not affect stamp dealers in countries other than the United Kingdom, who should send their orders as hitherto to the Colonial Postmasters."

Ordinarily this would allow the stamps to be issued in Jamaica before supplies were released in London, but script CA varieties seem not to have been considered, then, by the Crown Agents as new issues, and practically all of the Jamaican pictorials (excepting the 1½d, 1d Postage and Revenue, 6d Nyasaland, 6d Port Royal, and 5s) were in the hands of London dealers long before their issue in the island. This led to representations being made locally, to Sir Leslie Probyn, the Governor, against the sale of script CA varieties, in London, in advance of issue in the Colony.

1½d, Script CA, Destruction, 1928

Between April 1, 1916, and Augus 1923, 1½d represented the Jamaican land letter rate, as well as that to British Empire. Naturally, large qu tities of 1½d stamps were required. the latter date (August 2, 1923), inland letter rate was reduced to 1d, the demand for 1½d stamps was no great as formerly.

Late in 1927, it was found that a la portion of the stock of this denomi tion, in the vaults at Kingston, hav been affected by the dampness was u for use, and in January, 1928, 351,0 were burned in the furnaces of Kingston & St. Andrew Corp. pump station. Those remaining (380,0 were re-issued in February, 1928, stamp having been off sale for the th months preceding.

BRITISH EMPIRE

We note the following new issues fr the latest number of the *Crown Age Bulletin:—*

British Honduras. 1c, green, Nya land type (despatched).

Ceylon. 2r, green and red (d patched). Presumably this is in the n type and is the one which was announ as in preparation as long ago as Aug 1927.

Gibraltar. 1s, olive and black, and brown and black, colour changes (d patched).

Jamaica. 1d, red, 1½d, brown and purple. All new King's head desi with different border for each value. 1½d has been despatched; the others on order.

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On February 19th and 20th, a collection consisting of original finds, together with selected U. S. and Foreign postage stamps, was sold by Eugene Klein in Philadelphia.

One attending this sale had brought forcibly to his attention several facts. In the first place, collectors are becoming more particular as to condition, and when a stamp is described as superb, the catalogue is likely to have little bearing on its value. If, however, the stamp is described as off-center, torn, or with thin spots, it is likely to go very cheaply, as there seems to be no takers of second-class material. Another point of interest, is the fact that the large Court House covers, which have been coming upon the market in recent years from numerous sources, are not wanted as covers, and they sell at prices sometimes lower than the actual stamps would bring if they were soaked from the cover and sold as fine off-cover pieces. The desire for small choice covers is in the ascendency and prices are increasing, as there is hardly sufficient of this material to take care of the demand.

Pre-stamp covers, in the case of the commoner varieties, averaged around 25 cents each, where special items sold up as high as $5.75 each, depending entirely upon the postmark.

A superb single copy of the 1847 10c on cover with U. S. Express Mail brought $78.50, whereas a damaged pair from the same correspondence on cover, brought but $42.50.

An 1851 3c on face of cover with brilliant green Albany, Georgia, postmark sold at $11.50, and a similar item cancelled Littleton, N. H., changed hands at $6.00. In the case of the 1851 5c there were no choice covers, the highest price—namely $75.00, being paid for an "L" shaped block of three used with 3c 1857. Needless to state, the stamps were not in fine condition.

An 1851 12c used with an Hawaii 1855 5c, forwarded by Gilman and Company, sold at $167.50. A horizontal pair of the 1857 3c tied to cover with blue Louisville postmark and cancelled on the back by Adams Express Company, July 10, 1861, the cover being carried through the lines, brought $39.50. A strip of three of the 1857 5c brick red Type I, showing a few perforations clipped, sold at $81.00.

Patriotic covers, and there was a nice little lot in the sale, went at prices from $2.00 to $59.00, the latter price being paid for a Confederate Patriotic cover, showing portrait of General Beauregard.

The off-cover stamps were very superior to the covers, hence, brought more substantial figures. Copies of the 1847 5c sold without any unusual cancellations as high as $15.50. Pairs brought from $14.00 to $36.50, depending upon condition. The finer 10c copies brought well over catalogue, whereas damaged ones sold as low as $6.50. Copies of the 1851 3c in choice condition went rather high, a mint copy with imprint brought $19.25, and a superb corner pair clearly cancelled in black brought $21.00, while a beautiful strip of three sold at $17.00.

The higher denominations of the 1851 issue, as well as the 1861 emissions, brought full catalogue or more when superb, and went at a fraction of catalogue, when defective. An interesting block of the 2c 1862 black in mint condition sold at $127.50. A used block of the 30c 1869, a little off-center sold at $51.00. The high denominations of the Columbian series when fine brought practically full catalogue, and even inferior copies went at a higher proportion of catalogue than the general run.

Bureau Issues throughout brought substantial prices, and the auctions are certainly reflecting the increasing demand for fine 20th century U. S. Issues, for there were few to be had at bargain prices.

A straight edge copy of the 1901 Pan-American 1c invert, described as unusually pretty, found a new owner at $126.00. A superb mint pair of the rare imperforate 2c rotary coil No. 459 sold at $51.00. A mint block of 1917 $1 black-brown reached $46.00. The shade of this stamp is very distinct and when it is once noted, it is not likely to be forgotten. Most collectors, however, who figure they have this rare variety in their collection, usually have a shade of the commoner stamp.

The block of "Molly Pitcher" stamps showing a surcharge on the upper pair of the word "Pitcher" only, the word "Molly" falling on the upper margin, was sold at $252.50.

The choicest Confederate item of the sale, an irregular block of 24 of the 1861 5c green of which a number was damaged, reached $127.50.

Among the foreign items, a complete set of Canada, 1908, Quebec Issue in imperforate pairs, sold at $105.00. A block of four of Hawaii 1883, $1 in mint condition went into a new collection at $35.50. A pair of New Brunswick 1860, 1c imperforate vertically, sold at $11.00. A Philippine 1919, Special Delivery, 20c imperforate vertically, reached $10.00.

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Plate number stamps have a special significance to collectors and their value to students as an aid to an understanding of the manifold problems concerning our stamps cannot be too strongly stressed. Prior to 1894 our government sublet the printing of postage stamps to private concerns who had their own methods of marking the plates used. Since that year all of our stamps have been printed from plates prepared at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. These latter issues offer a very interesting field for students to study, a field so wide that it includes a multitude of allied subjects all closely related, with one subject, plate numbers, as the key.

All plates are allotted a number for purpose of identification, each plate being marked with its individual number from one to eight times, depending upon the use for which it was prepared. The imprints of these numbers appear on the margin of each printed sheet and are located in positions corresponding to their arrangements on the plates used, which vary in the different issues. They serve of course to readily identify plate from which imperfect printings occur, but to collectors have a far greater utility. Starting in 1894 and continuing to the present time the bureau has numbered each plate from one up, consecutively, in the order in which they were engraved. Plate number one was a 2c stamp, number two a 1c stamp, which was followed by a few more 2c stamps, and then a few 1c stamps. Plate number twenty-eight was a 6c stamp, followed by a few more 1c and 2c stamps. Number forty-four was a 3c stamp, number forty-five a 4c stamp, and number forty-nine a 5c stamp, etc., showing that the plates were made as the demand for the various denominations required.

A record has been kept of all these plates, but all have not been put to use, for one reason or another, and the record on some of these unused or rejected plates is not very clear as to possible printings. Plates are also numbered regardless of how the stamps are used, i.e., they may be for regular issue, coils, booklets, dues, special issues, rotary press or bi-colored stamps, as a casual glance at your check-list will show.

The location and arrangement of the numbers is our next consideration. We know that plates vary in size and number of subjects, depending upon the use to which they are to be put. Glancing again at your check-list you will find plates containing 100, 150, 170, 180, 200, 360 and 400 subjects. The present 5c air mail are printed from 100 subject plates; coils from 150 and 170 subject plates; booklets from the 180 and 360 subject plates; various larger size stamps from the 200 subject plate; and the great mass of ordinary stamps from the 400 subject plate. Booklet panes and coils have so many interesting features, each requires an article by itself. They have an exceptional appeal for specialists which begins with the very construction and layout of the plates. Commemoratives vary in plate sizes and will be considered later. The higher denominations of the regular issue are still printed from flat press plates, so we will take the 400 subject flat press plate first.

The plate number appears eight times on the full sheet; right and left top, right and left bottom, and two on each side, and in each instance is located in the sheet margin opposite the center of the fifth stamp from the corner on all four sides. When the sheet is cut along the guide lines into quarter sections or panes of one hundred stamps each, each pane will show two numbers as follows: northeast pane, top and right side; northwest pane, top and left side; southeast pane, bottom and right side; southwest pane, bottom and left side. The right top number always has the letter "F" present, denoting the finished plate, and this gives us a fifth variety. The same arrangement has been followed on the larger size commemoratives issued from 200 subject plates with the numbers appearing opposite the third stamp from each corner. These eight plate number stamps are the only ones in the entire sheet of 400 that have the advantage of positive identification. They are much scarcer than those without the number attached to the margin and only a small percentage actually appear as the postal clerks usually "trim" the sheets when placing them in the drawer at the stamp window.

The top and bottom numbers are the preferred positions and are usually collected in singles and blocks of six, the side numbers being accepted as fillers until the desired position is secured. The 400 subject rotary plate contains but four numbers. These appear on the right and left margins at the corner and are always located above or below the center of the stamp. They are collected in singles and blocks of four, and in all four positions.

Plate number collecting maintains interest in your stamps. You have got to keep at it if you desire your collection to be complete. When you obtain all the numbers, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have practically every major and minor variety known. It leads you to specialize in your country's stamps, acquaints you with the methods of manufacturing and construction of the plates and familiarizes you with details of printing. It brings your attention to the sheet margin where you will find markings showing the development of the stamps. The best way to identify watermarks is on the marginal paper; registration for printing bi-colored stamps is shown in the margin, and you will find changes in spacing between layouts marked, etc., if you will look them. There is much of interest found, and each mark tells a story the initiated. As one correspondent neatly puts it, "The great percentage varieties so dear to the specialist caused by the effort to improve stamps." This is real specialism genuine philately. Know your country stamps. Here is the real significance plate numbers. They lead you to study the various markings and teach you there is to know about your stamps. Number collecting in itself would mere accumulation without special be if you did not seek the reasons under ing the changes that are constantly taking place. Experiments are going on at times and many changes take place the average person is unaware of, but you know your subject, the plate number will accurately guide you and definitely place all changes that occur. Theoretically, all plates in a given group supposed to be identical with the exception of the number. Discerning students have found variations in numerous instances in the past and no doubt will cate many more.

No. 3122. 1c 1902 Imperf. Through the courtesy of Mr. L. D. Miller of Toledo, who has kindly sent a list of plate number stamps in his collection, we able to present this item for chronicle. This number is missing from all lists

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The Panama newspapers have given ample space to the news of the Lindbergh flight to America, and there is much to appeal to the collector in their reports. The *Star* and *Herald* of February 10th said that two planes were necessary to accommodate the accumulated mail, the weight of which was 1,000 pounds. Panama, alone, sent 5,734 letters, and the Canal Zone was a heavy contributor. The statement is made that about 18,000 Panama air mail stamps remain unsold and that the left-overs will be incinerated by order of the post office department. The paper says:

"The original estimate of 500 pounds of mail was found to be only one-half of the cargo of mail which reached a weight of about 1,000 pounds last night. It was estimated that the mail consisted of approximately 50,000 letters and cards."

The Panama *American* of February 11th, told of the simple ceremonies attending Lindbergh's take-off:

"Colonel Lindbergh shook hands with Colonel and Mrs. Arthur G. Fisher, whom he visited at intervals during his stay on the Isthmus and bade farewell to John D. McGregor, vice-president of the airways company who remained here, and postal officials. Prominent persons who were on the field to view his departure and with whom he shook hands included Jose Maria Goytia, Postmaster General of the Republic of Panama; Carlos E. Ortiz, assistant postmaster; Cristobal Port Captain I. C. Kidd; Lieutenant Commander P. V. H. Weems, of the United States fleet, now in Balboa, the man who taught Colonel Lindbergh navigation; Crede H. Calhoun, Zone Director of Posts; Mr. Bliss; Colon officials and others well known on the Isthmus.

Before hopping off Colonel Lindbergh again spoke of his pleasure at being able to take mail from the Republic of Panama."

The following particulars that are clipped from the same newspaper are worth reading, and the debt to philatelists in making the trip a success must be admitted:

"Of the 21,000 pieces of mail received on the first shipment by air via Miami, fully 95% were for collectors in the United States who sent the necessary amount of postage to have same readdressed to them upon arrival here, all of which work was included in the immense amount of detail not ordinarily met with. There remittances as high as $300 for one single person. Immediately the announcement of the date of the flight was made early in January, those interested from all over the world, and particularly the United States, took the opportunity to forward envelopes and postcards in large and small quantities to take advantage of the historical event, so that the Canal Zone for the time being became the center of an immense spider web of postal communications of both hemispheres.

It should be borne in mind that Canal Zone postage only could be used, in consequence of which, it was impossible for collectors to fully prepare their mail in advance, but had to remit by money order to cover the postage, necessitating the clerical force affixing stamps to many thousands of letters, details which added greatly to the embarrassment of expedition arose from remittances which were short, also hundreds of letter were received bearing U. S. stamps which had no postage value for this flight—these were all segregated and required separate handling. Other lots carried only the air postage of 25 cents, ignoring the regular 2-cent postage requisite. Such letters were dispatched as postage due.

While for several weeks in advance mail was received addressed the postal officials, containing envelopes for return, the first southbound flight alone carried over 2,000 such pieces, all of which were opened and prepared as nearly in accordance with the senders' desires as was humanly possible, but which required a system entirely foreign to any previous postal experience of any employee. Too much credit cannot be given to Harry F. Frey, Asst. Postmaster at Cristobal, who early anticipated the congestion which must occur and provided files, records, etc., to meet the demand, and with the influx of the exceptionally large mail received by the first flight, and which must be opened within the four days interim, this system had under necessity to be greatly expanded."

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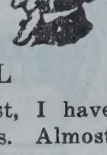

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How To Capitalize Philately

MAKE USE OF THE HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY IN THE NEWS COLUMNS OF THE PRESS

By VERNE P. KAUB, 561 W. Scott St., Fond du Lac, Wis.

Probably more people are interested in philately and its various branches and specialties than are interested in the playing of bridge.

Yet a great many papers run daily or weekly articles about bridge, while very few have a department for stamp collectors or make any pretense of publishing news of philately.

The reason probably lies in the fact that stamp collectors have been too self-sufficient, with their own press, their own organizations. This can all be changed, should be changed. The daily press, even the weekly newspapers, can assist philately to grow more rapidly in public favor, a most desirable end.

It is necessary only to take the proper steps and stamp lore can break into the press, for the time is ripe. To approach an editor with a request that he establish a department of philately in his paper would be unwise. He has too many departments to look after now.

Nor does he want any more free publicity stuff or propaganda about anything, even such a worthwhile thing as philately. He gets bushels of this stuff every day, and 95 per cent at least goes immediately to the waste basket, most of it without being so much as removed from its covers.

The editor does want news. He also wants what is known as feature material, interesting things, perhaps with news value and called news features, but without the red-hot time interest or element that there is in a murder, a fire or a wedding or funeral.

It will take a lot of careful planning and plotting to break into the metropolitan papers. But there is another field which is open to even the amateur publicist.

There are hundreds of daily papers in the country, published in cities of population ranging from a few thousand up to 50,000 or so, whose editors do not attempt to duplicate the New York *Times* or the Chicago *Tribune*, or even to compete with them on the basis of general news.

These papers cater to the readers on the basis of local, rather than general interest. They print local happenings and local feature matter in great detail.

Things are happening continually in the world of philately that really are news. Sometimes the happenings are of most particular interest to stamp collectors, but usually there is also some element of general interest. If this interest can be localized, it is something that will interest the editor of the small-city daily if it is brought to his attention.

Many of these small cities are now on air mail routes. There was always a series of "big stories" about the inauguration of this service. The editors could not overlook the activities of the cover collectors in this connection, and these activities brought stories or parts of stories.

This angle of air mail publicity could have been accented in every case had the editors been given information about the activities of local collectors along this line.

If some business or professional men in the community are first-day cover collectors, and the editor learns of it, he will see a "good story." If some person in the community, be he ever so little known, has an exceptionally nice collection of first-day covers or other specialty, that is a "good feature."

The editor-in-chief, the news editor, and the city editor are all busy men. Sometimes on the smallest daily papers, one man fills all three capacities. It is the city editor that philatelists want to reach with news about local activities, or news features. A good way to cultivate him is through one of his reporters.

Find out about the staff. Perhaps one of the reporters is or has been a stamp collector, but is asleep to the possibilities he is overlooking. It will be eas wake him up.

For second choice, cultivate the who calls on the postmaster for who is said to have the post offic his run." This reporter probably k something about the activities of collectors through the post office, chasing stamps, mailing covers, der ing back-stamping and the like. should be easy to interest.

If these plans fail to work ou direct to the city editor, either wi formation that you believe is new with stories written out. If the c or who tries his hand at reportin not had actual newspaper experien must expect some disappointments may not be able to score the first but he should try again.

Issuance of a new stamp, particul commemorative stamp or an a stamp, is an opportunity for a local Just let the editor know about t ceipt of first-day covers.

An example of how this can be can be seen in the files of the Fo Lac *Commonwealth Reporter* of Fo Lac, Wis., a daily paper with a c tion of more than 16,000 publishe city of approximately 30,000 popu In the issue of Jan. 16, in the be ture position on page 3, one of the pages," appeared a story about th day covers of the airmail stamp velope, with description of the en

This story was prepared by a newspaperman, who is a stamp co Since he was writing about himse writer preferred to remain anon The story would have been even had the interview been with som known person who could be quote

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The P. O. department failed to make od with Charlottesville on a Feb. 25 lease. A compromise date of Feb. 26 as agreed to a day earlier than the rest the country. Carter Glass, Jr., of ynchburg, Va., sends us both Charlottesle and University Feb. 26 covers. earty thanks for all these favors.

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The Sacramento Stamp Society of acramento, California, is fifteen years d this month, and has a membership f twenty-five active members. Last onth we closed the year with a banquet the Travelers Hotel, with a full atndance. Strangers visiting the "Heart f California" are always welcome at ur meetings, which are held on the 2nd nd 4th Thursday evening of each month the Travelers Hotel. The following fficers were elected for the coming year: resident, A. W. Spanton; Vice-Presient, F. Perkins; Secretary and Treasrer, W. Wyllie, 2727 K. Street.

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(Through pressure of business affairs Mr. Allen recently resigned as Precancel Editor after a very satisfactory relationship with the WEEKLY. We have fortunately secured the services of Prof. A. F. Gamber, and we shall give considerable space to this branch of Philately in coming months. The department is in very competent hands. —THE PUBLISHERS.)

Introductory Note: I take up Mr. Allen's work in the WEEKLY with considerable misgiving. As an old subscriber to this paper, I have followed with keen interest every one of his interesting articles ever since he began them. It was with the deepest regret that I learned of his decision to give up his connection with the WEEKLY, and with more than a little trepidation that I acceded to the request that I take up where he leaves off.

No two people work in the same manner. Manifestly I can't carry on this department just as he did, but at any rate I shall endeavor to make it as interesting as I can. Though I am an ardent collector of Bureau Prints, I shall not attempt to cover that angle of the hobby. But I have in mind two men, both exceptionally well qualified to do so, one of whom, I feel sure, will be doing that work within a few weeks.

While I am getting my wits together and deciding upon the type of articles for future issues, I present the following notes on new and old types, most of which are not in the catalog. Should any readers have items of interest to report, I shall be glad to see them. Should they have values of any of these illustrated types not named by me, I shall be pleased to learn of them.

First comes a group of types not listed, or but recently listed. The Amherst was listed in the 1929 catalog for the first time. In this type I have in my collection the 7c perf. 12; 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 perf. 10; 1-2-3-4-5-6-8-10-11-12-15-20-30 perf. 11. I can't understand how a type used on so many values could have escaped the notice of the catalog makers for so long. It is a handstamp.

The Beardsley type is not so old, but it has been out for at least three years. The current 7c perf. 11 is the only value I have in this type, but I have the current 1c perf. 11 in another typeset type, letters similar to the above, but words 10mm apart, no lines or bars. These are of course both typesets, a most intriguing variety of precancels, about which I propose to write more at length at another time. They merit a complete article.

The Dayton type, also typeset, came to my attention about a year ago, and is now in the catalog. I know of no other value, and of but one other copy.

The Defiance typeset type was similarly brought to my attention early last year, and was incorporated in the 1929 catalog. To the four values listed there, I can now add the 10c 1908.

The catalog lists no typeset Gilroy at all. I have only the 3c offset, and know of no one who has any examples of it.

Here are two Milford types, both typeset, both unlisted. Of the plain letter type I have the 5c and 8c (1912) perf. 12. Of the serifed type I have the 2c perf. 11, and 4c perf. 10. These seven illustrations comprise a very scarce and desirable little group of precancels.

Now we come to some more recent items. The Hollywood is too new to have made its debut in the new catalog. Hollywood of course is a substation of the Los Angeles office, but because of the immense volume of its mail, it was granted an electro of its own. I have seen pieces of cover bearing both Hollywood and Los Angeles precancels. A similar case is that of Flushing and Elmhurst, N. Y., for the same reason. In this Hollywood type I have the ½, 1½, 9, 11, 14, 15 perf. 11, and the 3-4-5-6-7-8 compound perfs. By the way, this U-8 type is rapidly replacing some of the worn out U-5 types, Charleston, W. Va., and Long Island City being the latest

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51	" 12c black	3.00
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152	" 15c bright orange	1.00
153	" 24c purple	3.00
154	" 30c full black	2.00
155	" 90c carmine	3.50
160	1873, 7c vermilion	1.75
161	" 10c brown	.20
162	" 12c blackish violet	1.00
163	" 15c yellow orange	1.25
165	" 30c gray black	.60
166	" 90c rose carmine	4.25
179	1875, 5c blue	.25
186	1879, 6c pink	.35
189	" 15c red orange	.50
190	" 30c full black	.90
191	" 90c carmine	3.50
*213	1887, 3c vermilion, 75c; used	.90
217	1888, 30c orange brown	1.25
218	" 90c purple	4.00
*227	1890, 15c indigo, unused	1.10
	Used	.50
*228	" 30c black, unused	2.00
	Used	.60
*229	" 90c orange, unused	3.75
	Used	1.75
238	1893, 15c dark green	1.00
239	" 30c orange brown	1.30
240	" 50c slate blue	1.40
276	1895, $1 black	1.00
*291	1898, 50c sage green, unused	4.25
	Used	2.50
311	1902, $1 black	.50
479	" $2 dark blue	.65
480	" $5 light green	1.25
522	1918, $2 orange & black	2.25
523	" $5 green & black	2.00
547	1920, $2 carmine & black	.35
572	1922-6, $2 deep blue	.30
573	" $5 carm. & dark blue	1.35

SETS OF U. S. STAMPS

112-17	1869, 1c to 12c	$7.75
145-52	1870-1, 1c to 15c	3.75
182-90	1879, 1c to 30c	2.00
219-29	1890, 1c to 90c	2.35
230-40	1893, 1c to 50c	3.40
*285-90	1898, 1c to 10c, unused	3.25
	Used	1.40
*294-9	1901, 1c to 10c, unused	1.90
	Used	1.25
*323-7	1904, 1c to 10c, unused	2.50
	Used	1.45
*328-30	1907, 1c to 5c, unused	.50
	Used	.25
*397-400	1912, 1c to 10c, unused	1.10
	Used	.30
*548-50	1920, 1c to 5c, unused	.35
	Used	.20
*614-16	1924, 1c to 5c, unused	.20
	Used	.15
*617-19	1925, 1c to 5c, unused	.20
	Used	.15
*620-1	1925, Norse, 2 and 5c, unused	.40
	Used	.40
*581-91	1922-6, 1c-10c, perf. 10 rotary	.90
1450-61	1912-13, Par. Post, 1c to $1	1.90
1514-23	U. S. Interior, 1c to 90c	4.35
1546-55	" P. O., 1c to 90c	6.00
1571-81	" Treasury, 1c to 90c	5.60
1582-92	" War, 1c to 90c	5.00
*2291-5	1912, P. P. Dues, 1c to 10c	1.00
4243-6	U. S. Rev., 1927, $30, $60 and $100, perf. initials, very fine copies, the three	2.25
4103	1914, $30 vermilion, same cond.	1.00
4108	" $100 green, same condition	1.50

FOREIGN STAMPS

CANAL ZONE

* 56	1920, 1b violet and black	$ 7.50
56	The same stamp cancelled	3.00
52-4	1917, 12c, 15c, 24c, the 3	.80
57-63	1921, 1c to 50c, complete, used	3.20
* 66-80	1924-6, ½c to $1, complete	4.20
*305-7	Dues, 1915, 1c to 10c	3.10
305-7	Same used	.65
*313	Dues, 1920, 4c on 4c	1.25
*318-20	1925, 1c to 10c	8.00
318-20	Same set used	2.85

EGYPT

* 50-9	1914, 1m to 200m, compl.	7.00
* 61-7	1921-2, 1m to 20m	1.80
* 78-83	1922, 1m to 10m	.90
90	100m black	2.50
* 92-102	1923, 1m to 200m	4.80
92-102	Same set used	.75
*104	£1 ultr. and dark violet	7.50
104	Same stamp used	2.50
*105-7	1925, 5m to 15m	2.20
*108-13	1926, 5m to 200m, complete	5.90
*114	50pi Birthday stamp	5.00
114	Same stamp cancelled	2.00
*115-17	5m to 15m	.75
*118-20	Navigation issue	.65
*125-7	Cotton Congress issue	.55
*128-38	1927-8, 1m to 200m	3.00
*139	500m chocolate and blue	3.20
*140	£1 green and brown	6.40
*320-2	1921, Dues, 2m to 10m	1.50
*326	1922, Dues, 2pi orange	1.60
*327-9	Dues, 2m to 10m	.60
*418-21	Official, 1m to 5m	10.00
*422-8	1m to 15m	1.65

IRISH FREE STATE

* 1-8	1922, ½p to 10p	3.50
* 9-10-11	2½p to 9p	1.80
* 12	2sh 6p brown	3.60
* 13	5sh carmine rose	7.00
* 14	10sh gray blue	14.00
* 15-18	1½p to 1sh	1.75
* 19-22	½p to 2p	.40
* 23-29	½p to 4p	3.25
* 30-33	5p to 9p	3.00
* 34	10p light blue, rare	4.50
* 35	1sh bistre	1.20
23-35	½p to 1sh, complete	2.50
* 39-43	½p to 1sh	1.50
* 44-55	1922-3, ½p to 1sh	3.20
* 56	2sh 6p light brown	1.50
* 57	5sh carmine rose	3.00
* 58	10sh gray blue	9.50
* 65-76	½p to 1sh light blue	1.50
* 77-9	1926, 2sh 6p to 10sh	5.75
*301-4	1925, Dues, ½p to 6p	.35

JAMAICA

* 33-6	1903-4, ½p to 2½p	.45
* 40-2	1905-9, ½p to 2½p	.80
* 43	3p olive green	.50
* 45	5p yellow and black	4.50
* 46	6p orange yellow	2.00
49	5sh violet and black	2.00
* 50-3	1906-10, ½p to 3p	.75
* 55	6p dull violet	.65
* 56	1sh green	1.25
57	2sh violet on blue	.65
* 58-9	1911, 2p gray and 4p red	.55
* 60	6p red violet and violet	.75
* 61-8	1912-19, 1p to 1sh, complete	2.25
69	2sh ultram. and violet	.75
* 70	5sh scarlet and green	4.00
* 71-3	3p to 1sh, white backs	1.25
75-83	1919-21, ½p to 1sh	1.00
84	2sh brown and blue	1.25
85	3sh orange and violet	6.50
86	5sh ochre and blue	4.00
* 87	10sh dark myrtle green	9.00

MALTA

* 44	1907, 4p scarlet and black, * or used	.40
47	1sh green	.75
* 52	1914, 2p gray	.60
* 54	3p violet on yellow	.60
* 59	1sh green	1.50
* 59a	1sh emerald green	2.00
* 60	2sh ultr. and violet	3.00
61	5sh scarl. and green	9.50
* 62	1sh green	.85
64	1919, 2sh 6p olive green	8.50
* 66-70	1921, ¼p to 2½p	.75
* 78	1921-2, 2½p ultramarine	.85
* 79	3p violet on yellow	.60
* 80	6p lilac and red violet	.75
* 81	1sh em. green	1.20
* 86-90	¼p to 2½p	.55
* 92	6p, rare	.75
* 94	2sh ult. and violet	4.00
* 96	10sh black	12.50
*103	1922, 4p yell. and ult.	.65
105	1sh br. and blue	.45
*106	2sh ult. and ol. br.	3.00
*107	2sh 6p blk. and r. viol.	1.75
*108	5sh ult. and orange	2.75
108	Same stamp lightly canc.	2.50
*109	10sh ol. br. and gray	5.00
*110	£1 carm. and black	8.50
*111-15	1923-4, 1p to 3p (5 var.)	.75
*128	1926, 5sh ultr. and orange	2.3
*129	10sh ol. br. and gray	3.5
*401-10	1925, Dues, complete	2.4
*411-20	½p to 1sh 6p	1.3

MONACO

* 30-2	1920-1, 5c to 2fr, rare	1.3
* 40	1922, 25c olive brown	3.0
* 41	30c dark green	1.0
* 42	50c ultramarine	1.7
* 46	2fr scarlet	.
* 47	5fr red brown	5.
* 48	10fr carmine	3.
* 49-55	1923-4, 10c to 50c	1.3
* 56	5fr dark green	2.
* 60-77	1924-6, 1c to 10fr	2.
* 78-85	1926, 30c on 25c to 1.25fr	1.
* 87-96	1926-7, 20c to 1.50fr	.
* 97-9	1928, Philatelic Exhibition	.
*451-6	1905, Dues, 1c to 50c	1.
*461-2	1918, Dues, 20c & 40c, the two	.

PALESTINE

1	1918, 1pi deep blue	7.
* 1a	1pi ultramarine	.
* 2	5m on 1pi ultramar.	1.
2	Same, used	.
* 3-10	1918-19, 1m to 5pi, the set	.
* 12	10pi ultramarine	.
13	20pi gray	1.
* 15-22	1920, 1m to 5pi, the set	1.
15-22	Same set cancelled	.
* 23	1920, 9pi bistre	.
23	Same used	.
* 24	10pi ultramarine	.
24	Same used	.
* 25	20pi gray	1.
44	1921, 5pi plum	.
* 45	9pi bistre	1.
45	9pi bistre, canc.	.
* 46	10pi ultramarine	3.
* 48-62	1922, 1m to 20pi, complete	3.
48-62	Same set, used	1.
*301-5	1923, Dues, 1m to 13m, compl.	1.
301-5	Same set cancelled	1.
*306-11	1924, 1m to 5pi	1.
2	1918, 5m on 1pi, fine used block of 4	1.

ST. KITTS

11	1905, ½p green and viol.	.
* 12	1p carm. and black	.
* 13	2p brown and violet	.
* 20	1907, 1sh orange and green	.
* 23	1907, 5sh green and gray viol.	.
32	1920, 2sh ultram. and violet	.
* 33	2sh 6p red and black	.
33	Same, used	.
* 34	5sh red and green	.
* 35	10sh red and green	.
* 50-5	1923, ½p to 3p	.
* 42-3	1922, 2½p and 3p	.

SAN MARINO

* 50-60	1921-2, 2c to 2l, complete	.
* 61-68	1922, 2c to 90c, complete	.
* 71	1923, 1l dark brown	.
* 72-6	1924, 3c to 2l, complete	.
* 77-80	30c on 45c to 2l on 3l	.
* 94-7	1926, 75 on 80 to 2.50l on 80c	.
* 98-103	Onofri, complete	.
*104-8	1927, 4 provisionals, complete	.
*109-11	50c to 10l, complete	.
*112-15	1928, 50c to 5l, complete	.
*510-18	Dues, 1924, 5c to 10l, compl.	1
*519-27	1925, 5c to 10l, compl.	.
*351-52	1917, 25 on 2c & 50 on 2l, rare	.
*353-61	1918, 2c to 3l, complete	.
*362-7	20c to 3l, complete	.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

* 37-8	1923, 2p, horizontal pair	.
* 39-40	3p, horiz. pair	.
* 47-8	1sh 3p, horiz. pair	.
* 49-50	2sh 6p, horiz. pair	.
* 51-2	5sh, horiz. pair	.
* 69-70	1924-5, 1sh, horiz. pair	.
* 71-2	1sh 3p, horiz. pairs	.
* 73-4	2sh 6p, horiz. pairs	.
* 77-8	10sh olive green and blue, horiz. pairs	.
* 79-80a	£1 light red and gray green, horiz. pairs	.
* 81-3	1926-7, 4p, 3 var. complete	.
* 85-90	1926, ½p-6p, horiz. pairs	.
* 93-8	1927, 2p to 1sh, horiz. pairs	.
* 99-100	2sh 6p, horiz. pairs	.
*101-2	5sh grn. & blk., horiz. pair	.
*103-4	10sh ol. br. & blue, hor. pair	.
*311-12	1923, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	.
*343-4	1924, Dues, 6p, horiz. pair	.
*369-70	1925-6, Dues, 3p, horiz. pair	.
*353-4	5p viol. & black, horiz. pair	.
*371-2	5p viol. & black, horiz. pair	.
*387-8	1927, 5p viol. & blk., hor. pair	.

SYRIA

*104-16	1923, 10c on 2c to 25pi on 5fr	.
*117-29	4 provisionals	.
*121-34	1924, 10 on 2c to 25pi on 5fr	.
*136-8	50 on 10c to 2.50pi on 50c	.
*139-42	Olympics, complete	.
*143-54	0p10 to 25pi on 5fr	.
*158-61	II Olympics, complete	.
*162-70	1924-5, 1p50 to 3pi60c	.
*186-94	1926-7, 9 provisionals	.
*421-5	Dues, 1923, 5 var. complete	.

TANGANYIKA

* 8-9	1922, 1c and 10c	.
* 10-18	5c to 75c, complete	.
* 19	1sh green and black	.
* 20	2sh br. viol. and black	.
* 21	3sh black	.
* 22	5sh red and black	.
* 23	10sh blue and black	.
* 25-8	1925, 5c to 30c, 4 var.	.
* 29-43	1926-7, 5c to £1, at 32c per sh.	.

Stop Press News

NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

Great Exhibit the Week of Aug. 12, When the A. P. S. Convenes

The dreams of years seem about to terialize. At the Toronto Convention t August, an important A. P. S. com-tee was appointed, consisting of Gus-e Mosler, for the Association for amp Exhibits, and Hugh M. Clark for A. S. D. A. The purpose of the mmittee was to devise ways and means perfecting plans, for the establishment yearly postage stamp shows in con-ction with the A. P. S. conventions. e Twin City Philatelic Society invited organization to Minneapolis and St. ul for the 1929 Convention, and plans ve since developed to hold the first tional Postage Stamp Show at Minne-lis.

The exhibit will be managed by a cor-ation; exhibits will be solicited from stamp collectors and will be competi-ely judged under a system which will k forward to further entries of exhib-in other annual shows, but not under same class as hitherto. The English system of dealer's and trader's ths will be used, and the successful ibit which was undertaken in Cleve-d last May duplicated. The time of National Stamp Show has been set the week of August 12. The show occupy one full floor of the new dgson Building, Minneapolis.

The Convention of the A. P. S. will be d in the New Nicollet Hotel, two blocks ay, Tuesday, Aug. 13, and morning sions will be devoted to the society iness, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday.

The proposed Board of Directors of National Stamp Show is as follows: es., Philip Little, Jr., Mplis.; Vice-es., Ernest R. Reiff, St. Paul; Sec. r., Victor W. Rotnem, Mplis. Ad-onal Directors: George Brach, St. il; Alfred B. Cassell, Mplis.; and ald Burgess, Mplis.

Committees for the Convention ar-gements include Olaf J. Olson, W. B. ssell, George Brach, A. B. Cassell, tor W. Rotnem, Philip Little, Jr. and ald Burgess.

SLATER'S "POSTMASTERS"

is Great Specialized Collection Giv-en to Providence Museum

BOSTON, March 5.

.. B. Slater's magnificent collection Providence Postmaster stamps will exhibited at the meeting of the Bos-Philatelic Society this evening. It be the last opportunity to see this ue and interesting exhibit unless one neys to Providence, R. I., to a local eum to which the collection has been ated.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

HONORS TO C. A. PLOCH

he first registered letter and the first ial delivery letter to be mailed from Vincennes, Ind., post office bearing George Rogers Clark sesquicentennial memorative postage stamp were re-ed in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Feb. 26, Carl A. Ploch, vice-president of the mers' Trust Company.

oth letters, which were addressed to Ploch bore a certified statement on back that they were the first letters heir kind to be mailed at Vincennes. statements were signed by W. M. lmore, postmaster.

NEW JERSEY FEDERATION

provisional organization of the stamp s of the State of New Jersey has formed with Stephen G. Rich as porary chairman, and H. F. Chris-en, temporary secretary. The or-zation will be completed Saturday, ch 23, 2 P. M., at 6 Ames Ave., herford, N. J. Will club officials municate at once with Mr. Rich at Bloomfield Ave., Verona, N. J.

2c CLARK FIRST SHEET

Blocks of Four Autographed by P. M. General Harry S. New

John Kay of Detroit, received a block of four of the new stamps with the autograph of P. M. G. Harry S. New. We are indebted to H. W. Boers for this information.

The Managing Editor is greatly obliged to C. A. Ploch for the favor extended him of a similar block of four. It came through the Geo. Rogers Clark Memorial Commission of Indiana, and will be treasured as a most interesting philatelic souvenir.

NEW YORK NEWS ITEMS

N. Y. CITY, Feb. 28.

To give you an idea of just how the air mail field lines up, here in New York at present, one cover collection was sold last week for about $15,000. Not only that, but I was given an order for another like it. Needless to say the order remains unfilled.

Ran across an interesting item this morning at Tom Binmore's shop. The current twenty centavos, Colombian semi-official stamp, surcharged "Homenaje a Mendez," and date "28 Octobre, 1928," the overprint with circle and bar in black with outlined letters and numerals.

S. C. A. T. D. A., or rather the Colombian air mail company reports a new issue in the offing. Have had no particulars as yet, but will report if anything definite turns up.

If any of your readers report any other values of the Mendez surcharge, will you please mention the fact, as the stamps must be rather good, and the stamps, though semi-officials, are very popular here.

A. K. CLARK.

BOSTON AIR MAIL CHAPTER

BOSTON, March 1.

In face of the worst night this winter, sixteen Air Mail cover collectors gathered at the Hotel Lenox, Boston, last Tuesday, and formed the first local chapter of the American Air Mail Society, Boston Chapter, No. 1. Eliott H. Wilson was elected President protem; J. H. Jost, Sec'y-Treas.; C. E. Jandrue, Jr., Auctioneer. George H. Kieley presided. Regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, the next meeting to occur April 2. The annual dues are $2 for adults and $1 for juniors. Local collectors, interested in joining should communicate with Mr. Jost, 1395 Commonwealth Ave., Allston, Mass.

FREDERICK D. MARKEE.

"WHAT ABOUT PAPAL STAMPS?"

We have already stated that under the agreement recently consummated at Rome, the Vatican City has the power to issue its own stamps. It appears that action by the I. P. U. is needed to make the agreement effective. In Rome last week the question "What about stamps?" drew this suave, disarming answer from one in authority:

"The labor of preparing designs for a new series of stamps would be so great that a considerable time must pass before collectors could possibly add them to their treasures."

WE PRESENT MR. DICKASON

We have in hand the first instalment of copy from our new air mail editor, Mr. Dickason. It will appear next week, but we lift the first paragraph for the "Stop Press News" in order that you may see that he is full of "pep":—

"Regular followers of 'Air Mail News' in the past know very well that it takes a lot of nerve for anyone to attempt to step into the place which Mr. Markee has filled with so much distinction. I feel that it is an honor to edit this department, and an honor which entails a lot of responsibility. I have a feeling, too, that it's going to involve a good deal of time consuming work—but it's the kind of work I can really enjoy. And so, bespeaking the continued help of all the fine list of coöperators who have been behind Mr. Markee in the past, I'm ready to go at it. I'm pretty thick-skinned, and can stand unfavorable, as well as favorable criticism, and I want to hear at any time from anyone who has any suggestions, either pro *or* con. I aim to be neither *for* or *against* any type of cover or collecting, but rather to give us all something that will be interesting. But enough of this—let's get down to business!"

THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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examples. Albuquerque, N. Mex., is another town to adopt this type.

The Independence, which is apparently typeset, is not so new, but it is not in the 1929 catalog. In this type I have the 4-11-12-15 perf. 11, the 6-7 rotary, and the 1½, 5 inverted and 7 compound. Harrisonburg, Va., is another town using this same type.

The U-12 type from Knoxville is brand new, just out. It is to be hoped that the authorities at that office will not allow it to be prostituted to such base uses as was their old U-1 a few years ago. Someone made a killing on 3c Victories before precancel collectors learned to distinguish the sheep from the goats. It has even been seen on some of the lowest fractional values of the proprietary revenues of 1916! Better luck for this type is very likely, for collectors simply won't fall for junk any more, the speculators are out of luck. Paris, Texas, and Kansas City, Mo., are recent cities to adopt this U-12. Our remarks on Knoxville may well be repeated as to Kansas City, things are not quite so rotten there now as they were a while back.

The Leon type is listed in the catalog, and because of its beauty should be illustrated. It was a temporary affair, used for one holiday rush, and like many typesets, is now a thing of the past. I have this on the ½, 1½ inverted, 50c down, 4 and 7 rotary, and the three Lexington-Concords.

The Philadelphia is an old type, both listed and illustrated in the catalog. So it is doubly surprising that the error illustrated here should have escaped the eagle eyes of collectors for so long. I have it on the 10c and 15c Specials, and someone can probably show it on the 25c Special Handling. By the way, an especially good Special Handling item is this type double normal.

Next time, typeset precancelled stamped envelopes, an engrossing subject.

FINE BRITISH COLONIALS

ALL MINT

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
3	$1.25	$ .65
4	1.50	.75
5	2.00	1.00
6	1.00	.50
7	5.00	2.75
8	4.00	2.25
9	2.00	1.10
10	5.00	2.60
11	7.00	4.00
20	1.00	.50
20a	1.50	.75
22	1.00	.50
23	1.25	.65
24	1.25	.65
25	1.50	.80
26	3.00	1.75
27	5.00	2.75
28	7.00	4.00
29	10.00	6.00
38	1.25	.65
39	1.50	.75
49	1.00	.60
49a	1.50	.80
50	2.00	1.20
51	4.00	2.50
53	7.00	4.00
54	10.00	6.00
60	1.25	.65

PAPUA

4	3.00	1.50
5	5.00	2.50
12	1.25	.65
14	1.25	.65
16	6.00	3.25
17	3.00	1.60
23	2.25	1.25
24	3.00	1.50
25	4.00	2.25
26	2.50	1.40
29	1.50	.75
32	4.00	2.25
33	3.50	2.00

PAPUA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
40	1.00	.60
44	1.00	.50
45	1.50	.75
48	2.00	1.25
49	3.00	1.60
57	2.25	1.30
59	1.25	.65
70	2.50	1.60
72	1.00	.50
75	1.25	.65

ST. LUCIA

35	1.00	.50
36	1.25	.70
46	3.00	1.50
47	1.50	.75
48	1.50	.75
52	1.50	.75
54	1.75	.90
56	10.00	6.00
61	3.00	1.50

ST. LUCIA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
61a	3.00	1.50
62	2.50	1.30
63	10.00	6.00
69	1.25	.65
70	6.00	3.50
86	2.50	1.60
87	2.00	1.00

TRANSVAAL

257	2.00	1.00
258	5.00	2.50
259	3.00	1.60
260	5.00	2.75
261	7.50	4.00
264	1.50	.80
265	4.00	2.10
276	2.50	1.30
277	5.00	2.75
278	6.00	3.75
279	10.00	7.00
283	1.00	.50
284	3.00	1.60

NEW and RECENT ISSUES

ALL MINT and FINE

Austria–Hainisch Comm., Scarce 1.00
Belgium—Orval 1.75
Belgium—Cathedrals ... .90
Bulgaria—Air Post Cpl. .45
China—Air Post 3.75
Danzig–AirPost,#428-432 1.50
Dutch Indies—Air Post Provis. 3.25
Egypt—Medical Cong. . .15
Germany—1928 Charity.. .80
Germany—Graf Zeppelin 2.50
Germany—Air Post, Nos. 429-436 ..... 2.95
Germany—Air Post, Nos. 403-421 ..... .25
Greece—Air Post ..... .60
Italy—Filiberto Cpl. ... 3.50
Latvia—Charity, Imperf. 1.25
Japan—New Coronation .25
Latvia—Charity, Perf. . 1.25
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THE Clark celebration at Vincennes was conceived in a spirit of patriotism and consummated with an enthusiasm that made the day one of the most meaningful of the year. The anniversary was acclaimed with pomp and pageantry, and the ceremonies were well-ordered and impressive. The spirit of the occasion was not confined to the borders of the proud State of Indiana, but nationally the citizens were aware of the bestowal of honors on the intrepid George Rogers Clark, one hundred and fifty years after his valorous deed. In the exercises of February 25th, stamps had an honorable place, and in fact, they were in the lead on the program of events, since they were put on sale at 7 A. M. The special issue gave not only a sentimental interest to the ceremonies but also advertised the Vincennes memorial in an effective manner. We can think of no more gracious national tribute to an event of the kind than a special stamp. It will be admitted that the issue is the ideal courier to proclaim to the whole country that its thoughts should be centered on the services of celebration and veneration.

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AS early as Monday, letters were received in Chicago, bearing the postmark of the same day, February 25, 8 P. M., and it may be that this hour was later than when the postmarking was actually done; and if such was the case, collectors should cherish this evidence of regard for them. The WEEKLY had a special representative at Vincennes and he tells a story that stirs imagination. Mr. W. H. Gilley, our correspondent, was at the post office early on Monday morning, but even so, he was second to Mr. Harry Ioor of Indianapolis, who in the gray dawn at 6.45 A. M., bought one hundred dollars' worth of the stamps. The stamps sent to Vincennes numbered 700,000, and up to 10.30 A. M., 400,000 had been sold. At this hour, it was estimated that 80,000 covers had been mailed, and it was said that the Chamber of Commerce handled 35,000 for collectors and dealers. There was no *cachet* and no inverted centers! Large numbers of specially designed envelopes were used, and one originated by Mr. M. A. Vogel of Chicago, showed the copyrighted *Youths' Companion* picture with appropriate wording, permission having been given Mr. Vogel to use it. The postmaster at Vincennes was kind enough to take Mr. Gilley to the canceling room where he beheld a scene of activity. The covers were run through the machine without interruption and on blocks of four, a handstamp was used. Too, the hotel sold the stamps over the counter. There were a good many visiting philatelists in the crowd at the hotel. Mr. Gilley adds that the plate-numbers of the sheets of fifty are at the top in black and red, and gives the following numbers: black, 19731-2-4-5-7; red 19720-2-4.

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THE Vincennes *Sun* of Feb. 25th, flared the headline clear across the front page: "Stamp Sale is Record," with the sub-headings: "New Stamp Sold only in Vincennes; Hundreds Waiting at Post Office," and "$741 Worth Issued in First Ten Minutes; Post Office Clerks Besieged With Greatest Demand in History of United States Post Office Department; 700,000 to Be Available for First Day Sale." The paper said that scores of customers waited in line for the service window of the post office to open at 6.45 A. M., and "within ten minutes after four post office employees began the sale, $741 worth of Clark stamps had been purchased and stamp sales amounted to more than $1,000 at 7 A. M." Soon after that hour, the office was thronged with buyers of the Clark stamps. While 700,000 stamps were on hand, a reserve stock of 500,000 was held in Washington. All day Monday, requests from persons living at a distance poured in and the staff was kept busy filling the orders.

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ACCORDING to the Vincennes *Sun*, the first stamp was cancelled at 6 A. M.; and the first stamp used was on a letter directed to the postmaster at Princeton, Indiana, Fred Ewing. We quote: "The Vincennes Historical society, in which society was born the idea of the Clark celebration, was sent the first stamp printed. It was received by W. C. Mason, the present president of the society from Postmaster General New." We have referred previously to the huge number of letters sent to Vincennes by collectors, which are said to have come in "faster than they could be opened." However, the officers and employees of the post office worked unremittingly to get the stamps in the mail for patrons on the first day, and the thanks of collectors are due to W. M. Willmore and T. M. Jackson, postmaster and assistant-postmaster, respectively, who directed the task. Mr. Eidsness, superintendent of the stamp division at Washington, was present as the representative of the post office department, and he certainly had his share in the handling of the details of the activities. The Clark stamp was presented with *èlan* and *èclat*.

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OUR friend, Mr. E. W. Determann, A. P. S. 5874, Vincennes, Indiana, had his hands full during the dedicatory period of the Clark stamp. He received many requests for the stamps from all sides, and as a philatelist his services were in demand. He gave out interviews and was a fount of inspiration generally, we have no doubt. One newspaper said that Mr. Determann estimated that approximately 10,000 "have adopted the hobby of collecting stamps." We are sure that a zero or two was lost in the shuffle. Among the first day covers addressed to the editor were some nicely embellished ones; and thanks are due to the following friends: J. Lynn Avery, Long Beach, California, president of the Long Beach Stamp Collectors Club; Arthur L. Briggs, Chicago; E. W. Determann, Vincennes, Ind.; Eldon N. Ertz, Cincinnati; E. L. Hendrickson, St. Paul; Kenneth Loucks, Indianapolis; L. X. McNally, Boston; Harry Ioor, Indianapolis; LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis; C. A. Ploch, Indianapolis; Gordon L. Jar... Chicago; and Victor M. Suarez, Wa... ington. All of the envelopes were p... marked at 8 A. M., or 2 P. M., Feb. 2...

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THE exhibition of pictorial envel... of the Civil War and the Span... American War held at the Collect... Club on February 20th, was impres... in an historical sense, and since ne... all of the covers bore stamps, its phila... appeal was not lacking. The patr... envelope as such has emerged from ... obscurity that surrounded it some y... ago, and is now enjoying its place in ... sun. Large sums are being paid ... envelopes in used condition that in c... parison with those that prevailed a ... ade or two ago seem to be mount... compared with mud-pies. There ... slight demand for the unused envel... in view of the scarcity of some of ... designs in used condition. In the ag... gate, there were perhaps nearly ... thousand varieties, counting the sm... differences in design. Foreign addr... envelopes are in particular demand ... well as Lincolns, and certain of the ... catures. The Spanish-American pict... envelopes were a scanty crop, and ... not vie with the earlier envelope ... elaboration, originality and partisan... and they are rather uncommon.

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ELSEWHERE, there is a clip... from the New York *Times* ha... tells of the sale by Mr. Williar... White, Englewood, N. J., of his c... tion of pictorial envelopes to Judge ... erson of Providence, for a price rep... to be about $35,000. Mr. White's c... tion was shown at the recent exhi... at the Collectors' Club, and was a p... winner at the International Phil... Exhibition in 1926. Judge Emers... to be congratulated upon having adv... to the front place in the ranks o... collectors of patriotic envelopes.

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Department copy this week is by Mr. Markee as usual.

The past week has been the quietest one for months—from the standpoint of new flights or covers. Probably due to the storms and cold weather. However, we can always dig up something, so let's go!

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Mr. Lester Marmorstein sends in word that an article recently appeared in *Aero Digest* to the effect that a new airline is in the making, the route probably being Winnipeg, Superior, Ladysmith, Wausau, Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, and connecting at Appleton with the leg of CAM No. 9, which opened in December. Nothing definite, as yet, but it is a possibility to keep in mind as spring approaches.

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Here's one to get busy with! Buffalo, N. Y., March 23rd to 30th, Aircraft Show. Frank Herget, 553 Suffolk Street, Buffalo, N. Y., will do the honors for readers who send covers *ready to go*. Special cachet will be applied by the contractor of CAM No. 20, Colonial Airways, Inc., 1819 Hotel Statler Bldg., same city, and covers can be sent to them, if you prefer. Mr. Herget further states that the Scout Philatelic Club may affix a little cachet themselves. You Boy Scouts will like this! Thanks, Mr. Herget.

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Elton Manuel reports that covers sent to Breckenridge, Tex., for despatch on the dedication date of their Airport, have been returned by the Postmaster with a note saying no definite date is known.

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Mr. Otto Weismann reports that the last Dutch plane to make the flight from Batavia to Amsterdam arrived at the latter point on January 23rd. This is the sixth plane to make the round trip. Incidentally, the new Dutch Indies Air Mail stamps are quite effective.

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The expected flight from Worcester, Mass., did not occur on the first date announced—Feb. 17th—but it is expected that this city *will* go on CAM No. 1, April 1st. It is expected that a special cachet is to be used, and if our expectations are realized we may expect to see our covers while the expecting is good!

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Mr. Benjamin Cadbury sends in a copy of the *Phila. P. O. Foreign Mail Bulletin*, and calls my attention to the Air Mail Service paragraphs. Postmaster Kemp is right up to date and keeps this information constantly before the Philadelphia personnel. Wonder how many of 'em can give the Mexico-U. S. rate without looking it up!

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Here's a nice letter, received from Mr. C. J. McAhon, Tom's River, N. J., under date of Feb. 18th. Mr. McAhon writes, "As I am under the impression that the 'Graf Zeppelin' will make one more flight to Lakehurst this summer, I am offering my services to the boys who want to send letters or cards on the same. I am connected with the Post Office at this point (Tom's River), 7 miles from Lakehurst and will make it a point to see that all letters sent me *ready to mail*, will be taken care of personally. Am an amateur collector and would be glad to give the boys a hand." Fine work, Mr. McAhon! You will have your hands full, believe me! Readers will please note that letters must be *ready to mail*. The rate will probably be published long enough in advance of the trip to permit your complying with the above requirement.

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Mr. J. H. Jost sends in a clipping from a Halifax, N. S., newspaper, which intimates that this point will have an Airport in the summer, in order to hold the permanent Air Mail service that will follow the experimental flights of January.

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I received a large number of clippings from Mr. Harry Leonard the past week, giving all the details of the landing and departure of Col. Lindbergh at the Canal Zone. It is stated that 800 lbs. of mail came up on the two planes, so you can figure that about 72,000 letters made the flight. Evidently this First Trip was one of the most popular we have had. I understand from Mr. Leonard that the Miami-Cristobal covers are in great demand down in the Canal Zone, as the larger part of the load carried down there was forwarded back to collectors soon after the arrival.

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De Kalb, Ill., will dedicate in the near future, so Mr. Roy Weston writes. * * * Miss Anna M. Schafer sends a copy of a letter received from the C. of C. and Mines, Douglas, Ariz., under date of Feb. 19th, in which the Secretary states that the rate from Agua Prieta Airport to U. S. points will be 17½c per cover. An Air Mail envelope—Mexican—is available for 5½c, and the Chamber will be glad to purchase and address the envelopes for collectors sending the amount

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Persia #703-6 complete	1.60	.75
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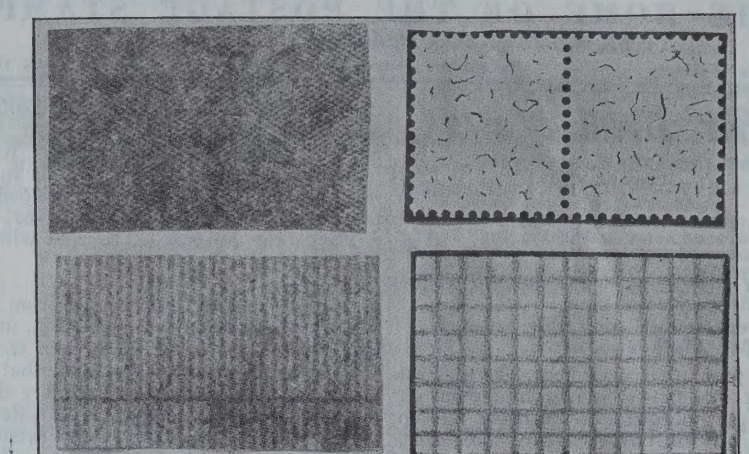

PAPER VARIETIES

Wove—Upper left.
Laid—Lower left.
Granite—Upper right.
Quadrillé—Lower right.

Many of the queries I receive refer to the rather difficult subject of the papers on which stamps have been printed. The paper most generally used for stamp printing is described as "wove." Such a paper has a plain, even texture, like that usually employed for books and newspapers.

"Laid" paper, which is probably second to wove in philatelic importance, is watermarked with a series of parallel lines, close together. When these lines run the vertical way of the stamp, the paper is said to be "vertically laid," while horizontal lines give the name to "horizontally laid" paper.

"Granite" paper shows coloured fibres in its texture, but the description is sometimes applied to coarse paper of the cheaper kinds, which does not show the fibres. The "G.C." paper of France, used during the War, is a greyish granite paper, and the coloured fibres can usually be clearly seen.

"Quadrillé" paper is watermarked with crossed lines, forming small squares or oblongs.

"Pelure" paper is a very thin, semi-transparent paper, usually greyish in colour, about the thickness of tissue paper, but much tougher and harder. This description is often applied incorrectly to many kinds of very thin paper.

Readers who are interested in this subject are advised to get our Publishers' book, *Stamp Issuing Countries*, which, in addition to full geographical and historical details about the countries which have issued stamps, prints the official glossary of philatelic terms, which gives full explanations about paper, perforations; and other technical matters relating to our hobby.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

One Who Believes in the Boy

By H. W. SCHAEFFER.

In your "Stamp News for the Juniors" appears an article entitled "Some Don'ts for the Beginner," which contains some excellent advice, but which also embodies a sentiment with which I beg leave to differ, i.e., the admonition to refrain from sending for free packets unless it is the intention to buy from approvals, people who do that sort of thing being termed "cheap skates."

I have boy customers in every State in the Union, and in various foreign countries. In addition, I am a physical director and spend a great deal of time with boys and girls of the "teen" age, and as a student of child psychology it seems to me that it is a great mistake to offer something for nothing and then bestow an opprobious term upon those who take advantage of the offer.

Personally, I believe in the more sound economic policy of selling the "initial offer" instead of giving it away, but if I did make a free offer I should not consider all applicants as being potential approval buyers, but rather as so many additions to my mailing list.

Last fall I placed an advertisement in your "Adlets" column. Cost 90c. Returns, 16 inquiries. Permanent customers, that is customers with whom I have transacted business up to date, 13. I shall certainly turn to the WEEKLY when I feel that I need new blood in my mailing lists.

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Paraguay Notes

By A. C. LEDUC.

Now, while the world is watching with interest, the disagreement between the two South American countries of Paraguay and Bolivia, our thoughts turn to the album pages for those countries.

Let us see what stamps of especial interest these countries have issued during the last few years. Since 1920 we find that most of the stamps of Paraguay have been of apparent high value, as its money has depreciated in value necessitating the use of many peso values.

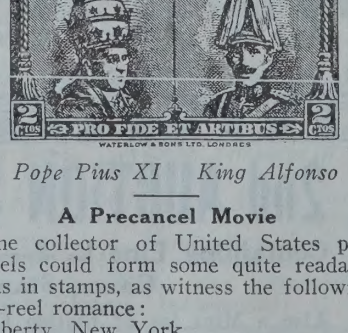
The 1920 issue shows a picture of the Parliament House in Asuncion and was issued to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the constitution. This was followed in 1922 by a similar series, but without the words "Constitucion Nacional." In 1922-23 the national independence was commemorated with the issue of one peso and five peso stamps in various color combinations. These stamps show a picture of a building which was used as headquarters by the conspirators.

Beginning with the year 1920, many stamps have been surcharged with a large letter "C." Such surcharged stamps are sold in the country (Campana) districts.

In order to show the world its geographical position, Paraguay issued a set of map stamps in 1924. These show Paraguay and its neighboring boundary republics of Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia. The map stamps were followed in 1925 by several values showing a portrait of General Diaz. At about the same time two stamps were issued showing a seascape and above, in a circle, a portrait of Columbus.

Since 1927 Paraguay has been using a new series. Several values have the star and numeral design, and several show portraits of famous men in early Paraguayan history. The five peso shows a public building, while the 1½ peso shows a map of the country.

The New Spanish Set



Pope Pius XI *King Alfonso*

A Precancel Movie

The collector of United States precancels could form some quite readable yarns in stamps, as witness the following nine-reel romance:

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Love, Virginia.
Kissimmee, Florida.
Ring, Arkansas.
Church, Iowa.
Home, Oregon.
Bliss, Nebraska.
Boise, Idaho. —*Stamp Lover.*

HERE AND THERE—

WE are indebted to Herman W. B for a report of the exhibition the Michigan Stamp Club. We th him for it, and would have used were it not for the fact that an ear report was received from Beach Con Jr.

IT will be noticed in the Plumri auction sale advertisement that c logs of the Ceylon sale can be obta through the WEEKLY office. Ordina we do not accept commissions of kind, and the reason for our doing s this instance is very apparent.

"ON Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Rhode land Philatelic Society held 44th Annual Banquet at the Provid (R. I.) Biltmore Hotel. Some members of the Collectors Club of N York were our guests. The tables attractively decorated with red ca tions and ferns. A most tempting n was then served, which was thorou enjoyed. About sixty members guests were present to enjoy the even festivities."—WILMARTH H. COLWEL

WE are indebted to Herman W. B and C. A. Ploch for press clipp dealing with the celebration at Vince Feb. 25. They are interesting, but sufficiently philatelic for us to Thanks for the courtesy.

HARRY WEISS sends us a n card and program of the an banquet of the St. Louis Stamp Col ors Society held Saturday, Feb. 23 the Marquette Hotel. The post-prar exercises consisted of an address by master A. J. Michner, piano solo by Doris Dee Diamant, and a first run tion picture contributed by Mr. W Miss Diamant, aged 10, is the daug of our well-known A. P. S. worker A. Diamant.

SUPPLEMENTING our record where in this issue of Clark day covers, certain other details ar hand. Carter Glass, Jr., of Lynch sends us a Charlottesville, Feb. 2 addition to the University, Feb. 26 ready noted. Stanley Gregory of troit, got some of the stamps from cennes in time to send out under P. M. time marking. Harry Ioo Indianapolis sent out a Vincennes wi very fine patriotic design. Herbert Feaster sends a Charlottesville.

MALCOM H. GANSER very k favors us with a Valley Forge er of Feb. 22, with a nice block of 2c stamp lightly cancelled.

FRANK F. WILLS has felt comp to resign as editor of the *Ar* He requests that all communications that paper be addressed to the publis W. R. Fradsham, Millertown Junc.,

VICTOR REPITTI writes us tha had 22 covers in the recent Ott Montreal-St. John-Halifax air flights to which we have made " Press" references. Only four through on schedule, Ottawa-Mont St. John dated Jan. 28.

THE *Hercules Mixer* for Feb. h fine cover feature in a picture s ing the statue of Washington by Ho at Richmond. In the text describing cover picture is a very friendly refer to the book published by Dr. C Chase on the 3c 1851, and a lengthy tract concerning Houdon is quoted looks as if the feature is the work philatelist, and if we place it to the c of editor Bronson B. Tufts he wi doubt accept the situation graceful

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

Stamp Collecting—Why and How," Prescott H. Thorp, is the title of a rb book just published by the Scott np and Coin Co., 1 W. 47 St., New k City. Price, $2.50. We quote n the jacket:—

HY Because it is the outstanding avocation of all time; furing amusement, knowledge, education pleasure to more people than any r hobby. Further, Stamp Collecting is most democratic of all hobbies ining in its followers the rich man, man, beggar man and (to our re-) thief. Neither wealth nor poverty, lect nor immaturity prevents anyone ying this fascinating pastime; the f of which lies in its very name, "the y of kids and kings."

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here is no book on either side of the ntic that approaches Philately so ingently or presents it so attractively. certain to be a great missioner for hobby. It runs to nearly 200 pages, ound in cloth, and wears a jacket that ks right out in a no uncertain man-Mr. Prescott dedicates the book to h M. Clark, to whom "all credit" is owed "if this book should meet with ess." As to success there can be no tion.

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WHO WAS MOLLY PITCHER?

Many articles have been published, both prior to, and since the issuing of the Molly Pitcher overprint, giving short histories of her life, but, most of them have greatly distorted the facts of her life, while others failed to embody the principal happenings; and still some others have confused her deeds with that of entirely different persons. All of which helps to lend a feeling that "Molly Pitcher" was more legendary than historical. Two such articles have appeared in stamp magazines within the past few days, and altho the stamp, to most collectors was a disappointment. Molly should be given proper credit for what she has done.

Mary Ludwig was born near Trenton, N. J., on October 13, 1744, but moved to Carlisle, Pa., while very young. When old enough she became a domestic in the home of Doctor, afterwards General William Irvine of the Continental army. On July 24, 1769, Mary, or Molly as she was called, was married to John Hays, a barber in Carlisle. Early in the Revolution, Hays joined Procter's Artillery, and when his enlistment expired, he re-enlisted, January 1, 1777, in a regiment of Pennsylvania infantry, and became a Sergeant; but shortly before the battle of Monmouth he was again detailed to artillery duty.

Molly, like many other wives, followed their enlisted husbands, from one camp to another during the war, and altho some were looked upon as the low rabble of common camp followers, her time, as well as that of many of the other wives, was spent in nursing, sewing, cooking and washing for the officers and men. On the hot June 28, 1778, while the battle of Monmouth was being fought, Molly, for hours, carried water to the thirsty men in battle, until her husband fell wounded, when she took his place, helping man the cannon. Gen. George Washington personally commended and honored her with same rank as her husband, a Sergeant. It was this day she won the sobriquet "Molly Pitcher".

The heroine returned to Carlisle with her husband, where a few years after the war he died, never recovering from his wounds. Unfortunately, she later married the worthless George McCauley, or McKolly, and lived a life of penury, having to make her own scanty living until after his death, when she was pensioned, February 21, 1822, by the State of Pennsylvania. On January 22, 1832, she died, and was buried with military honors in what is known as the Old Graveyard, where a beautiful and imposing memorial designed by J. Otto Schweitzer, of Philadelphia, is erected over her grave.

The writer, as a boy, often passed the old log house in which she once lived, and knew old people who claimed to have known Molly when they were children; the site was marked where the house stood, until torn down in 1900.

The lack of adequate records, in the years of the molding of early history, has left a question as to the correctness of the dates of birth and death of this heroine, but the ones given above generally regarded as the most authentic.

Just how she became called Molly Pitcher is largely speculative, but the sight of her (to the thirsty soldiers) carrying a pitcher of water, no doubt, brought many a call, Molly! bring the pitcher here, or, Molly! a pitcher, please, or get Molly and her pitcher, some such cry, which subsequently brought about, Molly Pitcher.—Jos. K. WILLIAMS, A. P. S. 9463.

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NOVEL "AROUND THE WORLD" COVER

By NELSON F. GERKEN.

I have just received an extraordinary "first flight under new air mail rates" cover, the same having been around the world, although not in record time for more than six months were required for the journey.

August 1, when the new air rates became operative, I deposited in St. Louis, with the Robertson Aircraft Corp., operating C.A.M. 2, a Sesqui envelope bearing a 2c Bennington stamp, and the new 5c air mail, this addressed to myself, routed viz., Calcutta, India and Sydney, N. S. W. The Robertson people applied the special unofficial cachet used by them on this occasion, and letter was postmarked in St. Louis at 1 p. m. It was flown St. Louis to Chicago by Pilot E. L. Sloniger (now in China on an aeronautical mission), thence to New York and backstamped at the Varick St. Station at 3 p. m., Aug. 2nd.

It bears a Calcutta backstamp, Sept. 2nd, and on the face was applied a phrase in the native tongue—indecipherable to me. Where the letter spent the ensuing four months will probably remain a mystery, but on January 9, 1929, it was machine face-stamped in Sydney.

On arrival in San Francisco—and here is the most interesting feature of its long journey—the cover was placed in the air mails and flown to Chicago, being backstamped at the latter point, air mail division, at 1.30 a. m., February 19. It was sent on to St. Louis by rail and delivered at my residence Feb. 20.

An outstanding feature of this cover is its almost perfect condition, notwithstanding its having covered a distance approximating 30,000 miles, and being physically handled at several points. Moreover, after it was originally flown St. Louis to New York, and franked only with the domestic rate—9c—required on air mail from this country to India, it was again flown San Francisco to Chicago on its return, for which no additional fee was levied. This latter service is all the more remarkable considering the envelope was not an air mail cover and there was nothing about it to attract special attention—even the most cursory inspection would have revealed it was not again eligible for air mail service. A possible solution is that when San Francisco postal employees opened the trans-Pacific mail and discovered an envelope bearing a U. S. air mail stamp (although same was cancelled) they assumed it was used to expedite delivery and tossed it into the air mail bag without discovering the letter had previously been flown here.

Collector's Contest

All you need to do is to show the WEEKLY to your friend — why not do it at once?

The contest for March is now on. The January and February prize winners get the benefit of their total points on the 3 mos. contest, but a win in March must be based on March points so far as last month's contestants are concerned. 3 mos. scores 1 point, 6 mos. 2 points, and 1 year 4 points.

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TENTH REPORT ON POINTS

FEBRUARY CONTEST

The prize winners for February are Messrs, Schwede, Brehm, Barton, Hitchings and Andrews and we congratulate them on their success, especially Mr. Hitchings, who thus appears on both January and February lists. The record for Feb. is as follows:—

W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash.	18
H. M. Brehm, Appleton, Wis.	16
Roy A. Barton, Houlton, Me.	14
E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	12
Oliver Andrews, Upper Montclair, N. J.	12
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	10
Fred. B. Harrison, Waukegan, Ill.	8
Stanley Hosmer, Santa Rosa, Calif.	8
Frithjof Seifert, Brooklyn, N. Y.	8
C. S. Ernst, Seattle, Wash.	8
Mrs. Mary Banks, Albany, N. Y.	8
Alice Hottle, Phila., Pa.	8
John Kay, Detroit, Mich.	8
Alex LaRoche, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	8
Joel DuBose, Atlanta, Ga.	7
Cleon McClarran, Perrysburg, N. Y.	7
Rafael Garcia, Havana, Cuba,	6
Capitol Stamp Shop, Chicago, Ill.	5
Raymond E. Martin, Phila., Pa.	5
Stanley Gregory, Detroit, Mich.	5
Robert K. Story, Beverly, Mass.	5
F. G. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla.	5

FOUR EACH: G. H. A. Allen, Jesse E. Baker, Bernard Bailey, Robert O. Briggs, Mrs. R. F. Barton, Fred Creamer, Leo Carper, Dr. S. H. Carney, L. M. Campbell, Mr. Fairbanks, Jan. M. Fraser, Jos. B. Groell, Rol. Goodman, Louis Gundelfinger, Geo. W. Henley, G. G. Hollingshead, Dick Hagadorn, W. L. Leighton, W. A. Langdon, Paul C. Oliphant, Fred. O. Ohlund, Wm. Paasch, Lee T. Parker, Geo. H. Sheldon, Dr. L. G. Tedesche, H. C. Vanderbeek, W. W. Washburn, Wm. T. Wilson, F. D. Markee, H. Michler, Ray MacBean, Raymond Marti, Butler Phil. Soc., Axel F. Leaf, Frank Frank, W. E. Waste, Harry W. Bodley, H. Broadman.

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JUNIOR NIGHT

The Chicago Philatelic Society is entitled to a few pats on the back for having conducted a successful innovation that paves the way to even greater accomplishments in this field. On the evening of February 21st, the meeting was given over to the juvenile collectors of Chicago, who were invited to an "At Home" where the entertainment was gauged to meet the inclinations of the boys and girls, many of whom were members of the numerous school and other stamp societies which abound in the city. There was an attendance of sixty-two young people with a sprinkling of parents and teachers, and with the members of the society, over one hundred persons crowded the large room in the Bismarck Hotel that was especially engaged for the occasion. The intention was not to make a numerical showing so much as to experiment in the work of development of closer relations between the society and the philatelists of the future. Mr. North, who is much interested in young collectors, did his share of the work in marshalling the hosts, but with space limitations in mind, he restrained himself somewhat in recruiting the eager young folks. When he does extend himself, the injunction to "hire a hall" will have to be obeyed literally.

There were stamp displays, the most formal of which was made by Mr. J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Illinois, whose match and medicine of the Civil War period were almost complete in a condition that would be hard to equal. He may be proud of the evidences of many years' attention to these historical issues. In behalf of the young people, Mr. Westphal had an encouraging word to say when he was called upon by Chairman Rech; and likewise Mr. Severn had a welcoming remark and a few hints to give. Then Dr. Hennan had the floor and the fun began. There were drawings and stamp prizes galore; and the intention to see that none of the young visitors departed stampless was carried out. Donors of a new album, packets, sets and single stamps were Dr. Hennan, C. J. Rose, A. F. Boehm, and others. Mr. Armstrong was a tactful sergeant-at-arms, and he with Mr. North may know that they have done something worth more than a nod of approval. It was proved that there is an opportunity for the Chicago Philatelic Society to achieve an object of real benefit. A contact has been established between those who are entering the stamp school and those who, by comparison, are well advanced in their studies. When another meeting of the kind is held the members of the C. P. S. will be even more alive to the possibilities of the occasion.

GUATEMALA

By HERMANN FOCKE.

I take pleasure in reporting the additional values of the new issue in the quetzal currency, and at the same time wish to correct my statement that the value of this new currency unit is the same as the Mexican dollar. Later developments show conclusively that the quetzal is on a par with the U. S. dollar.

In your paper, dated February 11, I reported the 3c value to which must be added:—

½c de quetzal yellow-green, Scott's type A-76 with National Observatory.

1c de quetzal brown, Scott's type A-70 with Natl. Palace of Antigua.

2c de quetzal indigo blue, similar to type A-74 with portrait of Justo Rufino Barrios.

4c de quetzal orange-yellow, same type, portrait of General Miguel Garcia Granados.

5c de quetzal carmine-red, new type, portrait of General Orellana.

10c de quetzal violet-brown, type A-31 with Temple of Minerva.

15c de quetzal ultramarine, type A-36 with monument of J. Rufino Barrios.

25c de quetzal brown-orange, Type A-29 with monument of Columbus.

30c de quetzal blue-green, type A-76 with La Aurora Park.

50c de quetzal rose-red, type A-32 with Amatitlan Lake.

1 quetzal black, with Coat of Arms of the Republic.

As forerunners to the above permanent issue there were various provisionals created by surcharging stamps of the old issues with the new currency, but I have seen so far only the $2.50 stamp, dark violet, Scott's No. 217, surcharged in red: 1928—UN CENTAVO—DE QUETZAL in three lines.

COLLECTORS CLUB VISIT TO THE RHODE ID. PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PROVIDENCE

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

On Tuesday, February 19th, the Annual Banquet of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence. This occasion was selected for one of the exchange visits between the Collectors Club of New York and the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

Eleven members of the Collectors Club went up, the list being as follows:—S. F. Barrett, G. Burger, A. F. Lichtenstein, V. Mozian, J. Nicklin, Elliott Perry, C. J. Phillips, O. Reichelt, Geo. B. Sloane, T. E. Steinway and H. Toaspern.

A. W. Claflin, the President of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, presided, and a fine banquet was served. The menu was interesting, the front page being a reproduction of a sheet of the Providence stamps.

The following exhibits were made by some of the delegation:—

Mr. Barrett showed the W. E. Hawkins collection of United States Revenue and Telegraph stamps, all unused; Mr. Lichtenstein his magnificent collection of the Newfoundland pence stamps; Mozian a small collection of Mulre Envelopes; Mr. Perry a remarkably collection of United States M Stamps; C. J. Phillips a selection f the collection of Afghanistan of David Masson; and T. E. Steinway very fine collection of the stamps Hamburg.

Each of these members gave particu of their collections and anecdotes of stamps which seemed to be much ap ciated by the exceptionally large g ering.

Mr. Phillips, who was in charge o delegation as Chairman of the Enter ment Committee, called on all the members of the Club who did not h any exhibit to make a speech or some anecdotes, which were very r appreciated.

These Inter-Club visits are turning a great success, and I am told that deavors are being made by local soci to try and institute other exchange visits in the near future.

Sevard's Twinkles

Kansas and Nebraska are out with commemoratives in the shape of neat little overprints, precancels, or call them what you will. When the Molly Pitcher stamps came out with the neat surcharge, we just knew they were propaganda for Al Smith with the Pitcher slogan. Now Curtis comes across with after election propaganda for KAN to which the reply is formed NEBR—never, never, never. Whether these things are precancels or surcharges, one can never tell, and if we are not careful, somebody will start an A. P. S. Unit for them.

ONE TELLS US TOO THAT THE OLD GOLD BLINDFOLD TEST STARTED WHEN DOC. CHASE USED TO SAUNTER DOWN NASSAU STREET AND PICK UP 3C 1851'S WITH HIS EYES SHUT. WHICH REMINDS US THAT THE DOCTOR'S BOOK IS COMING OUT THIS MONTH, AND STAMP CLUB SECRETARIES SHOULD DEFER PAST DUE FEES TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE A DOC. CHASE COPY. SANDY CABEEN IN COMMENTING ON THIS BOOK, SAID, "I HAVE LOST WEIGHT CONSISTENTLY SINCE READING YOUR BOOK." C'EST UN LIVRE EN GRANDE PARURE.

We hoped to get our weakly scribe in on classifications, but find little to describe. The following named items have grown to commonness: the 2c Standard Type C permit, the 2c 1922 perf. 11, dark carmine shade, the die H2 1916 white envelope, the Box Type Frank Permit, the 3c 1879 soft paper, the 2c 1922 horizontal coil with slogan cancels, and the Universal Model D 20mm town with seven line wave. This last presents a peculiar circumstance in that the 1-2-3 town does not run to as high an average as in other types of cancels and marks. We have no reasonable explanation for this, any more than we have for the sitting on the flag pole fad.

The machine cancel, we had always thought, began in 1879, or 1878, when the first Leavitt machine was tried out in Boston for cancelling post cards. We have located a post card showing an 1876 dating, and the postmark agrees with the one shown on the Leavitt patent papers of 1877. This machine mark closely resembles a steel handstamp duplex die with the letter C in the auxiliary mark. The townmark has no surrounding lines of any sort. As far as we can learn, this is the earliest use of a cancelling machine anywhere, and quite reverses data previously furnished us that this machine was tried out in 1879, or 1878. Leavitt's patents of 1877 are for improvements on his earlier machines, and 1876 would be just about right for a first trial. Then again, maybe we're wrong. The official installation of cancel machines was in Boston in 1884, when four machines were placed in use, and copies of these are frequ seen.

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AIR MAIL DEPT.

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necessary. Don't forget, however, it will require 17½c postage for any ers you may send, and 18c for any Air Mail envelopes (which includes age) you may want. Dedication d April 6th.

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Mr. Judson Knappen sends in a of stuff relative to the pending C and South American route. The papers of Chile are very fav toward the route, and are activel tending their Air Mail service in to give full coöperation. Presiden nez, of Chile, is highly interested venture.

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Who slipped? Or is this just a paper story? Clipping from Washi states that "a 48-hour Air Mail s from Calexico, Calif., to Mexico was inaugurated on Feb. 8th"!

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Lt. Charles R. Smith sends in a ping from the Portland *Oregonian* recent date in which confirmation projected Portland-Pasco route see sured. The item states that Mr. has assured the Portland C. of the inauguration of the service this mer. Lieut. Smith also writes th beacon survey has been complete there should not be any great de starting the service. Further ann ment will be made as soon as available.

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Coöperators were wide awake th week. Lots of news came in aft Edwin Gold, Lieut. Charles R. Judson Knappen, Miss Anna M. S C. A. Forster, Ray Blumenthal, M Debban, Father Placid, Benj. C Otis McClain, Burton N. Gates Weston, Harry Leonard, C. J. M J. H. Jost, Lester Marmorstein, Herget, Elton Manuel, Otto Wei and R. S. Carter. Not a star this which indicates that there certain Nothing Doing!

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Tampa, Fla., Air Meet covers, nice cachet, broke the stillness j we close for the week. Covers mailed out on the 21st and 22n Meet lasting for these two days Official, of course, but nice cove the same!

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THE STAMP AND THE CHILD

A Solemnocholy Article

By H. BEDFORD-JONES.

do not know much about stamps or ldren, either one, I find, I have a good ny stamps, three children of my own, some acquaintance with other chil-n; and having endeavored to inculcate younger generation with what a Hel-ic gentleman in the *Echo* rightly calls ilotely, I find certain concrete prob-is which may be of interest to others. iat I have to say applies only to chil-n under twelve; those above constitute entirely different class.

Getting the collection started, seems be a general problem—that is, discov-ng if the child has a philatelic interest not. The temptation is to provide the ior collector with an album, and a usand-variety packet, and let nature e its course. I find this the worst ssible beginning, strange to say, for y simple reasons. The huge packet of mps requires a deal of sorting, which s up an enormous amount of time npared to the hinged and placed re-t. The finished product is too hard attain. Also, each inroad on the mass ms to have so little effect that the ld is discouraged. Here is a huge ntity of stamps to be worked over—l there are so many other things to do the world!

The response that the stamps can be ed out does not suffice. The business sorting out stamps is not to the taste the beginning junior by a long shot. ving discovered this, I tried other peals.

First the financial appeal—supplying junior album with good stamps, em-asizing their value. This was a flat lure, of course, for a child cannot vis-ize values in terms of dollars and nts, and likes what he likes regardless money worth; just as the ten-cent re doll may have more appeal than ten-dollar beauty.

What met with more success, was the taining of a special album. I tried the um for China, produced in that coun-and sold here by Mr. Klein. Some-iat to my surprise, it worked out cellently. The notes on each issue, with ir quaint touches of Chinese English, re read and studied, provoked an eager-ss to learn, and the collection is going ng swimmingly.

From much failure, certain suggestions ve been evolved. There are children, course, who simply do not care for mp-collecting, but they are rare. How r the matter will go eventually, lies th the child himself; but the interest n usually be awakened—if gone about the right manner. To find the man-r, in each case, is the difficulty. In my vn case, the chance remark of a junior owed the way and evolved the follow-g suggestions.

The gift of the 1915 Victoria Falls set Rhodesia had apparently passed with-t any particular interest, until the young vner began to crow over the others: Huh! Niagara ain't the biggest falls in the world! I learned better at school, and I got pictures of 'em too!"

So there we had it. From experience, therefore, I would suggest:

A Junior Album, or else a specialized album, depending on the person and the interest. As, for example, the son of a Japanese truck-farmer and a damsel of the Golden State would no doubt find his interest in the stamps of Japan. With this, hinges and the way to use them; and no big variety packet.

Instead, let the stamps come in driblets. A set here and a set there; pictorials, commemoratives, what you like. Try and strike the individual interest first of all—that's the prime requisite. The prize of a stamp set for school work, for cleaning the walks, for anything at all; connect the Nyassa Triangles with some other achievement, for example, and the junior's mind is awakened. I find the junior cannot be plunged *in medias res;* philately itself is so unconnected with other things of his world, that the connection must be established. For example, I am ordering today a lot of the Pro Juventute Swiss issues—not for myself, but to use in this manner.

These remarks, remember, apply to children under twelve—to the formative instinct. Most collectors who have children are apt to mistake the child's mind for their own; but juniors must grow into collectors. They do not view a collection as the *paterfamalias* does. To him, perforation and watermark and error mean much; to them, the world is vast, and they can pause only for the highlights. Age alone can condescend to minor varieties, for which spectacles are needed.

If *Paterfamilias* can give a little time to the business, too, he can deftly make the junior connect up this or that set with school-work. Especially where American history is being taught—here the thing is obvious. What the educational authorities of this country call "social studies"—we used to call it Geography—is an equally obvious field. A few questions of a Sunday night, a stamp or a set that fits into the work—and the connection is established. Personally, I find that this connection is everything, and that it is all too easy to short-circuit the individual battery without it.

Naturally, editors of a stamp journal have quantities of stamps to give away free. Now, it seems to me that our benevolent MEKEEL'S editor might well give away some of the stacks and stacks of stamps he does not know what to do with, by offering them as prizes on his Junior page—prizes for the younger juniors. Not as prizes for the best collection, nor for how much is known about paper and engraving and errors; but as prizes for "Why I Collect" or "Why I Like Stamp Collecting."

The prizes may be as worthless as the Nyassa Triangles; that's not the point at all. The reaction is two-fold. Youngsters all over the country are moved to tell the editor a lot they won't tell or can't tell anyone else—they get it down in written words, and so they find it out for themselves, and we all learn. Second, imagine a kid here and another kid there pointing with pride to the fine set MEKEEL'S sent them as a prize. The appreciation from somebody viewing it; the fact that *their* notions actually won a prize; there it is, right on view.

Well, it might be a fine thing or it might not. It might be carried farther, with a whole list of first prizes offered by famous collectors. "Set of 1847 in blocks offered by Mr. Hinds." "Set of Patriotic Envelopes offered by Mr. Brooks." "Set of U. S. 1869 mint offered by Mr. Ashbrook," and so forth. There's intimate contact!

THE DUTY ON USED STAMPS

During the tariff hearings now going on, an effort will be made to persuade the committee to recommend a repeal of the duty on United States cancelled postage stamps.

Perhaps it ought not to be repealed, as one of the few delightful things about the present tariff schedules. That it is one of the few is because it does not seem to be a result arrived at by any of the conventional tariff logic and its existence might be unsuspected even by those most permeated by the protective economic doctrine. Foreign postage stamps, whether used or unused, are admitted free. Unused United States stamps are also admitted free, just as a $1 or a $10 bill would be admitted free. Why, then, are cancelled United States stamps taxed?

Under the analogy of other domestic products that are exported and then brought into the country again, they would be on the free list. A duty does nothing toward equalizing differences between production costs at home and abroad nor to protect the toiling American worker against the more or less indigent labor in foreign parts.

A matter of interpretation explains the curious tax, which also explains more things remote from congressional intent and economic theories than may be suspected in practical custom-house routine. The used stamps thus imported are stamps to which rarity gives a putative value greater than their uncancelled face value—often extravagantly greater. Ruling soundly that uncancelled stamps are not goods, wares or merchandise within the meaning of the act, an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury once held that they became something else after being cancelled. They are then "printed matter," dutiable at the rate of 25 per cent of what they might bring in the foreign curio markets, which may be cited as a great triumph in official reasoning. Even to admit, duty-free, foreign collections for exhibition purposes only requires the adjustment of much red tape.

Not even any claim is made that American stamp dealers are protected against a "dumping" of stamps by dealers in other countries, and it is not a source of more than a few dollars in revenue. If the request for its abandonment made by philatelists and their organized bodies, and by stamp dealers is unheeded, stamp collectors among the country's Boy Scouts might be turned loose on the committee.—St. Louis *Globe-Democrat.*

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Among philatelists the White collection has been known for several years as the finest of its kind. While consisting of only about 600 envelopes, chiefly of the Civil War period, all of them bearing patriotic emblems, the feature of the collection is that a large proportion of the envelopes were addressed to foreign countries, and so contain postage stamps of the 1861 issue of the higher denominations. Several contain the 24-cent stamp and one has the value of the rare August, 1861, issue, the design being slightly changed the following month. There also are a number of the 5- and 10-cent values, some envelopes having pairs.

Mr. White's collection was exhibited in the international stamp show in this city in 1926, and won the gold medal in its class.

Judge Emerson has been well-known in the philatelic world for many years, and his collection of United States stamps is one of the most valuable in this country. He also has a very choice general collection of foreign stamps. Within recent years he has devoted considerable attention to the postal-used patriotic envelopes of the Civil War period, and, with the addition of the White collection, his collection of patriotics, in respect to rarities and value, ranks superior to all others in the United States.—New York *Times*.

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United States

New "Vincennes" Stamp

The new 2c red and black postage stamp, issued to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the George Rogers Clark Revolutionary activities, was placed on sale, as per our previous announcement, in Vincennes, Indiana, on Monday, February 25th. We learn that upward of 350,000 first-day covers were sent out, the largest quantity ever sent out before from one point at one time. Previous announcements that have been made to the effect that the stamps were to have been placed on sale elsewhere, in Virginia, on the first day are erroneous, as the stamp was placed on sale at no other place on February 25th other than the Vincennes post office.

The new stamp, without the slightest doubt, is one of the most attractive that has ever been issued by our post office department, and it is comparable with the finest issued by other countries. Nothing but the highest praise has been heard on all sides, and the engraved center is set off to great advantage by the border, which in this case, is much deeper than found on our other bi-colored issues. The stamp will undoubtedly attract attention and create interest among the non-philatelic public, and will possibly result in many new collectors. A detailed description of the new omission has been previously furnished, so that repetition is unnecessary. By the time these notes are read, the stamps will be on sale throughout the country, but if your post office has not made a requisition for them, they may be ordered from the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington. It is suggested in ordering these stamps, that the letter call for the one variety alone, which will facilitate the handling of the order. The outgoing administration may well be pleased with the last of the Coolidge varieties, and it is to be hoped that the new Postmaster General will be as considerate of the philatelists as has the retiring gentleman. We wish to thank Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman and Mr. W. Austin Amory for first-day covers.

1879, 10c Secret Marks

Those who have studied the 10c Jefferson bank note issues, have noted that the soft paper American print of 1879 is found both with and without the secret mark. Pairs are obtainable showing the two varieties, so that we know they are printed from the same plate. If one will glance over a number of copies, he will note a third variety, showing a small mark, which can be considered neither the without secret mark or the with secret mark, but is an in-between variety worthy of collecting. It is of interest to note that the 1880 soft paper special print is of this type, or rather those which have been inspected recently, show the faint marking. It is quite possible that the special print may exist in the other two types. The two main varieties should certainly be listed in the next specialized catalogue, and it would not be a bad idea to list the third one.

More New Envelopes

Through the courtesy of Mr. P. R. Crooker, we are enabled to list a number of new envelopes made under the new 1929 contract showing the new watermark. They are all, of course, of the round die type.

	Die.	*On:*	*Size.*		*Wmk.*	
1c	A	White	13	L. B.	30	
1c	C	Blue	5	H. B.	28	
2c	A	White	5	L. B.	30	Window
2c	A	White	7	H. B.	28	
2c	A	Blue	7	H. B.	28	
2c	A	White	8	H. B.	28	
2c	A	White	8	H. B.	30	
2c	A	Blue	8	H. B.	28	
2c	A	Blue	8	L. B.	28	Window
2c	H	White	8	H. B.	29	
2c	A	White	13	H. B.	28	
2c	A	White	13	L. B.	28	
2c	A	White	13	L. B.	28	Window
2c	H	White	13	H. B.	30	

Austria.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 31 groschen postage due stamp Type D11 in dark blue.

Canada.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 8c blue, in the new King's Head design, same as the 1c and 2c mentioned some time ago. The perforation is 12.

Dominica.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 6p in the two medallion design in a pale lilac rose and black. Mr. R. Roberts notes that this is a very distinct change of color.

French Guiana.—Copies of a new series of stamps has been sent to us by Mr. R. Roberts, and are of three designs, viz., type "a" being upright format and picturing a native bowman, type "b" is oblong in shape and features a native canoe, while the third type "c" is a view of a Government building. Values and shades are 1c purple, 2c red and green, 4c brown and mauve, 5c slate green, 10c mauve and brown, 15c yellow-brown and orange, 20c blue and pea green, 25c red and brown, all in the first type; 30c green, 40c red-brown and grey, 45c gre and brown, 50c blue and grey, 65c p red and green, 75c deep blue, 90c c mine and vermilion, 1fr mauve a brown, design of type "b". The oth values are all in the last mentioned sign, 1fr05c vermilion and pea gre 1fr10c brown and mauve, 1fr50c da and pale blue, 2fr slate green and ro 3fr dark red and mauve, 5fr violet a pale green, 10fr brown and deep bl 20fr deep blue and pale red. This i most unattractive series, and as our c respondent writes "ghastly designs a outrageous mixture of colors."

Guatemala.—Whitfield King & C advises that they have received, in ad tion to those values noted in issue 1988, the 25c orange-brown, 30c gre 50c rose and 1 quetzal black.

Leeward Islands.—Mr. R. Robe informs us that the 1p rose (reversio quite a distinct color from the origi carmine-red, and the 1½p yellow-bro have been issued.

Maderia.—A very handsome set engraved stamps of a new type w overprinted value in black has b shown us by Mr. R. Roberts. The star are perf. 13½ with no watermark, are of the following values and shad 3c purple, 4c orange, 5c pale blue, brown, 10c vermilion, 15c green, red-brown, 25c mauve, 32c blue-gr 40c bistre brown, 50c slate, 64c peac blue, 80c sepia, 96c bright rose, 1E gr black, 1E 20c pale rose, 1E 60c blue, 40c bright yellow, 3E 36c olive-gr 4E 50c terracotta, 7E deep blue.

Italy.—The 15c orange and 35c g in the type of the 7½c brown and bright violet noted last week have b received from Mr. R. Roberts.

Persia.—Mr. R. Y. Mottahedeh vises that a new 2 Kran stamp has b issued. It is in rose, with portrait Reza Shah, and similar to the one K No. 733.

Paraguay.—Information has b received from Mr. R. Roberts and Wh field King & Co. regarding a provisio Air Mail issue. The 5c dull purple ficial stamp has been surcharged "Co Aereo Habilitado en $2.85", while 10c green of the same issue bears same surcharge, but of "$5.65" va and the 50c bright rose of the same has been overprinted in like manner wi "$11.30" value. Mr. Roberts adv that the permanent set of three Parag Air Mails not being ready, the a three stamps were issued on the firs January, just before the inauguratio the route from Asuncion to Buenos A

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WHAT CAN THE POOR MAN DO?

By GERARD GERARDZOON.

Said Bill Bloss, some months ago: "One of the Brethren was inspired to write us, after reading our first article in this department, urging general collecting for the average collector in preference to intensive specialism. Brother C. asks how we figure he can collect the world, when he cannot afford to complete his U. S." And then Bill gave us two pages about different kinds of general collections—good stuff.

Now I happen to be one of those chappies who cawn't afford more than about ten dollars a month on stamps, don'tcherknow. I've a family and a flivver to support; besides, I have the wife's collection to finance—got to make her share of the income big enough so she can buy a fancy precancel whenever Allen or Hoover or Rotnem offers one that she likes. So ten dollars a month is about all I can get for stamps and stamp-society memberships, besides two or three stamp journals, a catalogue or two, hinges, albums, etc. And yet I vow there is hardly a collector I know who is having more fun than I am out of collecting.

Therefore, I know it can be done. The poor man can do it; for philatelically I am dern poor and philatelically I am having a tremendously good time. I quite agree with Bill, part way. I combine intensive specializing with some sorts of general collecting.

Bill doesn't mention one of the most fascinating specialized collections possible: interprovincials. There was an article in MEKEEL'S on them about the end of 1924; it went into the matter very thoroughly. Interprovincials are nothing more or less than the old stamps of the various divisions used when a number of states or colonies consolidate. For example, after 1900, and till the first issue of the Australian Commonwealth came out, the stamps of all the colonies that preceded this kingdom were used through the new country. New South Wales stamps with Victoria cancellations, Western Australias cancelled in Victoria, and the like, all occur. The low-value stamps are more common as interprovincials, in all countries, than are the higher ones. A dollar's worth of wholesale stuff of the last issue of any Australian colony is apt to yield a month's fun in tracing interprovincials. I now go so far as to want the date—at least the year date—for any interprovincial. It is interesting to see how the various interprovincials within a country go in and out of use. In of South Africa, for example, Natal stamps used in Cape and Transvaal vanish suddenly along in 1912; Cape of Good Hopes as interprovincials are mostly 1911; but Transvaals increase right to the end of the interprovincial period.

Canada from 1869; Germany after 1870; various British West Indies as reversed interprovincials; Australia; South Africa; these are some of the interprovincial-producing countries.

I go a bit further than most persons would. I take interprovincial cut-square envelopes and wrappers, and interprovincial entire postcards and letter cards. Yes; I even take an interprovincial revenue when it comes my way. So I really make a pretty general collection out of what might be a specialty.

Right in my home town is a collector who has cultivated a specialty that makes little call on money, but that runs into the thousands of stamps. He collects European precancels: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and France.

My own really general collection has cost me mighty little, for it is of the things that most collectors despise. I collect stamped envelopes and wrappers from all countries except the U. S. I grab entires when I can get them; but I get mostly cut-squares. There is one auction dealer that has one lot of these, and often several, in every sale; and many of these come my way for very little money.

Recently I have started collecting automobile stamps. I take every kind of motor vehicle except airplanes. There are not many of these stamps, but some are certainly hard to find. Just try to get the motorcycle stamp, Dominican Republic No. 303 (302 is easy enough).

If anyone wants fun for little money, let him try to get the British colonials marked "Postage" only, used as revenues. They exist, I mean those inscribed or surcharged "Postage." Try to get Natal No. 76 in revenue use, for example. I've seen this one.

As a philatelically poor man, I save money on albums. I don't own a printed album; I don't even use the "Daisy," which is inexpensive and good. I buy black spring-back binders, for 8½x11 typewriter paper, at 75 cents to $1.15 a time, and buy typewriter paper, a good, thick, firm, bond paper, for the pages. To prevent bulging, I fasten a strip of cardboard about half an inch wide to the left edge of every ninth or tenth page. Thus I get a nice album for $1.50. I usually rule a few light pencil lines on each page as I make it up, to guide me in getting the stamps into line.

Yes: There is plenty that the poor man can do. But you'll ask how the ordinary poor man can get to know about the various cancellations. That's easy. I write to the U. S. Dept. of Commerce, and find out where there is a trade commissioner of the country I am interested in. Then I inquire of this trade commissioner as to how to get a postal guide of the country. With the guide on hand, I can find out what province an interprovincial belongs to, simply by consulting the list of post-offices. The state, province, or division is always given in the postal guides. These guides cost a quarter to a dollar each, delivered to me; once in a while I get one free.—*American Philatelist.*

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The following is from the *Stourbridge and County Express:* A CURIOSITY.—The stamp-collecting mania is still extending. A correspondent informs us that a New Zealand postage stamp was found in the stomach of a mackerel, the other day, by a resident at High Street, Lye, when the fish was being prepared for dinner. The stamp plainly bore the Auckland postmark. We always knew that the finny tribe collected all manner of odds and ends, from Jonah downwards, but turning stamp collector must be a new departure, even for a mackerel.

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By GEORGE ELIOT HOEFT.

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It is true that the commonplace red 2c stamps, which most of our mail bears, is dull and lacks variety, but on parcels there are likely to be stamps of higher denominations and they are interesting. The most unusual and interesting postage stamps, though, are the ones which are specially issued in limited quantities from time to time, and known as commemoratives.

A commemorative issue of postage stamps differs from an ordinary issue in that it is intended to serve a twofold purpose; to prepay postage and to publicly commemorate an event of national importance or interest. The issue is specially authorized by act of Congress, and is intended to be but temporary, that is, only one uninterrupted printing is made (usually), and when the stamps are all sold, that is the end of it, no more stamps are made. They do not replace the regular stamps of like value, but are sold at post offices concurrently. It is an effective, inexpensive and pleasant method of attracting, and for a time, holding wide-spread public attention. To December, 1928, our Post Office Department issued 27 sets consisting of 73 adhesive stamps and 5 stamped envelopes.

The first commemorative is the Columbian issue of 1893, consisting of 16 values, 1c to 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 50c, $1.00 to $5.00. It was intended to issue the set in 1892, when the World Fair at Chicago had been scheduled to open, but the fair was delayed until the next year, and so the stamps also were not issued until January, 1893, although the date 1892 appears on them. Most of the pictures on the stamps are self-explanatory; they portray events connected with Columbus' discovery of America in 1492, which the issue commemorates. The 1c shows in the center medallion, Columbus on the deck of his ship, and in the lower corners an Indian woman and man. The 2c shows the landing of Columbus. The 4c shows the complete fleet of ships, Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta. The 3c shows the Santa Maria, Columbus flag ship. The 5c shows Columbus asking Queen Isabella of Spain for aid. The 6c shows him welcomed at Barcelona upon his return and is copied from one of the beautiful bronze doors of the Capitol. The 8c shows Columbus restored to favor with Ferdinand and Isabella after his suffering under the malicious attacks of enemies. The 10c shows the presentation of American Indians at the Spanish court. The 15c shows Columbus announcing his discovery to the king and queen. The other denominations show various scenes related to the voyage of discovery.

The idea is rather over done as there are too many denominations; values higher than the 10c were little used. Then, to make sure there wasn't anything missing, four stamped envelopes were included, 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c. These are in different colors, but of like design; a circle bearing embossed heads of Columbus and "Liberty." As this is the first issue of its kind, errors due to inexperience can be pardoned. The set is unique in several respects; it contains the first U. S. postage stamps to bear a picture of a ship, an American Indian, a woman and a foreigner.

The next special issue appeared in 1898 during the fair at Omaha, Nebraska, and commemorates the discovery of the Mississippi, settlement and development of the West, discovery of gold, etc. The pictures well illustrate the theme, showing an old "prairie schooner," Marquette on the Mississippi, hunting bison, etc. It is a pictorially interesting and beautiful set of stamps of rather large size, consisting of 9 values, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 50c, $1.00, $2.00.

In 1901, when the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., opened, there was issued a set of stamps to commemorate the development and perfection of transportation at that time. On the 1c is a picture of a Great Lake steamship. The 2c shows the "Empire State Express" railroad train. The 4c shows an electric automobile of that day. The 5c shows the railroad bridge over the river at Niagara Falls. The 8c shows one of the locks of the Sault St. Marie Canal at Duluth. The 10c shows an Atlantic Ocean steamship. These stamps are printed in two colors; the central picture black and the border in the color of the corresponding denomination of the ordinary issue.

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In April, 1907, to celebrate the beginning of English colonization of North America in 1607 at Jamestown, Va., there was issued a special set of three stamps. The 1c has a picture of Capt. John Smith. The 2c shows the landing of the settlers. The 5c shows Pocahontas, who saved Smith from death at the hands of the Indians.

In 1909, three issues of commemorative stamps appeared. First (on February 12th) the Lincoln, for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The stamps bear the head of Lincoln and is considered an excellent likeness. Also the date, February 12, 1809, is shown, and this is the first time a full date appears on a U. S. stamp. Also it is the first commemorative stamp to be issued in unperforated sheets, which are used for making coils to be used in mailing machines.

The "Alaska-Yukon-Pacific" stamp commemorates the acquisition of Alaska, the subsequent development of the Yukon territory and its connection with the Pacific coast mainland by navigation. W. H. Seward, as Secretary of State, whose picture is shown, was the chief official negotiating the purchase from Russia for $7,200,000.00.

The "Hudson-Fulton" stamps commemorate two important events, the discovery of the Hudson River by Hendrick Hudson in 1607, and the settlement of New Amsterdam (later New York) by the Dutch in 1614, and the beginning of the mechanical navigation of water as signalled by Robert Fulton's steamboat "Clermont" traveling up the Hudson from New York to Albany in 1809. The picture shows the replicas of the "Clermont" and Hudson's "Half Moon" on the Hudson River during one of the river parades, with which New York celebrated the events. Both the "Alaska-Yukon-Pacific," and "Hudson-Fulton" stamps also were issued imperforate.

In 1912, the "Panama-Pacific" stamps were issued. They were in use intermittently for three years, and more than one printing was made. The issue commemorates the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa in 1513, settlement of San Francisco, and also the construction of the Panama Canal and its opening in 1910. The 1c has a central medallion with picture of Balboa. The 2c shows one of the locks of the canal. The 5c has a picture of sunset at Golden Gate harbor in San Francisco. The 10c depicts a group of early settlers on a hill overlooking the bay. The World Fair at San Francisco was held in 1915, and the date and name appear on the stamps.

Not until 1919 was the next commemorative stamp issued, an intermission of seven years, the longest interval since the beginning of special issues. The World War ended on November 11, 1918, and during the next year many of the countries of the Allies celebrated the victory by means of a postage stamp or stamps. Newfoundland issued a special set of 12 values. The United States, on March 3rd, brought out one commemorative stamp, the 3c "Victory". The denomination 3c was chosen because that was the current single letter rate of postage, consequently, the one most used by the public. The design is a female figure symbolizing "victory" surrounded by flags. In this picture the U. S. flag is shown for the first time accompanied by foreign flags, those of Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium. It is the first U. S. Postage stamp to have an allegorical human figure as the central theme of the design.

Everyone knows of the arrival of the ship "Mayflower," at Plymouth, Mass., on December 20, 1620, bearing the "Pilgrims," the English Protestant Christians, the first settlers of northern New England. The 1c bears a picture of the ship. The 2c shows the landing of a group of pilgrims from a rowboat, and the 5c bears a picture copied from the well-known "Signing of the Mayflower Compact." The design shows the English Mayflower, or hawthorn blossom at one side, and the American Mayflower, or "trailing arbutus" at the other side. The design is unique in that there is no indication of what the pieces of printed paper are to be used for, nor who issued them; they might be souvenir seals or advertising labels. The letters "U. S." are not used, nor the word "postage." It is undetermined whether the important omission was not noticed by the Post Office Department Officials, who decided upon the design, thereby making it an error, or if it was known and officially approved. In either case, the omission is wrong and they are the first U. S. stamps to lack proper information.

The special issue of September 1, 1923, was a single stamp commemorating an event characterized by sorrow; the death of President Harding on August 2nd. It is the 2c denomination, black in color, and bears his portrait. An enormous quantity were printed, and for several weeks mail of all kinds bore this stamp, so that throughout the U. S., and even in other countries, many people saw it. The capacity of the printing bureau was strained to the utmost to deliver the large quantity of stamps, and both the flat-bed press and rotary press were used. It was also issued in unperforated sheets.

The Huguenot-Walloon issue appeared on May 1, 1924, commemorating the arrival in America, in May, 1624, of one of the first groups of Protestants from France and Belgium, who had wearied of religious persecution and sought ea and freedom in the new land of Am The ship, "New Netherland," show the 1c carried about thirty famili Walloons from the southwestern pa Belgium, and Huguenots from the n eastern part of France, under Jes Forest. Most of the colonists sail the Hudson and settled Fort O (Albany, N. Y.), and their arri portrayed on the 2c. A settlement Laudoniere was started in 1562, i vicinity of the present Mayport, Fl and the 5c bears a picture of the monument now marking the site. N all of the settlements started b Huguenots and Walloons died out there remains only one which has th tinctiveness of the original name: Rochelle, N. Y. This city was fo in 1689 by Huguenots from La Roc France.

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This cover, franked with 2c, 10c and 20c Canadian stamps, was posted at St. John, N. B., Jan. 31, and flown from that city to Montreal on the first westbound plane opening special temporary air mail service over the Canadian Maritime Provinces. It bears a notation, "Via Air Mail St. John-Montreal, U. S. Air Mail via New York-Atlanta-Miami, Fla." Stamps were cancelled at 11 a. m., Jan. 31, and the neat first flight cachet used at St. John post office was applied on both the face and back. It was hand backstamped in Montreal at 6 p. m., Jan. 31.

At Miami the special first flight cachet designed for F.A.M. 5 was applied in black to face of the cover, but in such way as not to overlap the Canadian cachet. It was machine backstamped at Cristobal, C. Z., 4.30 p. m., Feb. 6.

The envelope bears no U. S. stamps. The cover was evidently flown the entire distance—somewhere around 4,000 miles. Considering weather conditions prevailing, and the hazards necessarily encountered in the air mails, together with unavoidable delays at Montreal, and possibly New York, it is indeed surprising this cover succeeded in making the Miami-Cristobal plane for the margin of time at best could not have been long.

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By BEACH CONGER, JR.

Recently Orla B. Taylor gave a collection of autographs of Napoleon, his marshals, generals and cabinet to the University of Michigan Library. I was looking these over the other day and noticed several interesting postmarks. Unfortunately most of the letters were face up, and the cancellations on the reverse invisible. But I will describe a few of the letters that I was able to see.

The first one was an epistle from General Bertrand, at St. Pierre, Martinique, to Captain Bunberg, Barbados. The letter is dated March 7, 1843, and postmarked Fort Royal. Evidently the St. Pierre station had no post office.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Vallancey ress, 15 St. Bride St., London, E. C. 4, ngland, a book on "The Colonial Postal ystems of Vancouver Island and Brit-h Columbia, 1849-1871." Collectors ho are interested in the stamps of this lony will find much useful information this little booklet. It covers the origin d development of the postal service on e Pacific Coast, and there are chapters aling with the early days, the postal dministration, stamps for the combined lonies, and the separate stamps for ch colony. The price of the booklet is c.

The publisher of *Die Postmarke*, a bi-onthly stamp paper of Vienna, Austria, as favored us with a copy of pamphlet o. 9, of a series of publications on pecialized collections of postmarks, per-aining to members of the Austrian Phi-telists' Club, Vienna. The number efore us deals with the postmarks of the ormer kingdom of Naples, by Eng. Vin-nso Vittozzi, translated into German r Dr. Rudolf Mendl.

Not being sufficiently familiar with the nguage in which the pamphlet is print-d, we can only surmise from the richly ustrated work that it is the result of deep and far-reaching study of this rticular side-line of philately, and do ot hesitate to recommend it to all col-ctors who specialize in the stamps of he former Italian Kingdom. The book ill be sent against a remittance of 36c the above mentioned publisher, at No. Kolingasse, Wien IX, Austria.

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JAMAICAN 1 1-2d 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The new 1½d Jamaican Postage and Revenue stamp, in the Cayman Islands design (notified in the *Crown Agents Bulletin* of October-December, 1928, as having been dispatched) was announced for issue on January 18th, in the *Jamaica Gazette* of January 17, 1929.

"Stamp Office, KINGSTON,
10th January, 1929.

The following is a description of a penny halfpenny Postage and Revenue stamp which will be put into circulation on 18th January, 1929.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a profile of King George the Fifth, on a ground of horizontal lines, in a rectangular frame, surmounted by a Crown, on each side of which the denomination, 1½d, is shown.

To the left and right of the frame, respectively, impinging on labels, are the words 'Postage', 'Revenue,' and under the rectangular frame, 'Jamaica'.

The colour of the stamp is brown, printed on white script Watermarked paper.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The stamps were line engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London, on multiple Crown and script CA paper, comb perforated 14, in sheets of 120, divided into two panes of 60 each (6 x 10), with a narrow margin between the panes. There is no marginal line, inscription, or plate number, but "T" marks appear in all four margins (for aid in perforating), in the upper margin between the 3rd and 4th stamps of each pane, and above the narrow gutter separating the panes; in corresponding positions in the lower margin; and in the side margins between the 5th and 6th horizontal rows.

The stamp design measures 18 x 22mm, with the head of King George V, facing the left, within a vertical rectangle, on a horizontally lined ground. At the top is a Crown, and on octagonal tablets in the upper corners, the denomination "1½d" in colorless. "Jamaica" in large colorless caps appears at the bottom. Scroll work at the sides, and the word "Postage" at the left, and "Revenue" at the right, complete the design.

Jan. 18, 1929. King George V (Cayman Islands design). Line engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perforated comb 14.
1½d brown.

1½d Nyasaland Type, July 13, 1916

On March 30, 1916, Sir W. H. Manning, Governor of Jamaica, assented to a bill, which thereupon became Law No. 8 of 1916, Post Office (War Tax) Law of 1916, by which a special war tax of ½d was imposed, from 1st April, 1916, on all inland letters, and those "addressed to the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's Colonies or Dominions."

As there was great need for 1½d stamps for the combined letter and war tax rate, the Crown Agents were cabled to dispatch a supply of this denomination, at the earliest opportunity. These were printed in brown-orange, from the Nyasaland King George V keyplate, No. 1, in sheets of 240 stamps, four panes of sixty each, and issued on July 13, 1916. On September 1, 1916, the stamp appeared with the overprint, WAR STAMP, in two lines of small 6-point caps, locally applied; and in March, 1917, with the overprint in larger, 8-point caps. In all 48,157 sheets (11,557,680 stamps) were dispatched to Jamaica, the greater proportion of which was overprinted locally.

1½d Contingent Embarking, July 4, 1919

Late in 1917, consideration was given by the Colonial authorities to replacing the 1½d Nyasaland type stamp with one showing the departure of the first Jamaican contingent for service across seas. This was suggested by Mr. Ellis Wolfe, Postmaster for Jamaica, and was probably inspired by the 1½d brown-orange, of New Zealand, issued in February, 1901, to mark in a philatelic way, the sending of a local contingent to the South Africa war area. Much difficulty attended the adapting of the photograph of the departure of the first Jamaican contingent to a stamp design, and although the Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, under date of July 24, 1918, advised that "a new series of 1½d war stamp is in contemplation," the stamp was not issued until July 4, 1919, (having been announced in the *Gazette* of July 3, 1919).

The vignette shows a portion of the troop-crowded decks of the transport "Verdala," in Kingston harbor, on Nov. 9, 1915, on which the first contingents from British Honduras, Bahamas and Jamaica, were conveyed to England.

The first and second consignments sent out in 1919 were from a plate without number; that received in November, 1919, from plates 1, 2 and 3, and the unnumbered plate, while the March, 1920, receipt contained sheets from these four plates, and in addition, plate 4. All these were on Roman CA watermarked paper, a total of 7,975,160 stamps.

In December, 1921, the Crown Agents advised that "The execution of the order for 1½d Postage and Revenue stamps has required the manufacture and use of the following additional plates: Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12". In June, 1922, another printing was made from the 13 plates in hand, and two new ones, 13 and 14. The script CA variety was first issued Feb. 2, 1921.

Due to the large size of the stamp, 42x22mm, the line engraved plates bore only 40 subjects, and the expense incident to the manufacture of these, and printing the large quantities required for inland and British Empire mails, was so great that in each year the estimate for stamp supplies was greatly exceeded. Consideration was being given to a stamp of smaller size, and in a different design, when on August 2, 1923, the inland letter rate, after much opposition from the Government members in the Legislative Council, was reduced from 1½d to 1d. The letter rate to the British Empire, however, remained unchanged, 1½d.

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demand, no additional supplies were ordered. Due to the slow moving of this stock, it was found towards the end of 1927, that a large portion of it had become affected by dampness, and was rendered unfit for use. Accordingly, in January, 1928, 351,720 were destroyed in the furnaces of the Kingston & St. Andrew Corp. pumping station, and those remaining (380,000) were re-issued in February, 1928, after having been off sale for the three months preceding.

Inland and International Mail Service, 1926-1927

The following tabulation shows the movement of local mails, in 1926 and 1927, and gives a good idea of just how the demand for 1½d stamps fell off when the local letter rate was reduced from 1½d to 1d on August 2, 1923.

	1926	*1927*
Letters, ordinary	8,951,629	9,060,850
" official	1,230,640	1,229,500
" registered	536,933	558,840
Post cards	261,757	259,480
	11,080,959	11,108,670

It is estimated that the letter carriers in Kingston took out 2,084,836 letters for delivery, in 1927, an increase over 1926, of 424,398.

The cost of inland mail conveyance was £22516, which is £101 in excess of the figure for 1926.

During 1927, 2,822 mails were received from abroad, and 1,755 dispatched. The amount paid to the shipping companies for conveyance of mails from Jamaica was £3877, and the sum of £1347 was paid to the postal authorities of the United Kingdom, and U. S. A., for mail in transit through those countries. The United Fruit Co., Elders & Fyffes, Ltd., the Atlantic Fruit Co., and the Canadian Gov't Merchant Marine were the principal transporters of mail.

International Mails

	1926	
	Received.	*Dispatched*
Letters, ordinary,	3,860,003	1,431,437
" official	1,860	1,250
" registered	143,140	101,067
Post cards	86,340	118,306
Insured letters	60	67
	4,091,403	1,652,127
	1927	
	Received.	*Dispatched*
Letters, ordinary	3,952,000	1,443,895
" official	1,904	1,310
" registered	131,672	104,189
Post cards	85,860	145,978
Insured letters	70	72
	4,171,506	1,695,444

Sevard's Twinkles

Recently we visited Detroit to sell our tool room perfection to automobile manufacturers. One manufacturer of a low priced car wanted us to keep wrist pins to a half thousandth, whereas the manufacturer of a very high priced car said .002 was sufficient for his pins. We traveled back and forth, and dealt in thousandths of an inch as if we ever saw a thousandth or could even feel it, except thru a micrometer. We were talking in terms of comparison about something that creates a cumulative or a compensating error. When you see the insides of a motor car, the bar steel, the SAE properties, the specifications, the cutting speeds, the tool room needs, you realize that there's a lot of talk about body beauty, Grecian lines, a good name, dynamic potentiality that is mere twaddle. This one has drilled holes, that one, reamed seats; another has drop forgings, the other, malleables; one laps by hand, another, hones. After it all, we came back with orders for the high priced car, where we could wobble the wrist pin to .002, but the low priced car we had to give up, we couldn't find the .0005 man.

If we ride in the high priced car, we are swank, prosperous, dignified, and if we ride in the low priced car, we are ordinary, common, undistinctive. A car is no better than the service you can get when you have a breakdown.

In collecting stamps, often you reach the breakdown period. You approach the disillusionment gradually, you feel it coming on, you see the cataclysm ahead. Duplicates pile up, an odd bit here, a choice rarity there, a side line stamp, a plate number, a first flight cover, a precancel, all of them, oh! every bit of them pile up and pile up in higher ascending mounds of antipathies, until you just know that house cleaning time is ahead and the bonfires are awaiting your arson. Load up your arms with priceless treasures of a yesterday, fling carelessly your former treasures upon the kindled mouse nest, and fan the conflagration to a holocaust, if it give you pleasure.

If you travel in the high priced car, your swankness is mere junk, and you hail the first motivation as a dependable method of progression. If you travel in the low price vehicle, you let it howl its lusty cries to the seven seas before you become annoyed with its wheezes, and coughs, and pulmonary distresses.

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If you collect haphazardly, sooner or later, you will reach the breakdown, you will kindle the bonfire, you will send along your collection, and your friend the stamp dealer will have to list it as a mystery lot, containing several thousands, "as is."

Perhaps this mystery lot will catalogue $400.00. But there is no perhaps about what you will get. It will be $2.00 in cold cash.

Everywhere in this good land of ours, we have friends who collect stamps. And often they write to us, succinctly with an ultimatum that we must either accept their stamps as a free gift, or else—the bonfires. In January, we have received exactly twenty of such letters, and we have purchased four of the so-called mystery lots, ranging from 60c to $2.00. Can it be true that air mail covers cataloging (?) $400.00 can go for two bucks?

THESE THREATENING BONFIRES, THESE DEATHLESS PYRES, THESE SHOWY PYROTECHNICS! ARE THEY REALLY FIRES OF DISASTER, OR ARE THEY THE FIRES OF SAINT JOHN, SO THAT I MAY BEHOLD MY LOVED ONE BEAUTEOUS IN THE LOWERING TWILIGHT OF A MOMENTOUS DAY.

Mayhap the poet had that in mind when he wrote:

He came here one bright summer's day,
To see the works which his own God
In all the years through Mary made;
The Cross in evidence of shrine,
And church, cathedral, gargoyle, too,
So built in times when all for Him
Was done, created, fashioned, thought.
He went to see our Notre Dame,
And while he stood reflecting there
Alooking at the wondrous sight,
From out the church itself there came
A matron young who glanced at him
With asking eyes and curving brows.
She halted long enough to smile,
Then turned away with sudden twist
And walked from him with swaying pace,
Yet ever turned her head to pierce
The space between with livid eyes
Of slowly falling lashey nets.
He did not follow her, but stood
A long, long time to contemplate,
And then he walked around the church
And saw a plot of ground in rear
Where many souls have gone their way
In self-destruction to forget
A moment's racing breath of Life!
Too young he was to know that Death
Is but forgetting self-made smiles.

CLEVELAND ITEMS

By P. A. FINLAYSON.

At the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club the first meeting of the month is always a business meeting that gives the members an extra hour in which to buy, sell, trade, or just talk stamps. Last meeting there were thirty present, including friend Glaze from Springfield, Mass.

The banquet committee reported everything all set for the banquet. We know that Doc Schneider ably assisted by Ham Barnum and Jim Young will give us something out of the ordinary.

H. H. Griffin is coming along nicely, expects to go to Florida this month.

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While much has been printed about issues of the South, yet the material been sketchy and widely-scattered, in main; and until now, it has suffe from a lack of cohesion. There have articles on the stamps, from the stu of Major Evans and C. B. Corwin, w ten forty years ago, to a host of isol paragraphs, all of which gave an imp to the more serious consideration that been given the stamps during the twenty years by a number of student whom their appeal has been irresist It has remained for August Dietz crystalize his sentiment for the Con erate stamps into a beautiful ter where the discriminating, and if you reverent, collector may resort at will

Through having been the recipien special opportunities for examining government archives and having had sonal contact with men who worke the actual production of the stamps, Dietz has a solid foundation of rese for his history. He has amplified m that has been the subject of discussio printed pages heretofore, and has a discoveries that have been made by self and others until he has filled pages with an exhaustive inquiry into stamps in all their phases. Then, he illustrated the pages in a most la manner with specimens of the graphi that are unapproachable in their ex tion. Next week, we shall delve into contents of the book and speak of subject-matter, although it will be a cult task to tell the story in a way patible to that of the book itself, w truly, must be seen to be appreciate

DE PINEDO BID $55.50, NOT $2.90

In our issue of March 4, in gi prices on items realized in the last bert auction sale, we erroneously st that the De Pinedo cover with the black Newfoundland stamp brought $2.90 The cover actually brought $55.50, we make this correction so that exact price may be noted by ever interested.

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AIN HITTING ON HIGH AGAIN

t of Stamps Commemorating the Barcelona Exhibition

News is at hand that the already over-e Spanish Exposition Commemoratives l now definitely appear in March. ere can be no doubt that this will be rather strong dose, appearing so soon er the issuance of the Pope and King described in No. 1987 by Hermann cke. We are called upon to again est our good money in a new specula-e issue. Alas, we know, or rather uld know from experience, that stamps ich, at first, are severely criticised and pised, are later on in great demand. Philately is a many-sided hobby. The rkman and the director-general, the iatic and the European belong to its nerents, and to gather them all around boycott flag, which in the face of multiplication of these speculative mp issues would be desirable, is an possibility.

Speaking objectively, one cannot very ll pronounce the issue in question as irely uncalled for, because a set of iking appearance, as the one under dis-ssion, will always be a most attractive vertisement of a country. What was d in 1924 for the Munich Exhibition, certainly also good for the Universal rcelona Exhibition. However, the crux the matter is that the issue will com-se no fewer than 104 stamps, repre-ting seven units and values from 1c 10 ptas. Issues of Spain 50,000 to),000 and dependencies 10,000 to 55,000. The above quantities are comparatively all if one considers that the stamps ll be on sale throughout the coming mmer at Barcelona and Seville. Very ny non-collectors of the millions of sitors will get for their friends, a set, a souvenir of the show.

A. WAGNER.

NDY'S LATEST MAIL FLIGHT

Col. Lindbergh has blazed a new inter-ional trail in his latest flight on March from Mexico City to Brownsville, x., and the return trip on the day fol-ring. He carried a heavy mail on both rs and a new air mail service, north d south, has been put in motion.

FLOATING SAFE STAMPS

We learn from *Stamp Collecting* that is not serene with the proposed sale the "Floating Safe" remainders. The tch stamp dealers on Jan. 22, voted to bid for parcels of the stamps for reasons: "firstly, the trade has been cluded from any particular advantages d, secondly, there is no guarantee that Company may not after the sale ow the stock on the market regardless price."

SHER TOPS NASHVILLE CLUB

nstructive Program Planned for the Year 1929

C. Fisher, a resident engineer of state highway department, was in-alled as president of the Nashville enn.) Stamp Club, March 4. Mr. her comes to the head of the Club h a collection valued at $15,000. hile serving overseas he gained recog-on with his accepted design of the ignia for the thirteenth division.

At the inaugural meeting held at the M. C. A., the new president declared t a series of instructive addresses to-her with exhibits of the more famous mp collections of Nashville, would be ered on the program for the coming r.

The club will consider the building of lub house at which the regular meet-s will he held. Foster L. Fowler, sec-ary, was elected to succeed himself. has been active in furthering the ac-ties of the club.

STAMP TALKS ON KEJK

A New Stamp Club to be Formed at this Western Station

BEVERLY HILLS, CAL., Mar. 7.

My friend, Palmer Stoddard, and I have made arrangements with radio station KEJK, owned by the MacMillan Petroleum Co. of Beverly Hills, to broadcast stamp talks and news over that station every Sunday morning. The first talk will be given the first of April.

It is our plan to establish a stamp club to be known as the KEJK club, which will be free from dues. We are being helped in the project by the station announcer, Edmund Lytton, who was formerly a stamp collector.

We would like to have your paper print this notice as it will reach many collectors in the area covered by KEJK, and thus create an interest in our new club, and an enlarged interest for philately.

BILLY BURR.

PHILATELIC CONFLAGRATION

COLON, March 2.

The Panama Government on February 28, burned 14,000 current air mail stamps. This is official as per advertisement in March 1, *Star and Herald.*

EMILE MIZRAHI.

SOCIETY OF THE PLAINFIELDS

First Anniversary of this Lively Stampic Organization

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Mar. 9.

About 25 members of the Philatelic Society of the Plainfields gathered Wednesday evening, March 6, at the home of the president, L. W. Hudson, 1439 East Seventh Street, to celebrate the first anniversary of the local organization.

Much of the time of those present was spent admiring the artistic mounting and hand lettering of the collection of Dexter Cook; the specialized collection of Austria of A. S. Halperson, and the enormous stock of Mr. Hudson, who has become a dealer in stamps since coming to the Queen City less than a year ago. O. Q. Arner scored 100% in the query contest based on facts concerning U. S. issues, thereby being presented with a complete sheet of the newly issued George Rogers Clark adhesives; while A. S. Halperson and J. E. Lee tied with 60% in the guessing contest, with ships, castles and coats of arms cut from stamps as subjects.

An enjoyable evening was brought to an end with the serving of refreshments, with a single candle beside a new Clark stamp attached to a toothpick as favors.

The Philatelic Society of the Plainfields was organized on March 1, 1928, largely through the publicity given to stampdom by the Plainfield *Courier-News.* Clarence D. R. Clark, formerly of this city, but now of Mountainside, was the first president of the organization. The present officers are: President, L. W. Hudson; vice president, O. G. Loeser; secretary, Dexter Cook; treasurer, Nicholas Popp; and sales manager, A. S. Halperson. The club meets every Wednesday evening in the recreation room of the Y. M. C. A.

CLARENCE D. R. CLARK.

NEW BUREAU PRINTS

ATLANTA, GA., March 10.

Three new cities appear for the first time this week in the new universal (B-11) type: Dayton, Ohio, and Syracuse, N. Y., in the ordinaries, and Des Moines, Iowa, in the coils. This brings the total number of cities now using new plates up to sixty-two. Information is at hand to indicate that other plates have been prepared and the new type users will be still further extended. Detailed chronicle next issue.

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CHESTER (PA.) ORGANIZES

Dr. Egbert Elected President of the Chester Stamp Club

The philatelists of Chester, Pa., on a recent Saturday afternoon, gathered in large numbers in the council chamber at City Hall, in response to an invitation extended by Dr. Walter E. Egbert. After discussing the desirability of organizing, the group decided to make the club a permanent one and elected the following officers: Dr. Egbert, pres.; Milton H. Bickley, vice-pres.; James H. Baxter, sec.; Arthur H. Noyes, treas.; and William N. MacIntyre, chairman of the Membership Committee.

Clarence W. Brazer, well-known architect of Chester, who is one of the foremost collectors of postage stamps in Delaware county, gave a very interesting talk on the manufacture of United States stamps. Mr. Brazer explained to the collectors the process, step by step, from the time the pen-and-ink drawing is made by an artist until the stamps are printed in sheets.

HONDURAS LIKES BLUE STAMPS

N. Y. CITY, March 11.

The 6 centavos stamp, Scott's No. 247 arrived on the last mail in a light blue color, similar to that of the 10c and 50c values of the present set, and unless this happens to be an error, it would make the sixth value of the series to come in blue. It seems that the stock of dyes is running very low in Honduras, because of the ten varieties comprising the set there are now six in various shades of blue, two in red, one in brown, and one in dull violet, a mixture of blue and brown. Three of the blue stamps, the 10, 15 and 50c have the national flag as a background, and this being in blue, the color of the stamps is excusable, but the postal clerks must have a hard time in distinguishing one value from the other. Collectively speaking the set is about the ugliest one running loose at the present time.

HERMANN FOCKE.

JUVENILE STAMP NIGHT

Twin Cities Interesting Juniors in the National Stamp Show

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Mar. 11.

Local publicity for the National Stamp Show was started with the March meeting of the Twin City Society being featured as Minneapolis Juvenile Stamp Night. As a result of inviting the school children of Minneapolis to a specially arranged junior exhibit and talk, over 300 junior collectors, parents and teachers were in the audience. At the next meeting the performance will be duplicated in St. Paul. Over 90 junior collections were on display and a local committee awarded prizes for the collections of merit.

At this meeting plans were announced for a city-wide contest to be held in the spring, at which time the junior collections which are deemed worthy of display in the National Show in August, will be selected.

Policies and plans for the Stamp Show are being formulated with care. The main topic of conversation at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Show was "What can be done in formulating the first National Show under A. P. S. guidance so as to make possible, and to make easier, yearly shows?"

"IN LIGHTER VEIN"

Under the above caption we shall shortly open a column in the WEEKLY in charge of R. E. Farr, Hot Springs, Ark. The scope of the department is indicated in its title, and Mr. Farr will be glad to have the coöperation of our readers.

NEW CLUB IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

R. W. Graham has been elected president, and K. H. Ennis, secretary, of the newly organized Phoenix Philatelic Association, which comes into existence with 16 members. Permanent headquarters will be established. We extend our congratulations to the new club.

A WORTHY SHUT-IN

Last year we published an appeal to our readers to favor Lancelot G. Reeves, 518 So. Summit Ave., Charlotte, N. C., with a shower of postage stamps. The request met with a hearty response, and Mr. Reeves wrote the WEEKLY his thanks for the many courtesies extended. We have no hesitation in making another appeal to our readers to again remember Mr. Reeves in a similar manner. His birthday comes March 22, and he will be 22 years old.

Mr. Reeves writes that he is some better than last year, and hopes to continue to improve in health. He writes: "It is bad enough to be a shut-in without being sick." We who are in health and strength may well favor our friend with some remembrances for his collection. He likes used U. S. and foreign, and particularly enjoys first day covers, but anything will be acceptable.

Mr. Reeves thinks philately is fine for anyone as a pastime, but especially for shut-ins. A local organization has installed a radio set, which he is enjoying hugely, and between his stamps and the radio his time is well engaged. We urge our readers to mail Mr. Reeves something that will be of interest to him so that the letter will reach Charlotte around March 22.

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EDITORIAL

THE following letter has come from Mr. Clark Cooper, Charlottesville, Virginia: "It was somewhat of a disappointment to residents of Charlottesville, as well as to the hundreds of outsiders who made reservations for the first day covers that the new George Rogers Clark stamp did not go on sale there until February 26th. Advance notices had lead to believe that they would go on sale here on the 25th, so the local postmaster was deluged with covers. These were sent out by the postmaster on the 26th. Four were cancelled at 1 A. M., one to the Postmaster General, one to the Third Assistant General, one to the postmaster of Washington, D. C., and one to the Charlottesville postmaster. Twenty-four covers were cancelled at 2 A. M.; one hundred at 3 A. M.; five hundred at 4 A. M.; and the rest at 5 A. M. From what I could learn there was no favoritism shown in mailing the covers at the various hours, as they were chosen merely in order of receipt of application. While, in the strict sense of the word, these could not be called first-day covers, since they were not sold until a day after the sale of the stamp in Vincennes, still they are of interest as showing the first use of the stamp in the birthplace of Clark. It may be added that the first order for the stamps was for 10,000. These had all been sold in advance by noon of the twenty-third, so 5,000 more were ordered from Washington by telephone. These were all gone on the morning of the twenty-sixth. Only twenty copies were allowed *per* person for Charlottesville residents." Here, we thank those who remembered the WEEKLY with Feb. 26th covers from Charlottesville.

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THE receipt of two letters from persons interested in campaigns for special or commemorative stamps asking that we support their claims for recognition by congress, impels us to say that while we refer in our columns to printed references to movements of the kind, it must be understood that the news is given without bias in any way. A correspondent in Washington has written at different times to tell of the numerous requests that come to the department with the object of special stamps in view; and if we read between the lines, the subject of commemoratives is becoming somewhat of a *bete noir* to the authorities. In the natural trend of events, extra issues may be looked for, no doubt; and we are willing to let nature takes its course.

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THE *Postal Bulletin* of March 2, 1929, contains a notice signed by Postmaster General New, as follows: "It is ordered that special consideration be given to the collection, preservation and the assembly in the department of historical postal data, including that of departmental and field service. The object should be to make, as near as practicable, a collection of such information, which should be preserved and made available for use, and avoid the possible destruction or loss which otherwise may occur. . . . Postal officials are therefore requested to make a survey from time to time of matter under their jurisdiction and communicate with the department with reference thereto. Among the objects which may fall under such a survey would be old records, early maps and post routes, graphic or photographic representations of the service in any of its features, local postal histories, either printed or manuscript, old reports, personal recollections of the service reduced to writing or printed, etc. The collection will be assembled by and in charge of Mr. Joseph Stewart, Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General." The foregoing proposal is well-advised and if the collection of postal data is to be available for reference purposes by persons outside of the service, the desirability of aiding in the movement is admitted. In the possession of different collectors, there is a mass of data in the aggregate that is in the scope of the proposed assemblage. U. S. cover collectors have items of the kind that reflect old usages, and they preserve circulars and other printed matter relating to the workings of the department. It is probable that here and there, a collector will care to contribute material, although it must be acknowledged that the collector is the one who attaches a sentimental value to these *memorabilia*.

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MR. EDWIN C. BAILEY, Decorah, Iowa, the newspaper proprietor, writes that he is "enjoying his first long vacation in over forty-five years," and that is to say that he has retired from the hurly-burly of his profession. He will now have time to become really acquainted with his stamps. Mr. Bailey writes: "I am advised by Mr. C. F. Stinson of Pasco, Washington, formerly of Decorah, who is now representing his district in the Washington legislature, that the Pasco airport will be dedicated on April 6th, and that a special *cachet* will be applied to all letters on that date."

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WE have to thank Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, for instructing his Cairo correspondent to send us under date of Cairo, February 11, 1929, the day of issue of the set, the four values of the Prince Farouk, Crown Prince of Egypt, set, bearing the portrait of the Prince. The number of sets is given as 200,000, and the stamps are to be on sale for seven days only.

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MR. JOHN R. DUNFEE, New Castle, Pennsylvania, is doing his bit to bring about favorable action on the cause at Washington, i.e., the removal of the duty on used stamps imported into this country; he is writing to several of the Pennsylvania M. C.'s. Mr. Dunfee says: "It is anticipated on substantial grounds that New Castle will be made a stop on the Pittsburgh-Cleveland Air Mail Route in the very near future. Should this be done, it will occur with only a couple of days' notice and collectors would be unable to avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain first flight covers. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. James Cole, has agreed that any covers forwarded to him prior to the first day would be placed on this flight. Therefore, if collectors wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, covers may be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce at once."

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FROM Mr. H. R. Jansen, Topeka, Kansas, we received the following sentimental soliloquy in time for insertion around St. Valentine's day, but since collectors of valentine covers are at the wheel every day in the year, what's the difference: "In looking through the Art Institute at Chicago recently, I ran across old framed valentines, of the soft tinsel perforated paper sort of the days of 1860; sentimental lines, etc., and some of the original envelopes were in the case, with the stamps and markings; but, oh, how a hard-boiled specialist would snort at the 'condition' of some of them. However, they fill a nook in this room set aside for art work for children, and there are many lovely exhibits of the other sorts of valentines and picture books of the early days, bringing back vividly thought of some of us fellows who are getting along in life and given more to browsing than active work at times. I wish that I had put aside the many of this sort of valentine I received in the '70's and '80's. How many of us old Chicago men can forget the times when we dropped valentines at the doors of our best girls? It seems but a short time ago, but to me it means fifty years and more. And on New Year's Day, mothers would receive and young men and old men with their Prince Albert coats, paid formal calls and left their cards. . . . I have only valentine in original cover, among my philatelic treasures, and it is enclosed for your inspection." Mr. Jansen's valentine is one of the scarce "illuminated" kind and is in an envelope that bears a 2c Jackson black. There are a few superb collections of valentines in covers owned by philatelists; and one of the first men to favor this line was the late F. R. Cornwall of St. Louis.

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r. Boers, who is probably the best vn stamp collector in Detroit, has publicity manager of the Wayne up Society, and its present standing ue in a large measure to his untiring rts.

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Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
Wooster, Ohio

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Notes by Mr. Dickason

Here's a little list of airports which are likely to get dedicated in the near future: Amarillo, Tex.; Albany, Ore.; Auburn, Maine; Burlington, Iowa; Bridgeport, Conn.; Big Springs, Tex.; Douglas, Ariz.; and Agua Prieta, Mexico (covers and 18c for the A. P. to the Chamber of Commerce and Mines, Douglas); De Kalb, Ill.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Hutchinson, Kans.; Kalispell, Mont.; Mobile, Ala.; Matamoras, Pa. (covers to G. I. Strunk); Montgomery, Ala.; Norristown, Pa.; Pasco, Wash.; Row, Okla. (covers to C. W. Davenport, Skelly Field); Red Bluff, Cal.; Redding, Cal.; Somerset, Pa.; Shawnee, Okla.; Storm Lake, Iowa; Winters, Tex.; Springfield, Mass. (to L. H. Bowles, 1618 Main St.); Watertown, N. Y. There may be a few here you haven't covered yet. Send to the Chamber of Commerce as the best bets for cachets, unless otherwise noted.

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Plans to revive the Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle passenger, mail and express service, have been completed by the B. C. Airways, Ltd., of Vancouver. Worth keeping an eye on.

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Instead of abandoning it, as had been previously announced, the Mexican government will continue the Mexico City-Nuevo Laredo route by private contractor soon after the opening of the Brownsville-Mexico City line. The 20-hour layover of mail at Nuevo Laredo will be eliminated by a revision of the schedule. You folks who like to play safe know what you'd better do.

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Louisville, Ky., got quite worked up over Airmail Day. They sent over 2,000 lbs. of mail in seven planes. However, they didn't all get the cachet. Only such mail as was sent in with the request for the special cachet—which was furnished by the Continental Airlines, Inc.—received it. About 700 letters were so treated. Several of mine came back nicely autographed by Waldo Robey, Pilot. The Aero Club of Kentucky, also applied a neat cachet, to about 300 letters.

All reports of the handling of the mail at the New York Aviation Show seem to be favorable. Different colors were used each day of the show, and the total number was about 16,000 for the eight days, varying from 1,400 on the 10th, to 2,600 on the 6th. Not all for collectors, of course. * * * The Springfield Chamber of Commerce applied their very attractive Lincoln's Birthday cachet to about 2,500 airmail letters. * * * The new catalog surely boosts the early contracts. I know some later ones that will be pretty decent one of these days. Do you realize, for example, that some towns on the Michigan route last spring mailed as few as 1,000 covers on the first flight?

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This isn't exactly hot news, but it ought to go on the record. Mr. C. S. George, of Grinnell, Iowa, writes as follows: "In reference to the reason the Postmaster at Kitty Hawk used the new aeronautics stamps from his office—the writer, who is a life-long acquaintance of Mr. Lars Eidsness, Jr., the Supt. of the Division of Stamps, wrote to him stating that it would be a fine service if his department could supply the Postmaster at Kitty Hawk with the new stamps as soon as they were issued so he could use them on the day of the anniversary of the first flight by the Wright brothers, and he immediately replied and said that he personally would see that that office was duly supplied. So you can see that Mr. Eidsness is entitled to the credit." And save a little share for Mr. George, too.

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Col. Paul Henderson, former Second Asst. P. M. G., and now manager of the N. A. T. company, made an address at our local college recently, taking as his subject the progress of aviation. The speech was interesting, but what I liked most were a number of his autographs on some of my covers, carried while he was Asst. P. M. G., and by his company over the New York-Chicago, and Chicago-Dallas routes.

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Los Angeles C. of C. writes all who have sent in covers for the Metropolitan Airport dedication stating that the date is some months ahead, and that the matter of a special cachet has not been decided. However, they'll keep covers already sent, pending the dedication date, unless asked to return them.

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Madison, Wis., slipped over a fast one with the dedication of their new post office on Feb. 15th. Covers sent in for an announced airport dedication, which is still some distance in the future, were mailed on this date, instead. The Chamber of Commerce says they sent out about 1,300.

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Just got back some nice ones. Sent my Miami-Cristobal covers addressed to my sister in Colombia. They went by fruit boat from Cristobal to Cartagena, and were carried with the official mail of the SCADTA as a special courtesy to Barranquilla, though they had no SCADTA stamps. They have the special airmail cancellation of these two cities, and a 3-line cachet Oficial—Correo Aereo—Cartagena. They were delivered

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Junior News Items

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

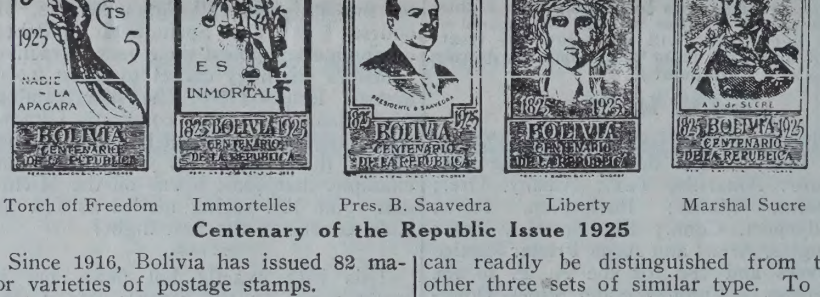
Belgium.—The new Belgian set, which recently made its appearance, has for the design of the lower values the usual lion, above him the royal crown, and on each side the sceptres. The values are 1 centime, orange, 3c red-brown, 5c grey-green, 10c olive-grey, 20c lilac rose, 25c red, 35c green, and 50c blue. The 10fr sepia, 20fr myrtle green, 50fr purple, and 100fr claret, all show a portrait of King Albert of Belgium.

Morocco.—40,000 sets of the current charity stamps of Morocco have been surcharged "Tangier," and will be sold only at the Tangier Post Office until June 30th. Remainders, if any, will then be destroyed.

Paraguay.—More airmail provisionals from South America. This new stamp has the queer value of $5.65, and is surcharged on the 10c green value of the 1913 official type. It is to be used on the new airmail line between Asuncion and Buenos Aires. A third value seems to be forthcoming, namely the $11.30 stamp, provided the new permanent series does not arrive before that time.

Transjordania. — Current postage stamps have been overprinted in Roman and Arabic numerals to do postage due duty. They are 1 on 3 mill, red; 2m, green-blue; 4 on 15m blue, 10m carmine, 20 on 100 blue-green, 50m lake. Only 5,000 complete sets issued, pending arrival of a permanent set from London.

RECENT BOLIVIAS



Torch of Freedom — Immortelles — Pres. B. Saavedra — Liberty — Marshal Sucre

Centenary of the Republic Issue 1925

Since 1916, Bolivia has issued 82 major varieties of postage stamps.

The 1916 issue was an attractive set even though the stamps were produced by lithography, and do not show up as well as they would if they had been engraved. The ½ centavo shows a monolith at Tiahuanacu; the 1 centavo a view of the snow-capped mountain Potosi; and the 5 centavo, the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Illimani. The 2 centavo, which is printed in red and black, shows a view of a man in a small sail boat on Lake Titicaca. The 10 centavo, also bicolored, being blue and orange, shows the Parliament building at La Paz. We find two varieties of the 5 centavos stamp of this issue, one in which the shields containing the numerals have a background of lines and the other has a white background.

Since 1919 the regular issues have been of a general type, showing the coat-of-arms of the country. To the beginner, these stamps are confusing as there are many minor differences. However, by watching the catalogue carefully and with the aid of a perforation gauge, there should be no difficulty in getting them properly classified. The 1919 issue was made by the American Bank Note Co., and is perforated 12. The 1923-27 set was made by Perkins, Bacon, Ltd., and is perforated 14. In 1925, three values were printed by Waterlow & Sons. These are perforated 12½ or 13. Then in 1927 a set of 13 varieties appeared in a similar design, but as they are lithographed and perforated 13½ they can readily be distinguished from the other three sets of similar type. To be sure that you have the stamp that you think you have, it should be measured for its perforation to be positive.

Several provisional surcharges appeared in 1924 and 1927 to change the face value of existing varieties, but three values also appeared with the surcharge "Octubre 1927," and an ornament in the center of the stamp.

In 1925, Bolivia celebrated the 100th anniversary of its existence as a republic by issuing ten varieties of large pictorial stamps covering a wide range of unusual subjects, mostly allegorical. They were made by Perkins, Bacon, Ltd., and are attractive. Owing to their scarcity, probably many collectors will have to be content with pictures of these stamps.

Along with many other countries, Bolivia issued a stamp in 1928, which shows the location of that republic in its relation to other parts of western South America. This stamp shows plainly the section of land near the boundary of Paraguay, over which there has been considerable trouble. They may be trying to offset the advertising effects of Paraguay's map stamps of recent years.

To promote the modern methods of carrying mail, Bolivia issued a set of seven airpost stamps in 1924. These really commemorated the establishment of the National Aviation School, and could be used for ordinary postage. Further airpost stamps appeared in 1928, each bearing conventional designs.

By A. C. LEDUC.

Helps for Our Readers

By A. C. LEDUC.

For Mr. Harry Barber we give some explanations below which ought to be of interest to others as well:—

Offset printing is a complicated process for making postage stamps, using various photographic processes instead of engraved plates. This method was used by the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1918, to print the then current 1c, 2c and 3c stamps.

A double print would come about from having a sheet of stamps printed twice on the same side of the paper. These are very rare.

A shift shows up in a printed stamp as a flaw, which was made in the plate when the transfer roll slipped. These can usually only be seen with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Many flat press printed stamps show some color and impressions on the backs caused by the ink coming off from a sheet of stamps below that is freshly printed and still wet. Sometimes these impressions are quite clear.

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(Answers Will Appear Next Week)

(1.) What foreign country has issued a special delivery stamp very similar to that used by the United States?

(2.) In what year did the picture of Marshal Pilsudski first appear on a postage stamp?

(3.) What country has recently employed futuristic art in its stamp designs?

(4.) What country first used the airplane as a design for a postage stamp?

(5.) On what stamp does the "Caduceus" appear?

(6.) The picture of Charles I of England has appeared once on a postage stamp. What stamp?

(7.) What country had for its first issue, type-set stamps?

(8.) Where is "The Olive Blossom" pictured?

(9.) What stamp bears a picture of Lake Marion?

(10.) Which stamp of the United States has for its central design the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 193*)

by special messenger, with a very cou ous letter from the company, and a gether make a very nice lot. * * isn't all joy down that way, howe This same sister mailed a bunch of ters, marked copiously to go over first return flight from Canal Zone. whole lot took the first fruit boat New York, and that was that.

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St. Petersburg, Florida's, dedica cachet used Feb. 25th, surely bears their slogan of "The Sunshine C The best color description for the ca that I can think of is "rainbow." attractive.

Notes by Mr. Markee

PERSONAL NOTE—With this i my personal responsibility for this umn ceases, and my successor, Mr. ald E. Dickason, assumes charg sincerely hope that all my good coo tors will continue to send in their items, clippings and covers to Mr. D ason, so that he may render the measure of service for which this col has become the standard. Mr. Dick is amply able to give you the highest gree of collaboration, but you must your assistance as heretofore, in o that he may feel that you are intere I wish to thank the many readers have written me in the past month reference to the change. It is very g fying to know that I have so m friends, and I trust that I may cont to hear from them from time to t Their letters will always be welcom

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The additional points to be include CAM No. 25 were inaugurated M 1st, and comparison of the cachet on covers received from the First F of December 1st last, and that use March 1st, indicates no change in si

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St. Petersburg, Fla., dedicated South Waterfront Airport, and an cellent cachet was applied to cover the Chamber of Commerce. * * * I two distinctly different cachets use Glendale, Calif., on the dedication Feb. 17th. * * * Buffalo, N. Y., wil a cachet for the Air Show, March to 30th, inclusive. Covers to the Col Airways, Inc., 1819 Hotel St Buffalo.

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Bids for the longest Air Mail Fl in the World were opened in Wash ton, D. C., Feb. 28th. No announce was made as to the successful bi but it is apparent that no time wi lost in getting the route into opera inasmuch as FAM No. 5 seems t functioning smoothly.

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The Panama issue overprinted fo Air Mail flight from Cristobal, looks a real scarce stamp. Indications are few will get onto the market at low prices and it is rumored that stamp will be as good as the Costa L Lindbergh issue of a year ago, if better.

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Judson N. Knappen sends word h the Germany-Argentine experim flights will take place about May The German Luft Hansa Co. will ate the route, and if the initial fli are successful permanent service wi started in the fall.

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Effective April 1st, Air Mail se between Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, tiac and Detroit, Mich., and Cleve

will be established, so as to serve a connection with the New York-cago overnight service. Service is to on a daily schedule, giving quicker very of mail to the above points, m New York.

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Coöperators liked the looks of the new cennes stamp, judging from the num- of covers sent me! Looks like the sent Air Mail stamp, and they may e been confused—Coventry W. Smith, onial Western Airways, Inc., Alfred Langer, Donald Levy, Judson Knap-**, D. E. Dickason*, E. W. Deter-*, R. M. Storms*, John W. Gray*, rce Wight*, Chas. S. Boyer*, M. P. egrove*, L. B. Gatchell*, Miss Anna Schafer*, Roberto G. Larranaga.

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collector-dealer in Chicago, using name on his covers without my sanc-, is offering them for sale to various chasers. I take this opportunity of ing that I have no interest whatso-r in these covers and my name has been l as addressee without my consent. ore making any purchases of covers ring my name, it would be advisable ommunicate with me.

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or the collectors who have rather dis-ed the Airport dedication cachets, I attention to the fact that Orlando, , has just been added to a contract te and that the dedication cachet of . 3, 1928, makes a complete record of its at this point. Probably many e towns, where dedications have tak-place in the past year, will be added contract routes during 1929, and I ld like to know how many of the lainful folks will be hunting around the dedication cachets in order to plete their collections!

RACUSE ANNUAL BANQUET

By A. ATLAS LEVE.

he tenth annual banquet of the Syra- Stamp Club was in full swing on the of February 26th, when over eighty -wire stamp collectors sat down to a at Schraffts, including everything n unwatermarked soup to coughless rettes. Elliott Perry, himself, the it speaker of the evening, went thru ain wreck to get to the banquet, and given a royal welcome. Mr. Perry an interesting talk on U. S. stamps eneral, and illustrated it with exhib-from his own collection. Mr. John Howe, editor of the *Herald*, and Her- Fox of Oswego, were also among speakers.

he diners found many souvenirs from nds and dealers at their places, and r the eats, smokes, and private sales, eat auction was held with 175 lots.

ur annual banquet has become quite ell-known affair and is generally at-ed by outside members and friends n many other surrounding towns. club would do well to engage W. L. se of Baldwinsville as an auctioneer, for a spirited bidder like Major C. Lopez, of the Manlius Military ol, there is no competitor, at 2 a. m. was bidding on the furniture.

he Syracuse Stamp Club was organ- by the writer and Frank Marquis of York, then living in Syracuse. We affiliated with the Onondaga Histori- Association, and meet in its own ding every first and third Friday. tors are always welcome.

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IT will be noted in our Honor Club that H. S. Williams of Elgin, Ill., has just taken out a membership. At the same time he remits $5.00 for the membership of the Gail Borden Library of his city. This act upon the part of Mr. Williams is so distinctively a compliment to the WEEKLY that we feel compelled to give it the publicity of this news item.

KENNETH KRALL, Houston, Tex., very kindly favors this office with a first day 2c Vincennes, first flight, CAM 29, New Orleans to Houston, Jan. 23, and a March 4, "Commemoration of the Inauguration, etc.," from Washington, D. C. Many thanks.

WE learn with great regret that Van-Cleland, Ltd., Winnipeg, Can., has suffered severely from a fire. Mr. Wm. Van writes us as follows:—"You have no doubt learned of the disastrous loss sustained by Van-Cleland Limited on account of a fire which broke out Saturday evening, Feb. 23, in the basement of the building we occupied and gutted the whole structure. Our huge stock of second-hand books, together with all our rare stamps and philatelic accessories, was destroyed. There was no time to save a single thing. I have not as yet decided as to what I will do in the future as it would take a huge amount of capital to re-establish myself in the book business. I may decide to start afresh in the stamp business exclusively."

THE Michigan Stamp Club held its 15th annual banquet Saturday, March 16, at Fort Shelby Hotel, with Seth E. Andrews, chairman of the entertainment committee.

DUE to a new connection with the Norfolk & Western, which I made last fall, I have not been able to have a permanent address and have been without the WEEKLY. This is almost as bad as trying to keep house without a telephone, a gas stove and a vacuum cleaner —so I shall be glad to have the WEEKLY sent me, commencing at once. It may interest you to know that since I have been here, I have organized the Roanoke (Va.) Stamp Club, with about 20 members. There is yet a large number of collectors here whom we will have in the club sooner or later.—ROBERT A. TURNER.

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CONVENTION AT HOUSTON

We are informed by T. E. Flick, secretary-treasurer, 801 22nd St., Galveston, Texas, that the annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Association, a state society that holds a record for longevity, will be held at Houston, on April 21st and 22nd, when an exhibition will be held as an adjunct of the meeting, to which all the school children of Houston will be invited. We are sure that the enterprise of J. Delano Bartlett, El Paso, president, and his fellow-officers will assure the success of the exhibition, as there is no paucity of fine stamps in Texas. The following is the program in detail of the convention:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 20TH

We will have a public Exhibition to which the Houston School Children will especially be invited.

SUNDAY, 21ST

9.00 A. M.—Reception and Registration at Convention Hall.

10.30 to 12.00 Noon—Tour of the City of Houston.

2.00 P. M. to 5.00 P. M.—Public Exhibition of Stamps.

7.00 P. M.—Informal Supper for Registered Guests.

MONDAY, 22ND

9.00 to 12.00 Noon—Convention called to order.

2.00 P. M.—Stamp Bourse.

3.00 P. M.—Auction Sale.

7.30 P. M.—Annual Banquet of the Texas Philatelic Association.

ILE DE FRANCE PROVISIONALS

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste gives the following details about the 10fr surcharge on the Pasteur and Berthelot commemoratives. When the S.S. "Ile de France" left Havre for New York on the 8th August last, she carried on board a hydroplane, which was launched by catapult when nearing the American coast. The letters carried thus were delivered some twenty-four hours in advance of those which arrived by ordinary mail. The extra charge for the hydroplane letters was 10fr up to 10 grammes and 5fr for each extra 5 grammes or fraction thereof. The post office on board therefore needed a supply of 5, 10 and 20fr. The 10fr stamps were all used, and none were left when the vessel reached port, so the postmaster obtained permission from M. Mongendre, the French Consul General in New York, to surcharge a number of the 90c and 1fr 50c stamps on board. There were 3,000 of the 90c (Berthelot), and 1,000 of the 1fr 50 (Pasteur) so surcharged, the work being done by Emile Cabella, a printer of 149 West 24th Street. The printing form was broken up immediately after the work was done. Although strict instructions were given that stamps not actually needed for the mails should be handed over on arrival at Havre, a number of passengers managed to secure examples. —*Stamp Lover.*

Collector's Contest

All you need to do is to show the WEEKLY to your friend — why not do it at once?

The contest for March is now on. The January and February prize winners get the benefit of their total points on the 3 mos. contest, but a win in March must be based on March points so far as last month's contestants are concerned. 3 mos. scores 1 point, 6 mos. 2 points, and 1 year 4 points.

DATA ON CONTEST

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A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	8
Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	8
A. P. Schmelzer, Buffalo, N. Y.	8
FEBRUARY LEADERS	
W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash.	18
H. M. Brehm, Appleton, Wis.	16
Roy A. Barton, Houlton, Me.	14
E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	12
Oliver Andrews, Upper Montclair, N. J.	12
MARCH CONTEST	
Rafael R. Garcia, Havana, Cuba	21
Frank E. Johnson, St. Mary's, Pa.	16
Roy MacBean	13
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	10
Alex LaRoche, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	9
Fred B. Harrison, Waukegan, Ill.	8
Stanley Hosmer, Santa Rosa, Calif.	8
Frithjof Seifert, Brooklyn, N. Y.	8
C. S. Ernst, Seattle, Wash.	8
Mrs. Mary Banks, Albany, N. Y.	8
Alice Hottle, Phila., Pa.	8
John Kay, Detroit, Mich.	8
Cleon McClarran, Perrysburg, N. Y.	8
Joel DuBose, Atlanta, Ga.	7
Capitol Stamp Shop, Chicago, Ill.	5
Raymond E. Martin, Phila., Pa.	5
Stanley Gregory, Detroit, Mich.	5
Robert K. Story, Beverly, Mass.	5
F. G. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla.	5
Raymond Marti, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5

FOUR EACH: Total of 41.

THREE EACH: Total of 3.

TWO EACH: Total of 18.

ONE EACH: Too many to number.

The demands upon our space are so great that we can only list this week those who obtained five or more points. Any whose names are not listed will be published when the total number of points has reached a minimum of at least five.

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STAMP GIFTS TO KING GEORGE

By NOMAD.

As the King's refusal of certain gifts of stamps appears to be imperfectly understood, I am writing in an endeavor to explain it more satisfactorily than I have yet seen it done.

The sovereign of a state may be said to lead a double life: an official one as King, and a private one as a human being. The first is an open book. Into the second, it is not polite to probe too deeply, any more deeply, in fact, than the sovereign relations with his people design that it should be.

The King, it is known, collects only British Colonials and Great Britain. In that respect he is like many others, and no one would care to ask him to change his likes and dislikes to gratify a generous, or possibly, snobbish inclination of a less exalted person. Gifts of all kinds must be selected with good taste in any case, no matter who the recipient may be; there is no etiquette about it, and be designed to please the recipient.

A collection purchased by the American nation, let us say, in celebration of his recovery, and presented through the President, or the American Ambassador in London, would probably be accepted, but if sent to Buckingham Palace by Mr. Cyrus K. Smith of Oshkosh, it would be politely but firmly declined.

Official gifts are apt to be treated as heirlooms, and pass to successive occupants of the official position, and even amongst the King's intimates, too lavish a gift would be considered in bad taste, and in any case, before it were tendered, any doubt as to its acceptability would have to be eliminated. It would be as impolite to place the King in a position to be obliged to refuse a gift as to accept one that he did not really care for.

Ordinary politeness demands that no one should intrude upon the privacy of a stranger; where that stranger happens to be a King, extra care is necessary.

The mantle of royalty sits none too lightly upon the shoulders of one destined to wear it. Americans understand the meaning of "home" and "hobby" too well to wish to intrude upon those of the King, who is one of the kindest of men and hates to hurt anyone's feelings.

THE FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB

AN INTERESTING STORY OF THE GROWTH OF A LI ORGANIZATION

By CHARLES G. RIESS.

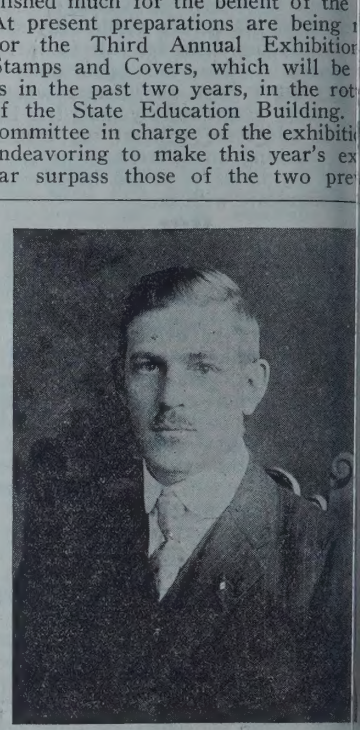
On April 23, 1926, a small group of Albany, N. Y., collectors met at the Lavender Book Shop, opposite the State Capitol, to consider the formation of a stamp club in Albany. At the first meeting about eight or ten persons were present, while about a dozen more signified their intention of joining any club that may be formed. It was then and there that the Fort Orange Stamp Club had its beginning. It was decided by those present that all collectors who became members at either of the first three meetings would be charter members. The first three meetings were held in the Lavender Book Shop, after which the club met regularly every week at the Central Y. M. C. A. until December, 1928, when the club again went back to the Lavender Book Shop, which had acquired newer and larger quarters at 119 State Street. The club now meets there and holds meetings every Tuesday evening from September through June, except on national holidays. Special or additional meetings are held whenever the members consider it necessary.

One of the first things done by the newly-formed club was the appointment of a committee of five members to draw up a suitable set of By-Laws. After some discussions and corrections the set of By-Laws was finally accepted by the club as being suitable to its needs. Upon this set of By-Laws as a base and guide the club has grown and developed from an organization of some fifteen or twenty members to one of fifty-one at the present time. Of these fifty-one members, four are associate and four are honorary. Mrs. Robert Lenox Banks is our honorary president.

The club's first president was Mr. Chester J. Moore, under whose careful guidance the club went through its first year, and was put on a firm foundation. The success of the club was due without question to the coöperation of the members with the officers, and on this alone did the club continue to succeed. Before the first year had ended the membership had doubled itself, and many standing committees were functioning smoothly. Club auctions were being conducted regularly, contests held, and talks and displays becoming a matter of routine. Just before the close of the first year the members decided to hold a stamp and cover exhibition, non-competitive in nature, for the benefit of the public at large. This exhibition, which was our first one, was held in the rotunda of the State Education Building for one week in March, and proved to be such a great success that the members voted to make it an annual affair. It was a surprise indeed to the people of the Capitol district, who did not know of the existence of such a club, and many of the people spent several hours looking at the stamps and covers on exhibition. At the close of the first year an annual banquet was held in the University Club, at which time the retiring officers gave a summary of the year's work and the newly-elected officers assumed their duties. They in turn gave an outline of what they intended to do during the coming year as officers of the club. Mr. Wendover Neefus (associate member) of Hudson, N. Y., gave a very fine talk about stamps and covers after the dinner.

Our president for the second year was Mr. Charles A. Brind, Jr., under whose direction the club continued to develop in more ways than one. The membership increased, many out-of-town speakers were secured, who usually gave displays of stamps or covers in connection with their talks, and the club in general made more secure on its already sound basis. During the year the Second Annual Exhibition of Stamps and Covers was held in the State Education Building, and proved an even greater success than the first one. At the close of the second year the second annual banquet was held in the University Club, at which Dr. Carroll Chase was the guest of the evening. Dr. Chase exhibited several volumes of covers showing the various territ cancellations of different states. To the least this certainly was an event readily to be forgotten by the mem of the club. In addition the retiring ficers gave a summary of the C activities for the past year, and the ly-elected officers for the third year sumed their duties.

The Club is now nearing the clos its third year with Mr. Elliott R. R as president, who with the assistanc several committees has certainly ac plished much for the benefit of the At present preparations are being for the Third Annual Exhibitio Stamps and Covers, which will be as in the past two years, in the rot of the State Education Building. committee in charge of the exhibiti endeavoring to make this year's ex far surpass those of the two pre



Elliott R. Ryder, president, is a mech engineer, having received his degree (from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, c 1916. At present Mr. Ryder is in the l business in Troy, N. Y., which is also his He is a charter member of the club an years of age, married, and has three ch His specialty is U. S. stamps and covers.

years. On April 16th a delegation Collectors Club of New York will us and the members of our club ho make their visit a most enjoyabl that shall not soon be forgotten June 5th, our club will return the of the Collectors Club by sending a gation to New York City. Shortly the Annual Exhibition will come th nual election of officers for the next and the arrangements for the Third Annual Banquet.

During the past year such coll as Dr. Carroll Chase, Mr. W. W. Laren, Mr. Henry L. Dean, Mr. S. Rothschild, and others have been vi to the club. Their talks and display tainly were much appreciated by the bers, who are always eager to hea see new and different things of a phi nature. Such members of the cl Mr. Wendover Neefus, Mr. W Bates, Mr. Leslie Davenport, Mr. ard Walton, Mr. Frank Davis, and have also given talks and displays members.

In the city of Albany are three stamp clubs:

The Albany Orphan Asylum Club, which has about a dozen me They hold regular meetings a asylum.

The Albany Junior Stamp Club fifty-one members meets weekly. club was more or less the result o Rothschild's visit to Albany last fal club meets at the Lavender Book S

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rested in their activities. Occasion- one of our members will talk to n, or offer them prizes, etc. Our has become quite a bit interested in e juniors during the past few months, it is from their ranks that many of future philatelists of Albany will ıtually come.

ıasmuch as some of our members are ble to attend meetings regularly, a t called "The Fort Orange Philatelist" e its appearance about four months Its purpose is to keep those mem- unable to attend meetings regularly ouch with the club's activities. The t gives the gist of the club's activities one month, and therefore holds the rest of the various members in the , which is one thing any club must if it expects to continue for any th of time.

he best asset that any club may pos- have is the "Coöperation" of its ɛrent members. Without it the work keeping a club going falls entirely n the shoulders of a certain few ıbers, and should these members for reason fail in their work the club es to be. The members of our club e thus far coöperated with the offi- and other members, and to that alone the Fort Orange Stamp Club owe its ess. Nothing that I know of counts so much as "Coöperation," and what ıore, nothing can take its place. Clubs hich the officers and members do not ɔerate are bound to fail sooner or r, do what they may. It is my frank ion that many struggling clubs of to- could become real healthy ones if members would work together in- d of attempting to thwart one anoth- efforts, as too often is the case.

SOME ORIENTAL STAMPS

By PERCY A. HILL, PHILIPPINES.

he old adage that even wall-paper is inexhaustible applies to stamps as as wall-paper, and there are a great y issues catalogued under price that nt auctions in the Orient clearly show Stamp collectors are human, but everything between the pages of our dard catalogues can be obtained at price, and quite a few bring half- catalog. Noticeably are some of issues of China, regarded as an easy ntry to collect by some philatelists. ent auctions point to the fact that y Chinese stamps bring far over- log price in the land of their birth, this we may say holds good with ain issues of India and even modern n.

he Philippines 3, 4 and 6c of the 3 issue surcharged on United States g catalog for even damaged speci- ıs, for the myth that a large quantity these stamps were being held in es- v in the Orient has been exploded. s small lot has long been dispersed little below catalog price to dealers, f the less than 10,000 issued, few re- n and are hard to get hold of. In connection it is hoped the catalog ers who have no stock will rectify e with rarity on common-sense prin-

MAD MORRIS' MASTERPIECE

That able-bodied artist, Morris Muffitz, best known as Mad Morris, feels that recognition would come to him if he could crash the columns of the WEEKLY. He offers the editor a philatelic book-plate, if it is run in these columns. At the service of struggling genius, we say, *quid pro quo*. Morris thinks that the WEEKLY readers have their art-consciousness so highly developed that they will recognize the subtle yet sweeping skill of a maestro, in this book-plate, and then, adds Morris simply, "my fortune is made as are not all your readers millionaires?" Later. We have just had word that Morris, having let his hair grow to his shoulders, has forsaken the chill north for the sunny south, as the "drawing doctor" in an Indian medicine show; and so his services will not be available in high circles for the time being. Incidentally, the subject of this book-plate is the editor of the WEEKLY, somewhat idealized.

ciples, as twenty years would show that relatively few exist for the album of the collector.

The current two and four peso stamps of the Philippines are also under-priced, which is borne out by the fact that they are sold, when they can be obtained, for full catalog price. It would seem that rarity here has not been taken into consideration. Compared with the 15 odd billions of stamps emitted by the United States annually, and the relatively small number by the Philippines it has always been a matter of surprise to find that the two peso, the equivalent of the dollar U. S. is cataloged 15c, and the dollar stamp of the same issue quoted at 10c, the four peso at 15c, and the two dollar at 50c. This is what we might term a philatelic inequality. As a matter of fact both bring catalog price or more in the Philippines, where they hail from.

The Legislative Philippine issue of December, 1926, long have disappeared from the Post Office. The peso, the most elusive stamp of the set, brings twice to three times face used, and the others in spite of the fairly large issue one-third to a half face at this writing. It is not supposed there will be any difference between the prices of used and unused, altho no doubt Yvert may quote used slightly higher as does Galvez of Madrid.

Inasmuch as the Orient itself has no catalog and depends upon the three or four standardized ones in general circulation, this does not mean that all information relative to issues are the sole monoply of the catalog makers. Philatelic societies, dealers, and philatelists resident in the countries of origin are as a rule better informed as to values and dispositions of the issues, and can, as a consequence, get a better slant on prices, as very naturally they are in close connection with the collectors of each country. A few elusive and under-priced stamps of the Orient are as follows: Sarawak, Nos. (Scott) 48-77 and 78; Kelantan, 5 and 9; China, 1st and second issues, 39-107-108-109-110-158-159-193-194-222-223; Siam, Nos. 122-124; Siberia, 31 to 45; Philippines, 139-178-180-195-200-228-229-231-234-251-252-272; Japan, 87-90-110-111-112-146-163; North Borneo, 102-146-166; Dutch Indies, 100-146-147-148; Hong Kong, 88-124. As a matter of fact those who secure any of the above at catalog prices may knock on wood.

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United States

Washington Notes

On March 4th, our former Postmaster General, Harry S. New, retired, and was succeeded by the Hon. Walter F. Brown of Ohio. Mr. Brown has been active in political life for many years, and was formerly a supporter of the Bull Moose Party. He was brought to Washington by President Harding, in connection with the reorganization of Government Departments, and was appointed by President Coolidge as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, at the time when President Hoover was Secretary of that Department. We have every reason to believe that the governmental philatelic activities, such as the Philatelic Agency, the special cancellation on air mail covers, and the like, will be continued under the new Administration. It is to be hoped that the Assistants who served under Mr. New, will continue under Mr. Brown.

In my recent notes, it was stated that the new State stamps would be overprinted "Kan" and "Neb," the information coming in this form from my valued correspondent. I am now, however, officially informed by the Department, that the overprint will be "Kans" and "Nebr," the official abbreviations as given in the Postal Guide. It is not expected that the stamps will be available before the end of April, or the first of May, but our readers will be kept fully informed as to the definite date of their appearance and where they may be purchased. It is not the intentions of the Department at the present time, of having these on sale at the Philatelic Agency.

To correct some of the impressions regarding these varieties, it can be stated that the Department considers them surcharged stamps and so classifies them. They are not precancels in any sense of the word, for the lettering is considered no more a cancellation than the surcharge on the Molly Pitcher or Hawaiian issues. Then, too, the stamps will be usable in any state in the Union. However, where large quantities of one state are used from another state, there will no doubt, be an investigation to see if the stamps were legitimately obtained. One may continue to enclose a stamp for reply, and while the stamp may be purchased in Kansas, it can be used in Pennsylvania. Even if the plan is practical, and there are surcharges for every state, it is the intentions of the Department to continue to supply certain post offices in each state with the unsurcharged issues.

2-Cent Vincennes Commemorative

The Vincennes stamp has been pretty well distributed, but most of the post offices only received a fraction of the quantity ordered, as the supply is not large and it is not likely to last very long. Favorable comments are being continually received, and it is pretty generally agreed that this is one of the most attractive stamps ever issued by this country.

Mr. Arthur W. Line writes that he has located eight different combinations of the red border with the black vignette. Those that he has found are as follows:

Red Border		*Black Vignette*
19720	with	19729
19720	"	19730
19721	"	19728
19721	"	19730
19721	"	19731
19726	"	19728
19726	"	19729
19726	"	19730

Faked Perforations

There has been submitted for inspection, within the last several days, three separate lots, evidently coming from one source, of late issues of rare varieties faked from the imperforate stamp. I refer to the 1c and 2c coils, part-perforates and compound perforations, which were issued by the Department in imperforate sheets and later privately perforated in imitation of the Department's coils and errors. As the shades seem to be identical and as the work is the same, it is the impression that they were made by one party, although they came from different correspondents. The lot consists of pairs of the 1902-1903 1c and 2c coils, pairs and strips of the rare 1910 2c coil No. 388, singles and blocks of the 1c 1914, compound perforation, No. 424-a and No. 424-b, all of the part-perforates of No. 498, No. 499 and No. 501. In other words, every stamp that could be obtained in imperforate condition, was changed into the rarer varieties. One posted on the subject would readily recognize them, and it is again suggested that such errors be purchased not only from reliable persons, but from those who are well posted on the subject.

Fortunately, there are one or two distinguishing marks in the Bureau product, which it is impossible for the faker to produce, so that the good may be readily separated from the bad, by one who is aware of these peculiarities.

Antigua.—A correspondent of *Stamp Collecting* advises them that an order for 4p Leeward Islands stamps dispatched from St. John's, Antigua, on January 19th last, yielded the old CA watermark.

Belgium Congo.—We learn from a resident of this Belgian Colony that a new issue of Congo stamps in aid of Colonial humanitarian purposes has been authorized.

Brazil.—A 400 reis orange, in the same design as the 400 reis blue, has been received by Whitfield King & Co.

Ceylon.—The 2R new Nyasaland design, chalky paper in carmine and green, has been issued. Mr. R. Roberts sends copies for chronicle.

Chile.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 25c blue and black, 30c brown and black, and 50c green and black, inscribed "Correos de Chile" watermarked star in shield. Also the 20c orange and black, 40c violet and black, 1p green and black, and 2p red and black, inscribed "Chile Correos," no watermark, have been overprinted "Correo Aereo" and aeroplane.

Estonia.—The 4c green, 8c mauve, 25c purple, 40c orange, 60c grey, and 80c brown, all in the new design have been noted by Whitfield King & Co.

Hungary.—The 2 filler, thick paper, new watermark, is mentioned by Maison Fischer of Paris.

Portugal.—Two more provisionals have appeared. The "1es 60c" on 2esc is reported by Whitfield King & Co., while the 90c pale blue surcharged "40c" black has been received by Econom Stamp Co.

Spanish P. O.'s in Morocco.—M son Fischer informs us that they ha seen the current 5c stamp of Spain ov printed diagonally "Correo espanal M ruecos."

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TUNIS — FRENCH PROTECTORATE

The Stamps of this Country an Interesting Field of Study

By W. GARDNER.

Tunis, one of the Barbary States, is now a French Protectorate. It is washed by the Mediterranean and has for neighbours Tripoli and Algeria. It is about the size of England, and in the coastal region and valleys of the Atlas Mountains, agriculture forms the chief industry; wheat, oats and barley are grown, olive plantations are numerous, and grapes, dates, and esparto grass are grown for export.

In the 1906 issue of stamps, 10c to 25c, we see a representative ploughing scene in this country. Farmers till the ground with ploughs of primitive shape and construction, drawn sometimes by queer mixed teams, such as a donkey and a goat, or a cow and a horse. The husbandman rakes a mere scratch of a furrow, throws in the seed and lets it lie. No harrow is used and the seed is left to shift for itself, but there is seldom any fear of famine.

Beyond the mountains comes the extensive plain of Kairouan on which is situated Kairouan, the Holy City, surrounded by dilapidated battlements. It is said that the city was founded by Okhbah, the Conquerer, A.D. 647. At his word wild beasts and reptiles were banished from this fertile spot and a city was planned, bearing the name equivalent to "caravan," a meeting place. In this city is the mosque called the Great Djemma, or Mosque of the Cherubim, finely shown on the low values of the same set of stamps. It is here that teaching of a kind is carried on, and when a scholar has been moderately crammed with precepts from the Koran, he is invested with a kind of degree with great formality and rejoicing. Okhbah is said to be buried within, but this is doubtful, as a mosque is seldom used as a burial place.

The inhabitants, numbering about two millions, comprise Arabs or Moors (not true blooded), Berbers and Jews, besides French, Italian and Maltese who have come there for business reasons.

The Tunisian Moor, a portrait of one of them can be seen on the Postage Due stamps of 1914, constitutes the most admirable type of the Moslem population. He is generally well made and of almost fair complexion, delighting to trade in silks, perfumes, jewelry and bric-a-brac. On the stamp the Moor is wearing a red cap known as a shesheyah. In ancient times Tunis belonged to the Carthagenians, and on the franc values (1906) it seems only right that a picture of one of their galleys should be shown. Tunis afterwards formed part of the Roman Empire, but was subdued by the Arabs, becoming a powerful state, and later incorporated in the Ottoman Empire.

If we follow the Great River from the Gulf of Tunis we soon reach the palace built by the Bey of Tunis, and nearby is the Great Roman Aqueduct which supplied Tunis and Dougga with water. A picture of it figures on the 35 to 75c values of 1906, and ruins of the Roman Temple at Dougga are shown on the 1923 stamps.

Tunis, the capital, lies on a salt lagoon and many of its buildings were erected out of the materials found in ancient Carthage.

The bazaars are very interesting places to visit, a view of them being shown on the 50c to 1f values of 1926. Here may be seen blacksmiths, gunsmiths, butchers, grocers, etc., busily plying their trades. Public criers go round daily shouting the last bids received for a horse, cow, or other beast that is for sale.

It was in 1881, owing to the turbulence of some native tribes, that the French invaded the country and soon became masters of it, though it is still nominally under a native Bey and is called a Regency. The stamps are inscribed Regency de Tunis.

Tunis is famous for its dates, and on the current Parcel Post stamps we see the natives gathering this nutritious fruit. The Kharmirs who live beyond the mountains are splendid agriculturalists and cattle breeders. A woman of this tribe is seen bringing water from a well, carrying her jug upon her shoulder, on the lowest values of the current issue.

The mail is often carried by the Moors, and is shown on the Parcel Post stamps of 1906. It is strange how these wiry fellows show a marked preference for those callings which allow a minimum of exertion.

The great Roman Amphitheatre of El Djem, near the coast at Tunis, admirably shown on the highest values of 1926, is a miniature Colosseum at Rome.

Before leaving Tunis we must not forget to look at the Child Welfare stamps of 1928. Here we see the Tunis-Chad caravan on its way across the desert. The latest type of motor with caterpillar wheels forms a striking picture, as following behind is the old way of travelling, a camel caravan. A group of date palms, the source of food of many of the wandering Arabs, is seen on the right and also the rising sun, a good omen of the coming prosperity of this fruitful land.—*Postage Stamp.*

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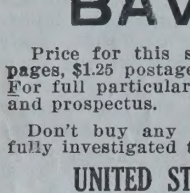

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R. E. DUNLOP sends us a clipping from the Chicago *News* in which police captain Wm. Shoemaker is pictured poring over his stamp collection. Yes, our guardians of the peace in their quest for mental and physical recreation chase postage stamps and butterflies, and dahlias, and poultry, and—other things.

WE are indebted to W. A. Bogart, Sec. of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Stamp Club, for a first day flight cover, Tampa-Jacksonville, C.A.M. 25, and bearing date of March 1. Mr. Bogart sends us greetings from the "Sunshine City," and we thank him for his courtesy.

THE Congress High School of Bridgeport, Conn., has a stamp club that has been in existence for five years, and has 35 members. The Club is sponsored by George Gordon, Jr., Vice-President of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club, and a member of the New Haven Club. Regular meetings are held Wednesday afternoons at 2 o'clock. Gould Turney is Secretary.

A COLLECTOR by the name of Bill Irwin, Seattle, Washington, has written a New York dealer requesting an approval selection and giving our publication as a reference. Dealers will do well to note the fact that no collector is authorized to use the name of our paper in this manner.

THE annual election of officers of the Michigan Stamp Club was held recently. Forty-five members were present and the following were elected: Pres. Harry C. Carter; Vice-Pres., Charles Keller; Sec., Alex M. Livingstone; Treas., Z. Dworkowski; Trustees, Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, Seth E. Andrews and Louis A. White.—HERMAN W. BOERS.

PHILADELPHIA Chapter, No. 18, A. P. S., met Feb. 29, with Pres. Dengler in the chair. The program of the evening was provided by E. B. Power and Joseph Hoffman of New York City, and Gorden F. Bottomley, whose fine collection of U. S. in mint singles, strips and blocks was exhibited by Dr. E. Lindauer. Some 30 members and visitors were present. The March meeting has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held April 18, when Philip H. Ward, Jr., will exhibit "Something of interest."

"NOTE inclosed clipping of the first air mail out of St. Petersburg (Fla.), by bus to Tampa, and by plane from there on C.A.M. 25, connecting at Daytona, Fla., with the planes from Atlanta and Miami, Fla. The plane coming down was wrecked in the Halifax River, and some 200 letters for St. Petersburg was so water soaked that the names could not be read and the stamps were all off. The office here was trying to dry them out. I have received only one of some ten I had sent out to me. I knew that you would be interested in getting this first hand information."—YORK BRIDDELL.

THE Indiana Stamp Club has been going good so far this year. We have had many interesting programs so far, and have many in store for the future. Next meeting March 15, H. Edgar French of New Castle, Ind., who is a specialist on Central and South American countries, will give us a talk on Mexico, and the following meeting April 5, H. H. Coburn, our past president, will give us a talk on Guatemala and other foreign oddities. Mr. Coburn is fortunate to have in his collection a perfect mint copy of Guatemala No. 23a, which Scott catalogues at $200."—LEWIS O. WARD.

"I JUST wanted to call your attention to a story called 'Mysteries of Today' by Culpeper Zandtt in the April *Blue Book,* which tells about stamps and stamp collectors. Here's hoping there are no more stamp dealers like Schmidt."—BARNUM B. WIXOM.

MRS. E. PAIMANN of 75 West 44 St., New York, died on March 5th, after suffering a stroke some ten days previously. She had carried on the business of her husband, A. Paimann, formerly of 76 Nassau St., since his death in 1901. The daughter, Miss Adrienne C. Paimann, has been her chief assistant since 1919 and will continue the business in the future.

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Though I have written plain and flat.
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ELIZABETH, March 12—Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of Plainfield, addressed about 150 members and guests of the Union County Philatelic Society in the recreation room of the Y. M. C. A. last night. Many ladies and young enthusiasts of the hobby were among those present. Guests were present from Plainfield, Westfield, Roselle, Rahway and East Orange.

Representative Ackerman stated that he had been collecting stamps for the past 50 years, and that his collection fills about 100 volumes. He explained that the collecting of stamps is not exactly a rich man's hobby, as many specimens used nowadays can be made into a very large yet inexpensive collection.

He stated that several countries maintain philatelic agencies, where stamps of those countries may be obtained at face value, including Soviet Russia; Sweden has its philatelic literature printed in five different languages, and illustrates some of the adhesives which it has for sale. He exhibited a complete collection of Swedish postage stamps, which was presented to the members of the Postal Congress delegates by that country at the convention there in 1924.

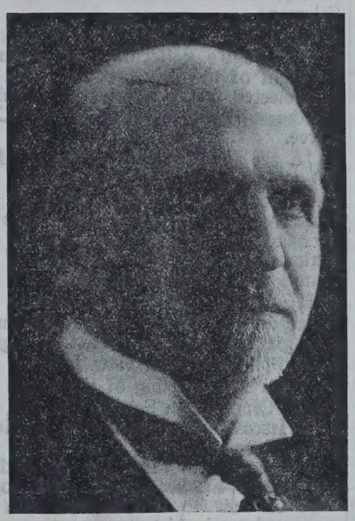
Exhibits Unusual Cover

The most interesting cover which Mr. Ackerman exhibited was one which was sent from Russia to the United States, and although the postage was only 15c, 1,625 stamps of the 25 ruble denomination was attached to the cover, making an exhibit 31 feet long and 6 feet wide. Another cover was one with a 90c of the 1869 issue attached, of which there are very few in existence; and one with a 15c of the same issue, but with the center inverted.

The pigeongram, from Great Barrier to New Zealand, was probably the first means of aero communication, and Mr. Ackerman exhibited a letter sent in this manner. Covers carried via the first aerial post in India in 1911, by the balloon post during the Franco-Prussian War, and one autographed by Col. C. A. Lindbergh when he flew the Government contract route, was shown.

Mr. Ackerman stated that the postage stamp had a great deal to do in convincing the members of Congress when the location of the Panama Canal first came up for consideration. It was then pointed that Nicaragua used a volcano to illustrate its stamps, and that if that country was so geographically situated, then Panama would be the best place for the canal to be built.

Congressman Ackerman concluded his interesting discourse by stating that not



far from the building in which he was speaking there had been a room covered with stamps, they being used as wall paper. Several bits of these were autographed by the Congressman for those present.

Coolidge and Stamps

Mr. Ackerman related some human interest incidents with philatelic angles about former President Coolidge. On assuming the presidency, his first morning at the White House, the President had as his breakfast guest the head of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, Charles A. Hatfield, who had managed the Coolidge Senatorial and gubernatorial campaigns in Massachusetts. The President invited Mr. Hatfield to ride over to the Capitol with him, and a Presidential invitation being equivalent to a command, the invitation was accepted. At the conclusion of the ride, Mr. Coolidge inquired:

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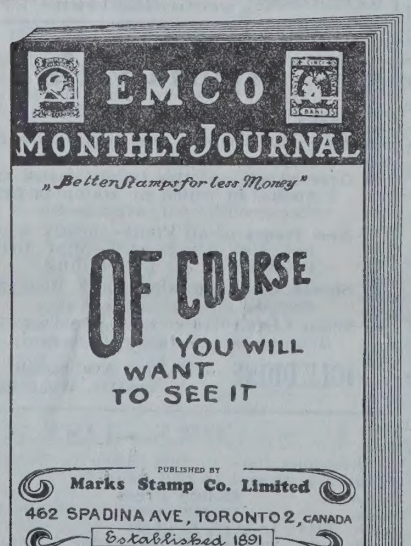

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OFF-SIDE—

THE National Air Mail Society has issued a mimeographed news organ that is devoted to information about the society, number one of which is dated February.

MR. CHAS. E. HERRICK, one of Chicago's collectors and formerly president of the Rotary Club there, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

WE are sorry to hear of the death of D. Vila, New Orleans, who for many years has been a reader of the WEEKLY, on February 4, 1929. We understand that Mr. Vila had a large collection and that the condition of his stamps was exceptionally good.

THE *Point Pleasant Philatelist,* according to its ad, is "issued monthly by a girl. With stories written by girls" from Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

AT a recent meeting of the stamp club at Crane High School, Chicago, Isadore Itscovitz was re-elected president, and Howard Diffay, secretary. The club's sponsor is Miss Kroger, and recently Mr. Fischer gave a talk to the boys on how to link stamps with important dates in history.

READERS are sending in copies of the current air mail stamp showing a variation in the position of the central design. Any bi-colored stamp as a consequence of the two impressions that it must receive is apt to show some deviation from the normal in the case of the second impression. Exact "registration" is a trick that requires much care.

MR. GILBERT E. BURSLEY, 917 Olivia Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was impressed by recent articles on the stamps of Norway that appeared in the WEEKLY, and he wants to know where he may obtain the Dethloff-Anderssen work on the stamps of Norway, 1855-1914, in this country. Abroad, the book is advertised for something over five dollars.

A READER asks where he can get the Ionian Islands stamps on the original envelopes. We cannot tell him to go around the corner to the dealer, as we don't believe that he would have the covers in stock. He may pick them up in a London auction at prices ranging from $75 to $150, at a guess.

THE 39th annual banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, was set for March 16th, at the Hotel Cleveland; and the ladies were invited to ornament the festal scene.

U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

R. A. BRYANT, Editor,
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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

As predicted, the bi-colored Vincennes has proved very popular with all collectors and several who are not plate number enthusiasts have sent lists of combinations obtained at their local office and at the Agency. Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly sent a complete list of the Vincennes plates and writes, "All plates, I understand, have gone to press and doubtless all combinations of border and center numbers, 144 in all, will be found." The first reader to report this issue remains anonymous at his own request. Sam T. Vary and Arthur W. Line each sent a long list and lists of lesser length were received from A. F. Gegenheimer, L. M. Holmes, J. Gordon B. Grimes, "C. A. F." and Thorneley Gridley. Some of the letters contained but one combination and it is interesting to note that in each instance the number was not reported by anyone else. The list follows:

Border 19720, *Centre* 19729-30-31-34-35-37; *Border* 19721, *Centre* 19728-29-30-31-34-35-37; *Border* 19722, *Centre* 19729-30-31-32-35-37; *Border* 19723, *Centre* 19729-30-31; *Border* 19724, *Centre* 19729-30-31-32; *Border* 19725, *Centre* 19728-29-30-31-32-34-37; *Border* 19726, *Centre* 19728-29-30-31-32-37; and *Border* 19727, *Centre* 19729-30-31-32-33-35.

It will be observed that no specimens are reported with borders 19740 to 19743, nor centers 19736-38-39. All borders listed above have been reported several times with the exception of 19724, which was reported once and 19723 which was reported twice. Center 19733 is missing from all but one group, and was reported but once. It is too early to estimate accurately which will be the scarce combinations, but returns show a tendency to the foregoing. Response has been very generous and it is hoped that readers will soon fill the gaps in each group. New contributors sending lists are requested to include the above also so that the final analysis will positively determine the relative scarcity of all combinations.

5c Air Mail. Our list of known combinations is growing rapidly. Contributors sending lists this week are: A. F. Gegenheimer, Glen E. Shears, L. L. Heinselman, L. D. Miller, Carl H. Mueller, J. Gordon B. Grimes and Roy A. Barton. Several readers have requested that this list be published soon, but owing to its length and the work necessary to keep the list accurate it is planned to present the numbers in sections, each section to contain one or two logical groupings. The first groups are practically complete, there being but few combinations to check. Splendid coöperation is being rendered by readers in compiling the list.

Several auction catalogs containing desirable U. S. items of interest to specialists have been received too late for mention. I regret this as many arrow and guide line blocks, ea numbers, etc., were offered. It is visable to watch the WEEKLY cl notice of coming auctions as it's possible to obtain long-sought-r through this medium.

Letters containing notes and da rious subjects are acknowled thanks from Willis M. Pott, Campbell, Jr., T. J. Gridley John W. Grimm.

The great majority of lett received are concerned with or namely, plate numbers. Ear commemoratives, the current the popular bi-colored stamp represented. Some letters on jects also arrive. There are m subjects that may properly be in our column. Interest in p bers is too greatly preponderant that much space in the last has been devoted to this one the exclusion of others. You to comment on the number Space in proportion to the inte will be devoted to each subj sider this department as always willing to help you with your Tell us how we can serve you

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By HERMANN FOCKE.

Two kindred stampic events will be pulled off the reel during the month of March, which deserve the spilling of a little printer's ink over the general news column, one being the sale in Amsterdam of the remainders of the famous floating safe postage stamps, and the other the sale in New York of a large batch of first-flight covers on the famous return trip from Panama to this country.

In both cases the stamps will be sold by subscription at their face value, which in itself is a deviation from former customs, where remainders were sold to the highest bidder, and again in both cases the sale is effected, not by postal authorities, but by a very large commercial concern which ordinarily would probably have nothing to do with stamps.

There have been many sales, by subscription, of remainders, nearly all of the last issues of the old German States, Thurn & Taxis, etc., then the stamps of Heligoland in 1890, all of the Seebeck issues, a certain issue of Rhodesia, the King Edward stamps of St. Vincent, particularly the £1 value, and perhaps the most famous event, the sale of the remainders of the 5 franc brown of Belgium, with the head of King Leopold, this being the only case where the stamps brought far above their face value, if well I remember, around 12 francs each, whereas in most of the other cases cited the stamps were sold far below face. These latest two sales would probably cause little comment, if it were not for the peculiar circumstances which have brought them to pass.

The sale in Amsterdam is actually one of re-remainders, because another concern has tried to foist these "floating safes" on the collectors for several years, but in the first place the price was put up so high, that it surpassed the "purse-capacity" of a good many collectors, besides the stamps cannot be called pleasant objects of art to behold, and last, but not least, the entire issue was more or less superfluous. In these days of the copying press, carbon paper and Insurance Companies, all are created to replace anything lost in the mails on land and the high seas, but the issue of these stamps had cost money which it was necessary to recover, and who else would lend a hand to this, if not the much abused stamp collector. Now that many victims have paid dearly for these futuristic pictures, they are offered in large quantities at face value, a matter of no little concern to those who had faith in their scarcity and future possibilities. I am inclined to have my little doubts even in the success of the present efforts of the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij to dispose of the entire lot, because the face value of each set is not a mean consideration.

Well, I don't want to be mean, but wish them to dispose of their entire holdings, as long as I do not have to contribute.

The sale here in New York of the first flight covers from Panama to the States at 28c each is really unique, because nobody would think twice of paying this mite for such an historic object, and still we again see the purpose of having the stamp collector pay for a large enterprise, and again the early bird that was lucky enough to catch one of these worms paying perhaps a fancy price for them, will have reason for regrets. The dealers who thought they could make us collectors "stick 'em up" and get all of our loose cash to pay for the "rarities," will also be disappointed.

I presume the number is large enough to go a long ways, and the manner of distribution, by not allotting more than five to any, and at least one cover to every bidder, ought to serve to scatter these interesting philatelic objects amongst the largest possible number of collectors.

Thus we have here an entirely different case. The Republic of Panama and the owners of the plane will be reimbursed for their expense, and nobody will be hurt in his pocketbook by giving his little share to the enterprise. It is another proof that stamp collecting has entered an entirely new field, and it is no longer only the stocks and bonds, and the R. R. and S. S. tickets which are considered today of some value.

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By GEORGE ELIOT HOEFT.

In April, 1925, there was issued a set of three stamps celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, commemorating the beginning of the war on April 19, 1775, which separated the American colonies from Great Britain, and gave birth to the United States of America. The 1c shows General Washington taking command of the American Revolutionary Army at Cambridge, Mass. The 2c shows the British soldiers firing upon a group of American farmer soldiers, who had hastily gathered to stop their advance to Concord. On the 5c is a picture of the statue of "The Minute Man," and at the sides, the opening stanza of Lowell's poem:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard 'round the world."

This is the first issue of U. S. stamps to use literature for one of the major themes of the design. It is interesting to note that the 5c stamp bears thirty-seven words and four numbers; something which probably has not an equal on any postage stamp of any country. The shape of these stamps is different than any previously issued, being 1½ inches wide and ⅞ inch high.

Kleng Peerson, a hardy Norwegian, visited our country in 1821, and upon his return, his description of America so fired with enthusiasm the hearts of fifty-two followers eager for adventure that on July 4, 1825, organized by Lars Larsen, they set sail in the small ship, "Restaurationen," commanded by Capt. Lars Olsen. They landed in New York on October 10th, and soon after settled in Orleans County, N. Y. To commemorate the coming of these first Norsemen, whose descendants and whose followers have been a valuable addition to our body politic, two stamps were issued on May 18, 1925. The 2c portrays the "Restaurationen," flanked by the dates, "1825-1925," a viking shield and mythological sea horse. The 5c bears a picture of an old Viking warship flanked by the dates, and a conventionalized Norwegian flag and American flag. These stamps are noteworthy in that they are printed in two colors, which had not been done for twenty-four years.

In the history of every civilized country, the milestones of evolution are the years which mark the beginning of each critical epoch. Such a one, for the U. S. A. is the year 1776, when on July 4th, the Declaration of Independence was officially published. Therefore it is fitting that the 150th anniversary of that event was celebrated in various ways, among them being the issue on May 10th, of a special adhesive postage stamp and a stamped envelope of 2c denomination. The central feature of the design is a picture of the "Liberty Bell," which hung in old Independence Hall in Philadelphia. A supply of these stamps was prepared for use in the Canal Zone by the regular surcharge used on all Canal Zone stamps. No commemorative stamp had been used in this way before.

Sweden has contributed many notable sons and daughters to world progress, among the greatest of whom is John Ericsson, born 1803, died 1889. Ericsson was an eminent engineer and inventor, and although he has many achievements to his credit, he is best known here because of his invention of the iron-clad "Monitor" in 1862. Her victorious battle wrote the doom of wooden navies everywhere in the world. Also it was largely through his labors that the screw propeller replaced the paddlewheel. In honor of Ericsson a 5c purple stamp was issued May 29, 1926, bearing a picture of the monument unveiled in Washington on that date. The statue is the work of J. E. Fraser, and shows Ericsson seated before the Norse tree of life, "Ygdrasil," around which are grouped figures symbolising Vision, Labor, and Adventure. A conventionalized American Flag and Swedish Flag occupy the upper corners.

One of the important battles of the War of Independence was fought on October 28, 1776, among the wooded hills just north of New York City, in the vicinity of the present city of White Plains. General Washington had suffered several defeats from the British under Howe, and had been forced to retreat from New York, but his victory at White Plains had a great psychological value, although the engagement is not considered a major battle. To commemorate the event a special 2c stamp was issued on October 18, 1926. The central picture is a gun crew of Hamilton's Battery in action, and underneath is shown an early design of the national flag and a regimental flag with the device of a crossed sword and staff with a liberty cap under the words, "Liberty or Death." In addition to the usual issue of 100 stamps issued at Post Offices, a special plate of 25 impressions was made to print these stamps at the philatelic stamp exhibition held at the time in New York.

Probably the oldest persistent aspiration is man's desire to fly. However, it was not until the Wright brothers invented the aeroplane in 1903 that the age-old dream was realized. In 1919, Raymond Orteig offered a prize of $25,000 to the person making the first continuous flight from New York to Paris. This was accomplished on May 21, 1927, by Charles A. Lindbergh. In commemoration of that superb achievement a special mail stamp of new design was issued on June 18th. It shows Lindbergh's plane, "Spirit of St. Louis," and the route followed; at the top the words "United States Postage—Lindbergh Air Mail." This is the first time in the history of the country that a man has received postage stamp honor during his life.

The struggle for American independence had gotten well under way by the summer of 1777. In this year the decisive battles of the war were fought. The British, under Burgoyne, were to advance from Canada, meeting another force coming up from New York City, thus isolating New England. Gen. Herkimer raised an army of 800 men to assist Willet to defend Ft. Stanwyx (at Rome, N. Y.) from the attack of St. Leger, early August 3rd, and started toward the fort, but at Oriskany, on August 6th, he met a detachment of British and de-

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Although the precancel hobby has grown mightily in the past few years, I believe many philatelists are still overlooking a good thing when they pass it by. I do not include in this statement those who have been collectors for many years and formed collections or accumulations of considerable value, and who find their collecting interests and time fully occupied and satisfied. I do include those who are just making a start on collecting, a bit undecided as to what field to cover, and those who are looking about for some new phase of the game to engage their interests and time more fully; also those whose collecting interests may perhaps have become satiated or jaded through long familiarity. It is these people who should find an answer to their problems in precancels.

One of the, to me, heaviest indictments against general postage collecting is the deadly sameness of all collections of a given size. Lay side by side two or twenty general postage collections of a stated size, and you'll find them about as nearly alike as so many black cats. Compare any given number of British or French or Portuguese Colonials of a given size, and again the similarity is at once noticeable.

The above indictment most emphatically does not hold against precancels. Has anyone ever seen any two or two hundred general or specialized precancel collections of a given size that showed any great degree of sameness? If so, he has seen the world's greatest wonder, for no one else ever has. A Cleveland collector summed this up last summer when he said that anyone who has as many as a dozen precancels, has among them something that no one else has. A bit exaggerated, but basically absolutely true.

I like to feel that I have a very good collection of Ohio, my native state. The collector referred to above had made but a very meager start on that state, yet in that meager beginning of a collection I noted at least a dozen items which would make highly important additions to my collection. I saw one stamp in it not at that time in two of the largest collections in the country! As I stated in these columns a few weeks ago, I lay claim to having the largest 14c collection in existence—nearly 1,100 varieties. Yet I know of one very desirable 14c item, reposing in a dinky general collection of perhaps 2,000 varieties, which does not contain more than half a dozen 14c at most, which I have long sought in vain, and probably will always lack. I have built up a nice specialized collection of Rochester, New York, in the past 2½ years, paying especial attention to its coils, of which it has more city types than any other city. I lack but two varieties to complete those coils, one of which is in a specialized New York collection of only fair size, and the other in a small general collection in Ohio. I could go on and give instance after instance where stamps, lacking in my own, or other large collections, exist (to my knowledge) only in very, very much smaller collections or accumulations, but I don't want to give readers the idea that my collection is the only one in the country. It seems to me that I have said enough to prove conclusively that here is an element of great importance, not found in general postage collecting.

What constitutes the charm of collecting anything? Isn't it the elusiveness of the thing sought, the titillating possibility that one may come upon it at the most unexpected time in some wholly unanticipated place? The collector of flasks, china, Beadle's Dime Novels, cancellations and precancels, will all bear witness that this is true.

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Approximately 32,000 of the 50,000 were sold in the short time the stamps were on sale. Sale started at 11 A. M., Feb. 8, and ceased at time of closing of airmail the day following at 10.30 A. M. The remainders will be (or possibly already have been) destroyed by burning.

Of the 32,000 sold, about 12,000 were used on first flight covers. In this connection, since over 50,000 CZ covers were sent on the first flight north, the Panama covers should rate four or five times the value of the CZ covers, if not more, since there were not very many "professionals" aboard with RP covers. The Pan-American Airways itself had 4,000 of the Panama first covers posted.

Capt. Merrit, the pilot of the second plane, receipted for the Panama mail, and it is doubtful whether any of the Panama mail was actually carried on Lindbergh's ship, although the Colonel was quoted in the daily press as personally stating to Señor Goytia (Director General of Posts for the Republic of Panama) and to Sr. Carlos Ortiz R. (Secretary of Panama's Post Office Department) that—"It gives me much pleasure to be able to carry mail from Panama" (this a fairly close translation of the Spanish phraseology).

However, inasmuch as the Canal Zone covers were loaded indiscriminately on both planes, so that no one can say positively what Canal Zone mail was actually on Lindbergh's ship, there would seem to be ample foundation for describing the Panama covers as "flown by Lindbergh." Col. Lindbergh signed the waybill for the CZ mail, and Capt. Merrit that for the Panama mail. I have photostat copies of each in my possession.

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"I wish to express my hearty thanks and personal appreciation of the very fine and excellent publicity you gave the Society in your special number. I feel reasonable sure all our officers and members appreciate this wonderful publicity number, and I hope many of them will express it in the written word. In other respects also, I congratulate you on the fine edition. Here's the wish of many long years of continued prosperity and honor in the work MEKEEL'S is is doing for Philately."

"LA PETITE CLUB", DETROIT

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

On Saturday evening, March 9, Karl Koslowski entertained 13 members of the La Petite Club, composed of members of the Michigan Stamp Club, at Barlum Hotel. It was a very enjoyable affair with the dinner exceptionally good. The recital of stamp experiences and doings was the order of the evening. Mr. Koslowski exhibited a number of specialized collections of U. S. stamps. Among the members present were: Messrs. Koslowski, Hoskins, White, Parks, Dworkowski, Myers, Scott, Bott, Jungwirth, Andrews, Hutchinson, Brisley, and Boers.

Just before dinner was served, Mr. Koslowski placed a Latvia stamp with name of each one there, at the plate, telling each member to try and pick out his name. Those guessing it were presented with an extra stamp as a prize. A little souvenir consisted of an envelope containing a map of Lettland, with a pair 1½c coil, Harding precancel. With a late adjournment, the boys voted that Karl Koslowski knew how to entertain.

ZEPPELIN FLIES MARCH 24

Nations Give Consent for Passage to Mediterranean

(Clipping from R. Denzler.)

BERLIN, March 16.—The start of the dirigible Count Zeppelin on her Mediterranean trip is now finally fixed for March 24, nearly all of the countries over which the airship may fly having given the required permission, including France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

With more than $2,000,000 at his disposal as result of the sale of the Staaken flying grounds to the city of Berlin, Dr. Hugo Eckener is already preparing for extensive enlargements of the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen. A Berlin firm will tear down all of the old halls with exception of that in which the Count Zeppelin is housed now.

On the ground thus gained will be erected a new hall that is destined to become the cradle of the next airship, to be greater and more efficient than all its predecessors, plans for which are now being drawn up by Dr. Duerr, the chief engineer of the Zeppelin works, and his staff.—N. Y. *Times*

STRAY NEWS ITEMS—

THE Philatelic Club of Los An has moved into new quarters o 7th floor of the Commercial Club. Club occupies its own room, ope members day and night. Through ations with the Commercial Club rangements have been made whereb privileges of swimming pool, d room, etc., are open to the stamp The housewarming was a big su Twenty-seven for dinner and a crowd at the regular meeting.

A STAMP club has been start Blackstone, Mass., with the fo ing officers: Pres., Philip Lane; Pres., Geo. Wharton; Sec. and Lib land Higgins; Treas., Frank Palme adviser is Vincent P. Masterson, ber of the A. P. S. There are f members. The Pres., Philip Lan County St., Blackstone, Mass., like to exchange ideas with club o in other places.

MARKS STAMP CO., of To Canada, is apparently well p with the wholesale price list just p by this firm. They have a right to view of the fact that it is a subs list of 40 pages filled with many hu of offers with stamps priced per t hundred. No dealer can afford without this reference book, and a men copy can be had upon applica the firm.

FROM a sample copy of *Business ers*, published by J. W. C Glen Head, N. Y., we note that Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., has a pro part in the make-up of the conte the magazine. Sample order of th lication will doubtless be sent up quest.

WE are advised of the death of M. Gardner, Lorain, Ohio, a war veteran, and for sometime scriber to the WEEKLY. His brot vises us of that sad fact with a sg tion that the sending of mail ma discontinued.

Stop Press News

T OF NEW CUBAN STAMPS

ed May 20 to Commemorate the New Capitol at Havana

(Clipping from R. R. Garcia, Habana)
(Translation by Hermann Focke)

ne inauguration of the new Cuban tol in Habana on the 20th of May , will be an event of exceptional im- ance for what it represents to the an Nation, and the embellishment of Capital.

ne Secretary of Communications has efore proposed the issue of a set of ge stamps to commemorate this

, and submitted to the approval of President of the Republic a decree d by the first Magistrate of the Re- c. The essential stipulations as to tities required are as follows: 1c , 200,000; 2c red, 200,000; 5c blue, 00; 10c brown, 150,000; 20c violet, 0. All of these stamps show a view ne Capitol in a decorative frame.

is new issue will be put on sale in he post offices of the Republic on 20, concurrently with the stamps in circulation, and will remain in lation until entirely sold. The plates oyed for the printing of these stamps be destroyed as soon as the work een concluded.

LIN TO NEW YORK IN JUNE

uptmann Kohl and Major Fitzmau- have now announced their intention art again for a non-stop flight from n to New York, the end of June. planned to use a Junkers G. 24 Ma- , and take two other pilots on t. Instead of using wheels the lane will have boats, and the start be on the Muggel or Wannsee near n. As it would be hardly possible rt the heavy machine if fully loaded ie water, Kohl will start with the quantity of benzine and fill the ma- in the air by help of a tank aero- with six tons of benzine. The will be south to Lisbon, to meet a er tank-plane to refill with benzine. aeroplane meets very heavy weath- third tank-plane will start from to meet Kohl on the Atlantic. A of 50 hours is estimated for the ng from Berlin to New York.

ARNS & SCHROTT.

ANOKE FULLY ORGANIZED

ROANOKE, VA., March 18.

permanent organization of the oke Stamp Club has been effected. on of officers resulted as follows: t A. Turner, Pres.; C. Raymond n, Vice-Pres.; Clark M. Thomas, and J. W. Williams, Treas. At the t time we meet the 1st Thursday rd Wednesday of each month in lagazine Dept., of the Norfolk and rn Ry., office, Hotel Roanoke Bldg., 5 P. M. While this organization is in connection with the N. & W. t is not restricted to N. & W. em- s. It is our intention to solicit ers from Roanoke and southwest nia, 18 years of age and over, who ctively interested in stamp collect- Anyone within these bounds wish- join or coöperate with us may do writing the Sec., 405 Albemarle S. W., Roanoke, Va.

C. M. THOMAS, *Sec.*

U. S. ENVS. AND POSTAL CARDS

New German Catalog Called a Masterpiece of Thoroughness

ESSEN, GERMANY, Mar. 10.

The ninth and concluding part of the German "Grosser Ganrsachen-Katalog," is at last, off the press. This part deals very exhaustively with the envelopes and postal cards of the United States of America, and after a cursory examination only, I think it is no exaggeration to state that the work is a masterpiece of thoroughness. U. S. entires are fully described with fine illustrations on no fewer than 67 pages. The book is in German, of course, but notwithstanding this I feel certain that there will be rejoicing over it in the camp of U. S. envelope collectors. I reserve to myself to send you, if I can possibly find the time to do so, a particularising article on the above publication accompanied, perhaps, by a translation of one page of the catalog enabling collectors to get acquainted with its merits.

The German catalog under discussion was last referred to in the WEEKLY, Jan. 10, 1927, by Dr. W. I. Mitchell, the eminent collector of entires. He, no doubt, and H. Clay Reed, your untiring collaborator in the envelope line, will be pleased to hear the good news. The price of part 9 plus postage to America is about $1.10.

A. WAGNER.

NEWS FLASHES

—"As soon as I knew that I was to be editor of the air mail department, I wrote Hon. W. Irving Glover, 2nd Assistant Postmaster General, asking him for his coöperation in promoting the service rendered by this department. His reply indicates his willingness to assist, and is very gratifying."—DONALD E. DICKASON.

—We shall begin next week a new department under the editorship of R. E. Farr, Hot Springs Ark. At his suggestion the new department will be titled "Filatelic Fun Forum."

—*Postal Bulletin* of March 15, says that the special cachet to be used at Brownsville, Texas, for first flight mail over CAM 22 arrived too late. All collectors receiving covers without cachets may have the proper ones applied by sending them under cover to the Second Assistant Postmaster General Division of Air Mail Service, Washington, D. C.—DONALD E. DICKASON.

—O. Mathiesen, Winterton, N. Y., has been appointed administrator of the estate of Th. Berg. Interested parties can communicate with him.

—Very shortly the United States and South America will be linked by air mail. Contracts are being made for a service in April or May. We shall print next week all the facts available.

—The new route from Cleveland to Bay City is scheduled to start April 1. Leave Bay City, 8 p. m., arrive Cleveland, 11.30 p. m., leave Cleveland 3 a.m., the 2nd, arriving at Bay City at 6.30 a. m. Intermediate stops will be Saginaw, Flint, Pontiac, and Detroit. Can't guarantee special cachets for all of these, but they will be on the routes.—DONALD E. DICKASON.

—Mal Ganser submits an interesting "Cresskill, N. J.," cancel. We are sending it on to "Sevard" for scientific treatment.

—We have received a card announcing the marriage of Spencer Anderson, well-known dealer in New York City, to Miss Johanna Ellen White, which took place Thursday, March 14, at Midland Park, N. J. A host of friends will congratulate the newly-wedded couple. Mr. Anderson is especially well known among the stamp dealers of New York City and vicinity, and will have their hearty congratulations, and best wishes.

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58	2.00	1.00

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64	2.50	1.25
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66	2.50	1.25
67	1.00	.60
81	1.50	.75
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HONDURAS COMMEMORATIVES

N. Y. CITY, March 18.

Two values—perhaps of a set—of commemorative stamps of large size but rather crude execution have come from this Central American Republic. It takes a good magnifying glass to make out the names of the celebrities depicted thereon, as the letters are very small and often blurred and defective.

The 1c in deep-red is of a horizontal oblong shape, 40x24mm, and shows the portraits of the President and Vice-President of the Republic in slanting medallions, the former at left with the inscription underneath, of D. (for Don the Spanish Title) Vicente Mejia Colindres, Presidente de la República, and the latter at right with Ing. (Ingeniero or Engineer) Rafael Diaz Chavez—Vice Presidente de la República; at top the word CONMEMORATIVO in a curved ribbon, at bottom, in small letters, the value UN CENTAVO.

In the upper two corners in circles at left 1° de Febrero, at right 1929, and in both lower corners the letters U. P. U.; vertically at left reading up CORREOS, and at right, reading down, HONDURAS. The lettering of the names is so small, that nearly every E appears as an I, and the I of Vicente merges with the following C, the name reading VCINTI; the O and N in Conmemorativo are also merged and the second M looks more like a K.

The 2c value is in emerald green, and of vertical oblong shape, 23x40mm with portrait of the President alone, but with the title of D. Vicinti Mejia Colindres, Presidente Constitucional, the other inscriptions being the same as on the 1c stamp, with the exception of the value, which reads DOS CENTAVOS in very small letters at bottom.

As the letter bringing the two stamps (two of each to pay for the usual rate of 6c), has no date whatsoever, the postal clerk having forgotten to insert it into the circular town cancellation of the City of Tela, it is not possible to say when these stamps were issued, but the letter having arrived here on the 7th inst., it should have left Honduras around Feb. 25.

HERMANN FOCKE.

U. S.-SO. AMERICA AIR MAIL

(Wire by Western Union)

LEWISTOWN, PA., March 19.

Just received confirmation of U. S.-Peru air mail route. Mail leaves Miami, April 1, and Cristobal, April 4. Unable to give postage rates or stopping points yet. Suggest reference to local P. O. Bulletin, which will give details.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION NEWS

A new system of judging may be used at the National Postage Stamp Exhibit to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., during the week of August 12th. The local Board of Directors is considering, favorably, a suggestion that the different judges be assigned certain groups or classes of exhibits as their major duty in judging. The judge of a certain group or class will be designated in the catalog of the exhibit and will be solely responsible for making the awards in his group or class. This system is used by the annual dog shows and has been found to work out more satisfactorily than the "general committee of twelve," which has been used in the past at stamp exhibits.

The local committee is also working on a first layout of the prospectus for exhibits. The final steps in creating the Exhibition Corporation have been taken, and it will not be long before full details will be in our hands regarding exhibits, booths, etc.

The New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, has already received a number of reservations for the week of August 12th; it is suggested that reservations be made promptly.

1929 BRITISH CONGRESS

The 16th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, will be held under the auspices of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, Monday, June 3, to Friday, June 7. The program follows:—

June 4. A. M. Business, P. M. Excursion; June 5. A. M. Business, P. M. Excursion, Garden Party; June 6. A. M. Business, P. M. Excursion; and June 7. A. M. Business, P. M. Excursion, Banquet.

The Congress Cup will be presented this year by a philatelist who desires to remain anonymous. Visitors will be warmly welcomed to Congress meetings. Delegates and others who propose to attend will communicate at once with the Hon. Sec. of the Local Committee, H. Grindall, 20 Mayfield Rd., Birmingham.

METROPOLITAN'S ANNUAL

BOSTON, March 18.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Philatelic Society was held at the Quincy House, Boston, Thursday, March 14th. There were about forty present, including visitors from Boston, Lynn, and Suburban Clubs. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Pres., C. C. Durning; Vice-Pres., P. A. Lasky; Sec., Mrs. J. F. Hoffland; and Treas., Harry Davis. The entertain-

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EDITORIAL

INDICATIONS are not lacking to show that those who have in charge the proposed exhibition at the time of the American Philatelic Society convention at Minneapolis, next August, are taking time by its well-known forelock. This fact argues favorably for the success of the undertaking, which has the support of the Twin Cities, philatelically, and it is heartening to find that the preliminary discussions have developed some result according to announcements that are appearing in the newspapers of Minneapolis and St. Paul. It has been asked what policies should be pursued and methods adopted to make this National Exhibit relatively easy of accomplishment, and the Board of Directors deemed the question of major importance at its first meeting in an official sense. This manner of approach is a proper one and strengthens our belief in the wisdom of the committee, since we understand that not only will the exhibition of the week of August 12, 1929, be considered, but that an effort will be made to provide a basis for procedure for other cities that subsequently will promote stamp exhibitions. The recent Cleveland exhibition furnishes a background that will be enlarged by the Minneapolis display with the consequence that other of the large cities will be inspired to claim the years of 1930, 1931, 1932, until Chicago in 1933, can make its mark with its exhibition, in conjunction with the great fair. We believe that the Minneapolis men will make history with their exhibit and that all collectors will follow their work with attention.

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SEVERAL correspondents have written to say that a new issue for Cuba is impending, whose central design will be that of the Capitol at Havana. The stamps will be of the size of the air mail stamp, and the values and number of each denomination to be printed are: one cent, 150,000; two cents, 150,000; five cents, 100,000; ten cents, 100,000; and twenty cents, 50,000. The date of issue is May 20, 1929.

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MR. L. S. SLEVIN, Carmel, California, tells of a remarkable coincidence: "Last September, I received an auction catalogue in which the first item was as follows: 'U. S., Nos. 64, 65, 65a, and 63, on original cover, cancelled Carmel, Cal., Dec. 1, 1904, Cat. Value, $15.81. This envelope was mailed by me at that time, over 24 years ago'." All that we can say is that if Mr. Slevin used the 3c pink, 1861, catalogued $15, in the former edition, he is an ideal correspondent. He adds: "It may be of interest to mention that my mother was trying to accumulate a million stamps back in the sixties for some charitable purpose, I think. She reached about 80,000, and these were given to me about 1900. There were many uncancelled stamps in the lot and the cover in question was arranged with some of them. After picking out the 'rarities' the remainder of the stamps was sold to a San Francisco dealer for $30. I found one grilled all over in the lot."

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ON the reverse of a postal card sent from Dominica, W. I., March 3, 1884, we find the following remarks: "This is one of the old provincial post cards which are very rare indeed, as only one hundred were printed; they were done in the island. I had it registered to insure its safety. West Indian stamps are very scarce here as everyone is dabbling in them." This is the buff card of 1883, type-set with adhesive. In this instance, three of the one-penny lilac and one of the half-penny bistre paid the postage to London.

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MR. BRUCE CARTWRIGHT, Honolulu, Hawaii, writes: "I enclose a copy of letter dated February 27, 1929, addressed to a delegate from Hawaii by the Postmaster General of the U. S. It gives the U. S. stamps, overprinted 'Hawaii-1778-1928' their official status as a regular U. S. issue. They are not an Hawaiian issue as the Territory of Hawaii cannot issue stamps, being an integral part of the United States, any more than can any of the states or territories." The letter was sent by Harry S. New, postmaster-general of the United States to Hon. V. S. K. Houston of the House of Representatives, under date of February 15, 1929: "I see no reason for there being any controversy in philatelic circles in regard to the classification of this issue of surcharged stamps. The fact remains that these stamps represent a United States issue placed on sale for postage purposes in Hawaiian post offices only. Had it been otherwise intended, they would not have been made valid for postage purposes in other parts of the United States. The Department could have taken no more effective action than this to make this series of stamps an official issue of the United States. I am not, therefore, in favor of placing some of these stamps on sale in the Washington post office, as suggested by the Postmaster, Honolulu, as no further action, in my opinion, is needed to identify the surcharged issue. To make such authorization at this late date, when the supply of surcharged stamps is practically exhausted, would not serve to co any disagreement that now exists ar philatelists with reference to the pr listing of the stamps. In this connec it may be stated that, aside from a ing the printing of a large suppl these stamps that would be required general distribution, the only purpo restricting the sale of the surcha stamps to Hawaiian post offices wa a matter of favor to local post o where the celebrations were held where the chief interest in the ann sary centered. From the standpoin the nature of the new issue itself, stamps could have been placed on at all United States post offices, so I to see where there is any reason controversy in regard to the classific of the stamps, or any occasion for ther departmental action." The post ter-general's rejoinder is such as to nitely assign the Hawaiian surcharg their proper berth, officially. He is der no misgivings as to the charact the two stamps and his terms in pa judgment are not to be mistaken in meaning. The sole reason for the ing of the sale of the stamps to th lands was based on favor; it was a priate that Hawaii should be given center of the stage as even the ce plant has its innings once a hun years, according to the man on the s

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MR. SYDNEY S. JALKUT, York City, has a view-point does not accord with that express the issue of March 4th, in consid certain regulations of the British masters, and he writes: "As a coll I have had some experience in obta stamps from colonial postmaster over the world. In view of the courtesy and service which these masters render in sending fine copies even exchanging fine copies for ones, I feel that the small charge ref to is not unjust. I can very well im that although revenue is derived fro sale of stamps, the contacts with d and collectors who require only fine mens is considerable of a nuisance.

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Air Mail News

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

It was bound to come! Just about the first official mail I received on the new job contained two letters from prominent collectors, both of whose opinions I value highly. One of them wanted more emphasis on airports; the other wanted them separated from the Air Mail Department entirely. Brethren, and sisters, you'll just have to make the best of it. This paper goes to somewhat over 10,000 collectors. Some of them like one thing, and some another. This department as now organized is the only medium for information on flights, near flights, and anything aerial that has even a remote connection with airmail. I'm going to give all the readable news I get over the entire field that I think will have a general interest to any considerable group of readers. I'll attempt to say official or unofficial in the proper spots, and what doesn't interest you, just pass over.

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Charlottesville, Va., was put on the first day sale list for the George Rogers Clark stamp at the last minute, but someone surely slipped. The post office there received only 15,000 stamps, and they went out first come, first served. Many collectors who had their covers in before the announced date got them back with a note saying that they'd arrived too late.

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Several more likely airport dedications in the near future:—Anniston, Ala.; Winters, Tex.; Selma, Ala.; Enid, Okla.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Beverly, Mass.; Great Falls, Mont.; and Bellows Falls, Vt. Chambers of Commerce will supply cachets in most cases. * * * Heard of these too late even for the "Stop Press." Chandler, Ariz., dedication was slated for March 9, and Holmes Airport, Jackson Heights, Queens County, Long Island, for the 16th. George F. Wild, of New York Aviation Show fame, was to be in charge of the mailing end of the latter.

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Ow! Here's one I surely missed! March 1st, a slightly revised schedule went into effect over CAM 27. I saw the notice in the postal bulletin, but couldn't see anything to get excited about. Now my attention is called to the fact that the revised schedule dropped La Porte, Ind., and added Dearborn to the schedule. Dearborn and Detroit use the same field, and the two cities are bracketed on the schedule; there was no cachet, therefore. Wonder how many got in on this?

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Grabbing this from Mr. L. B. Gatchell's department in the *Air Mail Collector*. Despite statements to the contrary, there was no airmail dispatched from the U. S. to Port au Prince, Haiti, on the opening of FAM 6, Jan. 9 or 10. First direct dispatch was from San Juan and Miami on Jan. 21st, as announced in the *Postal Bulletin* a few days earlier. Mail addressed for Port au Prince on the 9th was duly accepted and carried, *but to Santo Domingo*, and over land by automobile to Port au Prince, the usual method. Looks like both dates would be good. The very short notice for the flights of the 21st did not allow many to get in covers, and all sent in early were sent on the 9th, as mentioned, so there couldn't have been much of an accumulation. Even Cap Street missed out, and that's going some!

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Transfer of the business of the Salt Lake City Air Mail Field to the Railway Mail Service personnel on Feb. 1st, brought forth an unofficial cachet in commemoration of the event. * * * If you've never seen a copy of the *Domestic Air News*, a copy will be an eye-opener. It's published by the Aeronautics Branch, Dept. of Commerce, twice monthly, and is free on request. * * * Menafee Airport, Charlotte, La., will be dedicated about May 15th, cachet being applied by Menafee Airways, Inc., of that city.

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Mr. P. Lopez takes exception to the statement in our issue of Feb. 25th, that no mail was carried on the first trip between Baja, California (Mexicali) and Mexico City. He has six covers, Mazatlan to Mexico City, properly front- and back-stamped. On the covers is typed "Primer Vuelo-Mazatlan-Mexico City," followed by the postmaster's autograph. Mr. Lopez thinks some commercial mail was carried, also.

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Thanks are due to a fine list of co-operators who have kept right on the job: Robert M. Hayes, Frederick D. Markee, N. T. Fernald, Joseph Mays, George F.

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A Junior Club

By ARTHUR M. BURDGE,
Pt. Pleasant, N. J.

I am only a moderate collector and am not very well versed in stamp knowledge, but have succeeded in organizing a stamp club of boys, yes, and girls, too, which tho only two weeks old numbers 25. It is called "The Local Stamp Exchange Club," and its members are of families of average means, so of course, we cannot indulge very heavy. To overcome the boys' contempt for a "dumb" girl and vice versa, I have created boys and girls divisions, both of for a "dumb" girl and vice versa, I have created boys and girls divisions, both of which are under their own president and of one general secretary, whose duty is to hunt out bargains and pass them on, and to impart such information as he can, and he has plenty of work, you can bet.

Blassingame's Answers

(Last Week's Brain Twisters)

(1.) Dominican Republic, Nos. 302 and 303.
(2.) In 1919, on Poland, No. 132.
(3.) The Netherlands.
(4.) United States, No. 1457, which was issued in 1912.
(5.) Uruguay, Nos. 352 and 353.
(6.) Barbados, No. 176.
(7.) Lithuania.
(8.) Barbados, 1906, 1d.
(9.) Tasmania, No. 86.
(10.) On the 24c of the 1869 issue.

At the Philatelic Minstrels

"It 'pears to me, Mr. Interlocutor, dat I'se a reading a powerful lot about cat. prices and cat. numbers. Wat does 'cat.' mean?"

"I'm glad you catechized me, Sambo. I always like to help inquiring minds. Now, if the catalog price on your favourite stamp is catapulting like a leaping catamount, categorically speaking, or, perhaps, is catabolized by a cataclysm, so that the catalog drops like a cataract, that is no reason for you to caterwaul or to have a cataleptic fit. Do you get me?"

"Ah suttinly do, boss. Pass the catsup."—The *Lincoln Philatelist.*

Helps For Our Readers

By A. C. LEDUC.

Paul Henshaw says he is having trouble over the meaning of terms applied to blocks of stamps. I trust that the answers as given below will help him out and others too:—

(1.) A centerline block consists of the four stamps converging at the center of a full sheet of 400 stamps. Each sheet of 400 stamps is made up of quarters called panes. There are lines between the panes and naturally they cross at the center.

(2.) An arrow block would be a block of six or eight or nine at the top or bottom, or right or left side of a sheet at the place where the guide lines start. These are made arrow shaped to help in getting the sheet of stamps properly placed to go thru the perforating machines.

(3.) Each sheet of stamps bears one or more numbers on the margin. A block of stamps (usually 6 or 9) is taken out of the sheet in such a way that the plate number comes over the center stamp of the top row of the block and is therefore called a plate block.

(4.) In blocks of stamps we sometimes find that some have more space between the edges of the stamps than others. These can be measured by a millimeter scale and usually run 2mm or 3mm. See Scott's specialized catalogue to find whether they are listed or not.

(5.) A. E. F. means American Expeditionary Force. Booklets of stamps were put up for use of the United States soldiers in France.

Misplaced Centres

Readers frequently send me stamps printed in two colors and point out that the portion printed in one color either overlaps, or is otherwise out of relation to the portion printed in the second color. They sometimes ask whether this proves the existence of a different die.

To answer this query, we must consider what happens in printing bi-colored stamps. Such stamps are printed from two separate plates at two operations, the first plate printing that portion of the design which is to appear in one color, while the remainder of the design is printed from the second plate.

The first operation is just straightforward printing from, let us say, the black plate. The printer is then in possession of sheets of paper on which the black portion of as many stamps are as included in the sheet appears. The next part of his task is rather more intricate, for on these sheets he has to print another section of the design, in another color, which has to exactly fit into, or round the black portion, as the case may be.

This requires very careful adjustment, or "registration," to ensure that the sheets pass through the press the second time in the correct position, so that the two colors fall in their proper places. If a slight error in adjustment is made, the two colors will be slightly out of place in relation to one another. If the mistake is serious the colors will overlap. If the sheet is put on upside down at the second printing, stamps with inverted frame or inverted centre will result.

It may be added that some stamps in a single color are printed at two operations, so similar variations are not necessarily confined to bi-colored stamps.

Minor misplacements are frequent, and are of no philatelic importance. Serious misplacements have a certain value as curiosities, though they do not find a place in the catalogue. "Inverted centres" are of course major errors.—*Gibbons Stamp Monthly.*

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By R. E. FARR.

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(When I do, though, I move out in high!)
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Picturesque Liberia

By MORTIMER LERNER.

A country that has always held a strong appeal for the junior collector is Liberia, the little African independency which has the distinction of being the only negro republic in the world. Its stamps, colorful and attractive, show beautiful native scenery; portraits of its former presidents, and ships tossing on the waves. The animal kingdom is by no means neglected, for there are to be

found on its stamps, elephants, monkeys, deer, tigers, birds, and reptiles. The last mentioned present a very attractive appearance in the 1921 registration set of 5 beautiful snake triangle stamps. Without question the stamps of this country can be called the most picturesque of all African countries, an artistically arranged page or two of Liberia stamps will do much towards enlivening any album, and will teach one much about the history, geography, and wild life of Liberia.

Remittances—Return Address

The following is taken from a letter just at hand from A. Harold Kirkpatrick, and we think it wise to pass it on to our readers. Our Juniors especially should take great care to wrap carefully coin used in making remittances. We quote from Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter:—

"Recently I have had three or four cases, where orders arrived with torn envelopes and the remittances, which had presumably been in coin—put in loose—missing. I suppose other dealers have had similar experiences, and as I judged the orders were from younger collectors, I wondered whether you would consider it a good idea, to insert a small note, warning against sending coin through the ordinary mail, unless well wrapped, and suggesting that almost all dealers would accept two cent stamps on small orders.

It might also be a good thing to stress the importance of putting the return address on the envelope. Many collectors fail to do this and every little while, one makes a mistake in the dealer's address and the letter goes to the Dead Letter Office."

Spasm No. 5

For The Phiatelic Scots:
There still are some miserly geezers
Who soil all their Queen's Heads or C-zars.
'Twixt fingers and thumb.
They are frightfuly dumb.
Why the dickens can't they buy tweezers?
—By "Gum".

Stop Press News

(*Continued from page 207*)

ment of the evening was furnished Mr. W. E. Coburn, who exhibited a gave a very interesting talk upon covers. The Metropolitan is the o stamp club in Boston admitting the f sex to membership. If you are intere ed just drop around the first Thurs in the month to Room 16, Quincy Hou and share our good times. A cord welcome is awaiting you.

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BUREAU PRINT CHRONICLE

The following new issues should looked for by Bureau Print collecto None have, as yet, been reported, they should appear shortly.

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As quickly as copies are seen, colle ors are requested to report them to new issue editor for chronicle.

C. A. CARROLL

ONE DAY NEW STAMP ISSUE

(D. B. Armstrong in "Bazaar")

A curious one-day stamp issue fr the island of Madeira reaches us R. Roberts. It was sold only on Janu 31 in aid of a fund for the establishm of a national museum.

These short-lived stamps closely rese ble their Portuguese contemporaries, are recess printed by De La Rue and C in London, with the name "Madei across the foot, and have their val indicated by a black overprint.

They are without watermark and perforation gauges 13½, the set be composed as follows: 3 centavos pur 4c orange, 5c pale blue, 6c brown, vermilion, 15c green, 16c red-brown, mauve, 32c blue-green, 40c bistre bro 50c slate, 64c peacock blue, 80c sepia, bright rose, 1 escudo grey-black, 1 pale rose, 1e60 blue, 2e40 bright yell 3e36 olive-green, 4e50 terra cotta, deep blue.

HONG KONG ERRORS

By HANS LAGERLOEF

In your paper of December 24, copied a comment *Philatelic Opin* regarding the Hong Kong errors of 18 In my own collection, which is hig specialized regarding this English p session, I have the following stam which might be of interest to y readers:—

1) Broken "4" in 1841. 2) Slant top of the 2nd "E" in JUBILEE. 3) 18 Surcharge double, at top and bottom. Broken "n" in Kong, plus broken "L" JUBILEE. 5) Broken "g" in Hong. 2nd "E" in JUBILEE larger.

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clipping from the San Francisco *onicle* states that the much discussed d-boat channel and wharf for the land airport service is now completed. e they start the service soon, so we get these off our mind.

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know Captain York and his assis- welcome *constructive* criticism of new catalog, which is a pretty fine just as it is. Seems to me that spetrips, officially pre-announced, over ract routes, deserve catalog listing. fer to such flights as the first Sunday ice over CAM 2, special before stmas Sunday and Monday flights routes 1, 19, 23, and 25, additional ice on No. 16 between Cleveland and on, and on the Chicago-Twin Cities e, first trips involving night flying, Monday service on the Pacific coast e, etc. Some of these are mighty ce. George Kieley says there were about 200 letters out of Boston on special Sunday flight, and I know night flying and the extra Cleve-Akron trip, over CAM 16, carried r than that for collectors. Listed ot, I'm keeping them.

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u've probably wondered how some our covers on the Daytona Beach-pa extension got that way. I blamed water-soaked aspect of mine on local her disturbances, till I heard the s. Quoting C. A. Carroll—"The pa plane had no sooner risen from Daytona Beach landing field than it a header into the Halifax River y. The Halifax is one of Daytona's treasured points of interest, but as ading field, it proved all wet." He rts two backstamps from Orlando, at 3.30 P. M., and the other at 9 ., of which the latter is more near anding hour.

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as registered mail not carried on the Zeppelin? Alfred F. Langer re- two covers that started out as reged mail, were returned from New , were remailed, and finally went rdinary mail. * * * We'll have to out for a new kind of airport dedin when they finish the one which is de at sea 300 miles out from New on the way to Bermuda.

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nada's been pulling off a lot of noe ones, or almost that, lately. Moncrindstone Id., service started Feb. Fort McMurray-Fort Simpson flight late in January left collectors out in the cold. Another flight from Amos, P. Q., without notice. Guess they are just pulling off what they have to to keep the mail moving, and don't want to be bothered with collectors' mail, at least on these northern flights. I'd like some good inside correspondent!

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Speaking of correspondents, I can read a bit of Spanish, and would like to hear from some of you folks along the routes of these new Central and South American developments. * * * Double daily service on the New York-Cleveland-Chicago service are scheduled to begin soon, probably sometime in April. At the same time, similar service will be inaugurated on the connecting Cleveland-Pittsburgh line. * * * I've seen two cachets used on March 4th, from Boundbrook, N. J., and Washington, D. C., and I understand there were others. Both absolutely private, of course.

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The Martins Ferry paper gives a story to the first letter received at Yorkville, Ohio, for the first trip of the expected service on the Pittsburgh-Cincinnati route. Don't rush yours in yet—bids aren't even let. This cover came from Vineland, N. J. Who's the early bird? See our issue of Feb. 25th, for more dope on this route.

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Bulgaria $4, #197, Superb, Cat. .12 ..... .03
Belgium 5frs, #187, 3c; 10fr, #188 ..... .06
Barbados, #142, Superb (10 for 15c) ... .02
Bermuda, #20, Cat. 5c (10 for 5c) ..... .01
B. C. A., #55, Superb on piece, Cat. $1 (5, $1.50) ..... .35
Brit. Guiana, #193 (5 for 8c) ..... .02
Canal Zone #67, 69, 71, 72 (4) (5 Sets, 30c) .07
Canada, #111, Cat. 12c (10 for .20; 100 for $1.75) ..... .03
#125, Cat. 25c (10 for 40c) ..... .05
#148, Cat. 20c (5 for 25c) ..... .06
#14, Cat. 75c (5 for 80c) ..... .18
Panama, #218, Mint, $4.00; 219 ditto .. 8.00
Panama, Inverted heads of #185-93, all mint, S. G. Nos. and Cat. prices as Scott does not price them.
½c, #302, Cat. $12.50 ..... 3.00
1c, #302a, Cat. $15.00 ..... 3.50
2c, #302b or 302b, **Two** Shades (Cat. $15.00) .....each 3.50
5c deep blue, Cat. $10.00 ..... 2.50
5c deep ultramarine, #304a, Cat. $14.50 3.50
8, 10, 25, 50c, #305-8, Cat. $30 each (ea.) 8.00
Canada, #83 (2 Shades), 90, 90a, 91, 92 (two shades), 93 (two shades), #94, in mint pairs, Cat. $8.00 ..... 2.00
Canada #104 (2 shades), #105 (2 shades), #107 (3 shades), #108, #109 (2 shades) in mint pairs, Cat. $3.50, at face ... .96
8c, #48, in variety (S. G. 50c) (10, 60c) .07
1c, #14, 25c; 5c, #15 ..... .15
15c, #102, mint, Cat. $1.00 ..... .24
Chili, #45, Cat. 6c (5 for 8c) ..... .02
#138-40, 3 stamps, Cat. 50c ..... .15
Czecho-Slovakia, $1 to $5, #119-22, Cat. 42c, Superb ..... .15
Cyprus, #58, 1c; #64, 1c; #65, 2c; #94.. .03
Ceylon, #192 or 186 (Cat. 20c) .....each .05
#208 or 209 (each) ..... .03
$1, #212, 15c; $2, #213 ..... .30
Congo, 35c, #112, mint ..... .02
"Stanleys", #115-16-17, 19-20, mint Set .06
China, #82-6, 95 and some low values (Cat. over $2.00) ..... .30
Cameroons (French), **Superb** postally used copies and may be had individually or in combination on pieces of original:—
#182, 50c, Cat. 8c ..... .02
#185, 75c, Cat. 20c ..... .06
#188, $2, Cat. 30c ..... .10
#189, $5, Cat. 75c ..... .25
#198, $1 blue, Cat. 30c ..... .09
#202. $3. rare ..... .18
#203, $10, rare ..... .50
#204, $20, rare 1.00
#201, $1.25, Cat. 25c ..... .08
Strips, pairs, blocks and sundry other values in stock.
China on Hong Kong, various values, cheap prices.
Fiji, 1/-, #88, 88a, Cat. 1.25 ..... .25
1d, 2d, #40, 42 .....each .10
1d, #71, mint, Cat. 25c ..... .05
France, 5, 10, 20 franc (without 20, 5c) .20
#217, 233, 241 .....each .03
Gambia—Superb lightly used on pieces. Singly or in combinations as Cameroons:
1½d, #104, .02; or #103 ..... .02
3d, #107 ..... .10
6d, #109 ..... .18
1/-, #123 ..... .40
1/6, 111, 45c; 2/- or 2/6 .....each .90
Gold Coast, 3d, #73 (#81, 12c) ..... .06
1/-, #75 or 90 .....each .10
2/6, #77, unused ..... .85
2d, #86 (10 for 15c) or 88 ..... .02
Greece, #254-8, Cat. 98c, for ..... .15
$25, #259, Scarce ..... .36
Byron $2, #317, Cat. 12c ..... .03
#336, Cat. 25c, 4c; #327, Cat. 75c ..... .18
#331, Cat. 25c ..... .08
Lower Values, 1c each.
Commemorative, Navarino, #338-8. each .03
Other values ..... .05
Hong Kong, #130-1, pair (10 pairs, $1.70) .18
Ivory Coast, 1p, #56, Cat. 20c ..... .08
5p, #57, Cat. $1.00 ..... .30
Indo China, #132, Cat. 25c ..... .05
Iraq (New issue thin paper, old thick. I have both at same price.)
½an, 1½an, #1 or 3 .....each .02
1an on 2an, #2, 4 .....each .01
3an or 6a or 8a, #5, 7, 8 .....each .04
4a ..... .05
1 Rupee, Cat. 50c (10, 1.10) ..... .12
2 Rupee, #13, Cat. 75c (10, $2.25) ..... .25
5 Rupee, #11, Cat. $1.50 ..... .50
Also Services equally cheap.
India #16, Cat. 50c ..... .10
#31, unused mint, Cat. 75c ..... .08
#94, Cat. 50c ..... .12
#84, v. scarce ..... .06
#290, fine ..... .25
#286, fine ..... .20
Jamaica, #93-4, pair, Superb (5 prs., 12c) .03
1/-, #96, Superb (10, 35c) ..... .04
Kenya (above 1/- are **parcel** post), #23 .01
50c and 1/-, #25 and 27, Cat. 40c, pair .12
2/-, #28, 5/-, #30, V. fine, Cat. $3.25, pr. .90
£1 Bank, V. fine, Cat. $9.00 ..... 1.25
Japan, #143, mint (Singles, pairs, blocks) .07
Kedah #34, Cat. 12c (5, 14c) ..... .03
#35, 6c; #47 ..... .09
Leeward, #1, 21, 29, 36-7-8, 6 Stps. ..... .08
Liberia, Superb on pieces postally used:—
#234 ..... .08
#233 ..... .04
#235 ..... .10
#236 ..... .60
#908-16, same rates (also low values on approval).
Luxemburg #140, 4c; 3fr, #142, Cat. 40c .12
Malta, 1/-, #105, Cat. 80c (5 for $1.00).. .22
Monaco, #302-308, mint, Cat. $122.90 ...40.00
$1, #45, Cat. 25c ..... .06
$2, #75, Cat. 30c ..... .08
$5, #76, Cat. 75c ..... .20
Mozambique, $1, #125 or #154 .....each
$2, #156, Cat. 25c (10 for .35) .....
$5, #136, .20; #157 .....
$10, #158 (all fine postally) .....
Nejd, #104, fine postally, Cat. 60c .....
#102-3-4, Ditto, Cat. $1.15 .....
Natal, All fine postally used:—
#69, .04; #70 .....
#75 or 78 (10 for .08) .....each
1/-, #76 (10 for .65) .....
Netherlands, #143, 145, 146, 148, Set 4, Cat. 20c .....
$1, #177, Superb, Cat. 20c, .05; #86 ...
Dutch Indies, Superb high values, #120, Cat. 80c .....
#118, 119, each .....
#110, 114 .....each
Nigeria, Multiples, Scripts, dies mixed:—
2d grey, 3d violet (10 for 25c) ...each
6d violet (10 for .40) .....each
4d .....
1/-, all papers and Wmk. (10 for $1.)
2/6, each .25; 5/-, parcel .....
New Zealand (Parcel), #252, 280 .....
2/-, #182a, Scarce, Cat. $1.50 (5, $1.50)
#136 or 155 .....each
New Caledonia, #92, Cat. 10c .....
#88, 93 .....each
#112, 96a, 97, Cat. 15c .....each
#98, 111, 127 .....each
2fr, #102, Cat. 50c .....
#113, 114 .....each
Norway, #97 or 98, each .01; 99, Cat. 18c
New Hebrides, fine lots on approval (All issues).
Papua, #71, mint, .03; 74, mint, .08; 73 do. #78, fine used, .04; 6d, #55, mint .....
Poland, Type A50, $1 black, fine used ..
Portugal, High values, Superb used pairs, singles, blocks:—
#296, 413, 414, 411, each (per 100 cheap)
#417, Cat. 30c, each (per 100 cheap) ..
#418, Cat. .60, each (per 100 cheap) ..
#363, Cat. .65, .15; #364, Cat. $1.50 ...
Russia—Fine lot, including air posts, Lenin High Values on and off Covers, Ukraine Tridents in great Variety on approval, Cheap prices.
Rhodesia, 8d, #32 or 56, always scarce (each) .....
½d, #128, .30; 6d on Cover, rare .....
Rhodesia (North), Geo., 2/6, fine used.. Geo., 5/-, fine used .....
Spanish Guinea, Superb on pieces.
25, #201, 40, #203 .....each
50, #204, $1; #206 .....each
$4, #207 .....
Str. Settlements, 8c, #82, Cat. 10c (5 for 9c) .....
30c, #189, .04; 35, #205 .....
#188 or 206 .....each
#191 .....
#401-407 (6 Stamps) .....
Fed. Malay, #32, .03; #33 .....
#301, .02; 20 copies for .....
Spain, #43 or 47 (Cat. 75c. $1.00) ...each
St. Kitts, #1, 2, 16, 17, Cat. 43c .....
Salvador, #495-7 (Postally), Cat. 10c ...
Sierra Leone, 2 Grey, MCA .....
St. Lucia, #84, finest copies .....
So. Africa, Union, #1 or 104 .....each
So. Australia, 2½, #102, Cat. 25c .....
Sudan, #105, 106 .....pair
#204 or 206 .....each
#208, .04; #209 .....
#210, Cat. 85c, cheap .....
Transvaal, #143, Cat. 25c, .05; #149 ....
#129, Cat. 25c .....
#151 or 156 .....
#246, 247, pair, mint .....
Trinidad, #3, 7, 13, 30, 31 (5 Stps.) .....
#24 (10 for 6c) .....
Trengganu, fine copies, #26 .....
#27, .04; 28, .08; 29 .....
#30, .12; 31, Cat. 65c .....
Transjordania #3, 4, 5, mint, Cat. 47c ..
Turkey, Kemal, #644, Cat. 15c .....
#645, Cat. 45c .....
#646, Cat. $1.00 .....
Uganda, #69, Cat. 15c .....
Tunis, #86, 89, pair .....
$10, Scarce, #95 .....
Togo, French, $2, #231, Cat. 40c .....
$5, #232, Cat. $1.00 .....
Western Australia, #92, 98, 103, Set, Cat. 75c .....
Victoria, #30, Cat. $1.50 .....
Zanzibar, #62, Cat. 12c .....
Books of similar Class Stock on approval with pleasure.

RARITIES

U. S. A., 90c 1851, with red pmk., Superb looking, has repair, however, Cat. $100.00 .....
1869, 1c, no grille, V. fine, used, #112..
1869, 90c, well centered, fine .....
1869, 24c, mint, #120 .....
#1593, **used,** very rare, small tear ...
2052 or 2061 (up to blocks 4) ....each
Persia—Collection 500 in album: #11, 14 and 7 other first lion 47-9; 52-4, blocks 4 59, block 4 unused 2 used Lithos, 42 copies 1872-80 issue, fine lot #66-72 right down including air posts. Money back if not satisfied.
Ditto—210 different, down to air posts but no "Lions" or 1872-85 issues. Cat. by S. G. $100.00; by Scott about $60.00 plus a number uncat.
3 lots for .....
IRISH Controls, Mint, S. G. Numbers:—
#C10I, 9d agate (S21), pair, Cat. $7.50.
#C10P, 9d agate (S21), Cat. $15.00 ....
#C16B, 10d (S22) .....
Saorstat, 1d, C67, T22, Cat. 75c .....
#C78I, 1d Strip 3 (U22), Cat. 75c .....
#C68P, 1½ Strip 3 (T22), Cat. $2.50 ..
#C69Pl, 2d pair (T22), Cat. $3.50 .....
#C80I, 3d, pair (U22), Cat. $2.50 .....
#C80P, 3d, pair (U22); Cat. $2.00 .....
Also all higher values (some blocks 6) at 70% off Cat.

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LLEN BOLTON'S NEW OFFERS---Continued

ROCCO—I have an exceeding fine lot of
hese and although I offer some in blocks
r sheets, it does not mean they are com-
ion. I have had agents picking me up
ll the rare values for the last two or
ree years, and the pick of those coming
large firms; how many values are un-
btainable in the country? Some may
ppear dear, others I offer as low as 1/10th.
pprovals of these (and a $1000.00 stock
f other F. Colonials) with pleasure.

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55, 93, 94, 95 (mint) .....each .01
57, mint, Cat. 6c ..... .02
96, 97, 98, used .....each .01
99, 20, used, v. fine, Cat. 12c ..... .04
100, 25, used, Cat. 6c ..... .01
102, mint, v. scarce (35c) ..... .18
104, mint, v. scarce (45c) ..... .18
103, fine used (40c) (10 for 60c) ..... .08
32, 40c, mint ..... .03
05, 50c, mint, rare, Cat. 75c ..... .20
06, 60c, fine, .04; ₮115, 75c, fine .... .03
07, $1, fine used, Cat. 20c ..... .06
16, $1.25, mint or used, scarce ..... .12
08, $2, fine, Cat. 40c (5 for 30c) .... .08
09, $5, fine, Cat. $1.00 (5 for $1.00).. .25
10, $10, fine, Cat. $2.00 (5 for $3.00) .75
11 or 113, fine used (each) ..... .01
17, $1.40 dull rose, Cat. 25c ..... .10
$1.40 very bright rose, mint, scarce .50
18, $1.50, fine used, Cat. 30c (10 for
.70; 100, $6.00) ..... .08
19, $3.00, Cat. 50c (10 for 50c) ..... .12
07, 5c air post, obsolete, used or mint .06
Ditto, mint pane 25 with full marg. 1.50
08, used or mint ..... .10
09, mint .20; used ..... .15
10, mint .28; used ..... .25
11, $3 used, Cat. 50c ..... .12
Note.—No. 511 is 10 times as com-
on as any 507-510, yet priced about
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03a, fine used ..... .08

₮502, 505, 506, any at (each) ..... .03
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₮609-10-11, set 3, used ..... .20
Selections of sheets, pairs, blocks of these and many others ready for approval.
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Morocco (British), p. 661:
All on pieces of original and unsorted for wmks. Superb copies.
Morocco Agencies, 2d orange, 87 or 107 .03
3d or 4d, 88, 89 .....each .05
1d, ₮85 (singles, pairs, etc.) ..... .03
2d or 2½d, Type C (unsorted) ..... .04
4d, 97 or 103 (each) ..... .04
5d, 98 or 120 (each) ..... .04
9d, 99 or 121 (each) ..... .05
10d, 100 or 122, Cat. 40c (each) ..... .05
$2.00 per 100.
2s6d, superb .....each .10
Tangiers, ½d or 1d, 1d, 2d ..... .02
Also fine lot **Syria** and **Grand Lebanon** for approval, very reasonable prices.
COVERS—Syria (Arab), ₮706, Superb on Cover, very scarce, no price 1.25
Persia, ₮636, superb on Cover, v. rare 2.50
₮638, Superb on cover, rare 2.50
Bahamas, ₮80, £1, superb on Cover .. 6.50
Ecuador, ₮869 (2), 871 (1), on Cover.. .50
₮829 (1), 871 (1), on Cover ..... .50
₮871, 872 (1), on Cover ..... .50
₮868 pair, 871 (1), on Cover ..... .50
Also fine lot other Covers (New Guinea, Bahamas £1, etc.).
Peru—Chile—1881-83 Occupation, ₮901, 910. A unique Collection — Arica (27), Cadao (18), Iquique (155) (some on violet), Lima (108), Piata (13), Pisagua (6), Tacna (39), and over 200 others with coloured cancellation, etc. A thousand pities to break up the lot, so offered for (worth treble) 90.00

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DOUBLES AND INVERTS

By E. J. NEWCOMER.

oubles and inverts from small towns
n to worry some folks. My advice is,
t. But often I get a lot of precan-
with fancy prices attached to these
eties, and would you believe it, not
ng ago I got a letter from a collector
ng me to please intercede with the
M. of his town to prevent so many
les and different positions, because
looked as if they might have been
e to order. Far be it from me to
dy the palsied hand or sharpen the
ed eye of a P. O. clerk who will be
less with the rubber stamp and make
les and whatnot. It is his affair,
mine. As Gamber says: "let Nature
its course," and if Nature has en-
ed that certain clerk with such care-
ess or indifference, let us perpetuate
memory in our albums with the re-
of his unfettered and uninfluenced
ts. Personally, I don't consider
varieties worth a bit more than the
nal variety. I'd much rather have a
clean normal in my album than one
hese blurred affairs that some folks
doubles and attach fancy prices to.
ll take a double or invert if no other
ailable, just as I will take a straight
, but I don't crave 'em. True, such
gs are scarcer than the normals, usu-
just as straight edges are about four
s as scarce as the other kind. But
to sell your straight edges for four
s and see how far you get!

ow don't get me wrong. So far, I've
talking about handstamps. From
on, I'm talking about the printed
ty.

oubles and inverts on stamps precan-
d on a printing press are something
again, to my notion. Usually a
ter takes a certain amount of pride
s work (I was a printer's devil once,
'm not speaking from entirely with-
he pale), and printed doubles and in-
s rarely occur without some definite
on.

ake the doubles first. Barring the
cases like the Denver Harding and
Knoxville Victory, where some bud-
precancelist threw a monkey wrench
the machinery, doubles are usually
to an accident. I don't imagine sheets
tamps are the easiest things in the
d to run through a printing press,
a printer has got to work about so
to keep up with his press. Occa-
ally a sheet gets printed twice, be-
he can pull it out or stop the press.
Or maybe only nine rows get printed and he runs it through again to get the 10th row.

Inverts may occur for several reasons. Some electros only print 50 stamps at a time, and rather than cut all the sheets in two, the printer may run them through one way and then turn them around and run them through the other. Or maybe he doesn't bother to trim the sheet margins, but runs all sheets through with the straight edges the same way, in order to make them register. Either procedure will result in about half the stamps coming inverted, as is apparently the case with such places as Wilmington, Del., Salem, Ohio, and, recently, Portland, Oregon. Other printers are extremely careful, and one almost never runs across an invert from their towns, while still others are just plain careless, and make them fairly often. But for the most part, as I have already said, there is a reason for printed varieties and therefore I consider them collectible; especially for the specialist.—*Precancel Bee.*

THE POSTAL SERVICE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

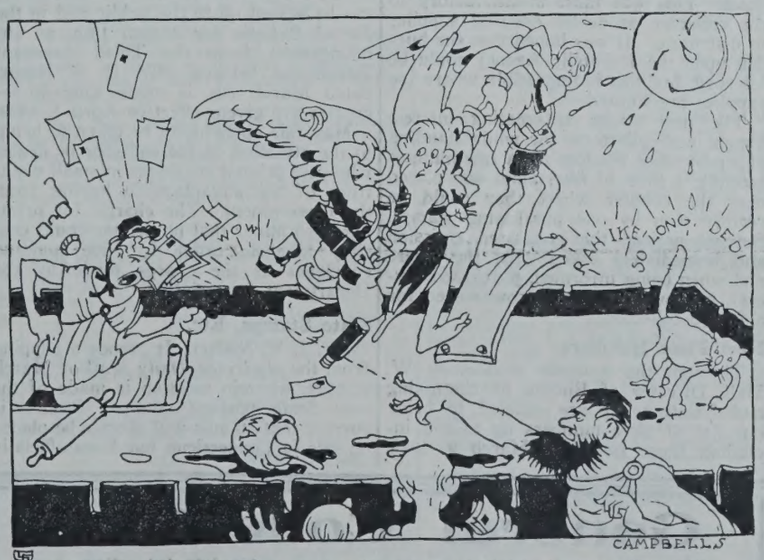
II

The arrangement of the text in the Dietz Confederate book is planned carefully; and the gradual postal disunion between the north and the south is described, and a compilation of the Confederate postal legislation by William C. Stone is a valuable historical background. The way is paved for the introduction of the stamps and the provisionals are given their meed of attention. A list of the reprints requires less than a page, but the roll of the counterfeits is not so brief, it is needless to say; and in this connection, the names of S. Allen Taylor and Dr. James A. Petrie are mentioned as originators of imitations and spurious stamps.

An authoritative description of lithography precedes the appearance of the stamp, and it is in the technical explanation of stamp manufacture that the author rises to a height, and because of his intimate and practical knowledge of the printing, he is able to impart to his readers a sense of clarity that is appreciated by the layman. In scanning an encyclopedic work of this kind, one may only skim over its ample surface, as real consideration of any of the chapters would require extended inquiry; and it would be practically impossible under the circumstances to do justice to the book as a whole. For many years, Mr. Dietz has devoted himself to the study of the Confederates, and he has published in his own journal many fragments and articles, and these and other findings of investigators provide a foundation for the work. However, much that is published for the first time is included, and we do not hesitate to say that what in a sense has been a neglected field has now been cultivated intensively, and a bumper crop is the yield. There is an air of finality about the book that leads to the belief that "finis" may be written in it, advisedly. Discoveries may be made in years to come, but to all intents and purposes, the volume is complete in itself.

The provisional and near provisional envelopes, always something of a problem, are given judicious treatment. The "official" envelopes, including the impressed U. S. envelopes are listed, and pages of reproductions of the postmarks of the different states occupy almost twenty pages. Colored cancellations are recorded and marking of various other kinds, such as railroad and special cancellations have place.

Flag-of-Truce, Prisoners' Letters and Patriotic imprints are attended to; and the names of the fifteen prisons in the north and of the dozen in the south are printed.



REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD-TIME COLLECTOR

Enthusiasm for *The First Flight*, by The Daedalus and Icarius Airways, Inc., waxed warm. Little mail was carried, however. Owing to the take-off occurring ahead of schedule, The Old-Time Collector, much to his annoyance, found himself a split second too late for the cancel that CAN CEL!

The regular issues are exhaustively examined and there is a wealth of information about them, from their inception to their execution. The characteristics of the different printings are described, and illustrations of large plate blocks of various issues have a technical value. The excellence of the cuts has been referred to previously. Some of them are in color and the plate of colors of the stamps themselves with their color variants is done with a fidelity that shows a painstaking application to a most difficult problem.

August Dietz has realized an ambition that has abided with him for years, and he has enshrined himself in the hearts of philatelists by given instruction on a fascinating subject in a form of beauty. It is gratifying to know that the cheapest edition of the book is already nearly exhausted, and the other editions are in such demand that the price on one of the styles has been revised upwards.

Newfoundlands !

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(pairs or blocks pro rata)

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MALTA		MALTA
Self-Govt., 6p, multiple CA—cat.	$1.25	.60
2½p, multiple CA ..... "	1.50	.70
6p, Script CA ..... "	1.00	.45
1925, 2½p on 3p, both shades "	.75	.35
MAURITIUS		**MAURITIUS**
1912-22, 50c .....cat.	$6.00	2.50
1922, 12c ..... "	1.50	.75
20c ..... "	.40	.20
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The stamp has been mounting in price, year by year, and has been recommended as a purchase from the first. Every auction sale sees this stamp go higher and in the last Klein Sale a pair changed hands at $51.00. When the few copies that are now available are placed in collections, there is no doubt that the individual stamp will reach $50.00 or $75.00, as there are not enough available to take care of the many twentieth century collectors of our issues.

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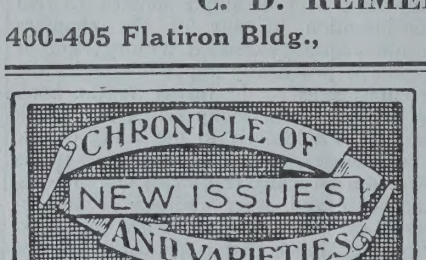

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United States

2-Cent George Rogers Clark

The demand for the new 2-cent George Rogers Clark stamp has been excessively large, and unfortunately the supplies sent throughout the country to take care of local collectors have not been sufficient in size to enable the post offices to give the collectors the number wanted, and as a result, thousands of orders have been placed with the Philatelic Agency.

In Philadelphia, for instance, an order was placed with Washington for 600,000, and they received but one-half of the order. As a result, sheets were parcelled out one at a time, and it was difficult without persuasion to get more than one sheet. This was most unsatisfactory to the collector or dealer desiring supplies to distribute. It was hoped that the burden upon the Philatelic Agency could be lessened, but this is impossible where the supplies are limited.

The new stamp is creating interest among non-collectors, for while standing at a post office window for a few minutes recently, a sheet of the stamps was placed near the counter where they could be readily seen by one purchasing stamps. Several noticed the bi-colored emission and immediately asked what they were and when being informed, purchased several, no doubt helping to sow a seed for a future collector.

New Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to March 9, 1929. The list includes all of the plates for the centers and borders of the new George Rogers Clark stamp, and of course, it is quite possible that all combinations of borders and centers will be available.

The list is one of the shortest that we have printed in recent years due to the fact that under the new process plates are not wearing out so quickly as some years back. This also makes it much easier for the plate number collector to obtain the different numbers as larger quantities from the same plate are printed.

Plate No.	Denomination.	Class Ord.	Series.	Subj.
19716-719	5c Air Mail Border	"	1928	100
19720-727	2c Border-Roger Clark Comm. 1779-1929	"	1929	100
19728-739	2c Center-Roger Clark Comm. 1779-1929	"	1929	100
19740-743	2c Border-Roger Clark Comm. 1779-1929	"	1929	100
19744-747	2c Ordinary	"	1922Crv.	400
19748-755	2c "	"	1922 "	170

New Envelope Prices

We previously announced in this column that under the new Envelope contract which went into effect January 1, 1929, that the Department was making a considerable saving. As it is not the intention of the post office to make a profit on the sale of envelopes, it was natural that the saving should be passed on, but this was not possible until the supplies of the older envelopes bought under the former contract were sold. The point has now been reached wherein this saving can be passed on to the public and in the *Postal Bulletin* for March 12th, an announcement from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, dated March 7th, is made wherein decreases are given, effective April 1, 1929.

May this opportunity be taken to bring to the attention of the collector or dealer who uses printed envelopes in small quantities of the advantage in buying from the Government. The charge for printing is so minor that no printer could possibly take an order for five hundred envelopes at the charge made by the Department for printing.

State Stamps, Etc.

Mr. J. V. Nielsen, Jr., sends a clipping from the *Anderson Daily Mail* of March 4, 1929, wherein mention is made of the new State postage stamps. Rumor is current that stamps will shortly be placed on sale in Connecticut, but I am officially informed from Washington that this is not the case, as the first stamps will be placed on sale in Kansas and Nebraska as per the announcement, which first appeared in this column. In fact, readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY had the news ahead of the daily press, which is often impossible, as they print news the day it is received, whereas at least a week or ten days is necessary for the appearance of the news in a stamp paper.

Thanks are extended Mr. M. A. Vos for a very attractive first-day cover from Vincennes of the George Rogers Clark stamp, showing an illustration on the cover similar to the one appearing on the stamp.

Czechoslovakia.—Mr. Karel Cvrk of Prague furnishes *Stamp Collecting* with information regarding certain of the pigeon issues, which are exhausted and will be replaced by stamps bearing the Arms of the Republic. The 50h, 60 1kr value will appear with portrait of President Masaryk in new settings. New commemoratives are expected in connection with the 1,000th anniversary of St. Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia, to be celebrated on September 28th. 50 heller, 2 and 3 krone will appear, and will be on sale in May. Special Parcel Post stamps in higher denominations are predicted. It is officially announced that all the Jubilee stamps are sold out, the following being given as the official quantities printed: 30h, 3,000,000; 40h, 1,220,000; 50h, 10,000,000; 1k, 3,200,000; 1kr, 10,000,000; Kr. 1.20, 6,000,000; Kr. 2.00, 2,265,000; Kr. 2.50, 6,000,000; Kr. 3.00, 1,375,000; and Kr. 5.00, 609,000.

Egypt.—The new Prince Farouk commemorative stamps have been received from Mr. R. Roberts. They are of upright oblong format with a full length portrait of the Prince for the central figure. The usual native characters with the name of the country in English are at the top with "Prince Farouk 1920 1929" in two lines at the bottom. The values are 5m brown and grey; 10m terra cotta and grey; 15m ultramarine and grey; and 20m pale blue and grey. The issue is done by the photogravure process and is watermarked crown, crescent and star, perf. 13½.

The Express stamp has been issued in a new color, now in red and black.

Finland.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 25p bistre, type A19, watermarked multiple swastika.

Gabon.—We are informed by one of our French Correspondents that a new series of Postage Due stamps will soon be issued having the portrait of Savorgnan de Brazza, an explorer of note.

Port Said.—New colors have appeared in this French Colony, the 3m in orange, 20m bright mauve, while the 5m violet has been overprinted "+mm Casse d'Amortissement" in black. Mr. R. Roberts sends copies for chronicle.

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THE COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE U. S.

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them. Two weeks later the seige was raised. Burgoyne tried to capture food and ammunition stored at Bennington, Vt., on August 16th, but was defeated by Stark. The campaign culminated with Burgoyne's surrender to Gates on October 17th, after four weeks' fighting at Saratoga. To commemorate these important events, a special stamp was issued August 3, 1927.

Although the people of Vermont performed their share in the rebellion of the American colonies against British rule, they had no voice in the continental congress. In 1777, under the leadership of Ethan Allen and Seth Warner, the colonists declared themselves an independent state, and it did not join the confederation until after the war, being the fourteenth state of the Union. It maintained its own army and coined its own money. In 1763, the Rev. Samuel Peters, on the summit of Mt. Pisgah, christened the territory "Verd Mont, in token that her hills shall be green and never die."

After the successes of the American Army in 1777, Washington went into winter quarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. His army was tired, poorly fed, and practically ragged. The winter and spring of 1778 was a terrible ordeal for the struggling young nation, the losses from illness alone were large, and the general morale was low. However, through the tireless efforts of the able disciplinarian Baron Von Steuben, the army emerged from their encampment in excellent condition to carry the torch of freedom forward to victory, and to put new faith and vigor into the non-combatant element of the new nation. To commemorate the Valley Forge encampment, a special stamp was issued on May 26, 1928. It shows Gen. Washington seeking Divine Guidance in the solution of his difficult problem. Although United States coins had for years borne the motto, "In God We Trust," this is the first postage stamp to bear that inscription.

After having issued various special postage stamps for thirty-five years, the Post Office Department departed from customary methods and instead of printing a special stamp of distinctive design, size, shape, etc., the commemorative set of July 25, 1928, was made by impressing a surcharge or overprint on two current ordinary stamps. On January 18, 1778, Capt. James Cook, an Englishman, discovered the Hawaiian Islands, while on an expedition to Tahiti to observe the transit of Venus for the Royal Society. He was killed on February 14, 1779, at Kealakekua Bay. On August 13, 1928, a sesquicentennial celebration of considerable international aspect was held there. The commemorative stamps, 2c and 5c were made by printing "HAWAII, 1778-1928" upon ordinary U. S. postage stamps.

On Oct. 20, 1928, there was issued a commemorative stamp in honor of the memory of "Molly Pitcher," and the American victory at the battle of Monmouth, N. J., on June 28, 1778. Mary Ludwig was born on Oct. 13, 1744, at Carlisle, Pa., and in 1769 married John Hays, a gunner in Proctor's First Pennsylvania Artillery. She followed her husband during all military actions and was popular with everyone. Finally, at the battle of Monmouth, Mary Ludwig Hays was nicknamed "Molly Pitcher," and won fame and a regular commission as Sergeant in the army from General Washington. The day was very hot, and Molly tirelessly carried water in a pitcher from a nearby spring to the gun crews, and so was soon hailed as "Molly Pitcher." When her husband was wounded, she took his place at the cannon and thus, in helping to win the battle, wrote her name on the pages of History. In style, the stamp is similar to the "Hawaiians," the ordinary red 2c postage stamp with surcharge, MOLLY PITCHER.

As part of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first flight by man in a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine. President Coolidge called an International Civil Aeronautics Conference in Washington, D. C., on Dec. 12, 13, 14, 1928. Delegates from forty countries attended the sessions after having visited the International Aeronautical Exposition at Chicago, from Dec. 1st to 9th. To commemorate this first I. C. A. Conference, and the Wright Bros. invention of the airplane, two special stamps were issued on Dec. 12th. The 2c bears a picture of the first Wright airplane, and the 5c a 1928 model airplane. On Dec. 17th, at Kitty Hawk, N. C. (the scene of the first flight on Dec. 17, 1903), a celebration was held in connection with the unveiling of a monument to Orville and Wilbur Wright.

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Editor *The Advertiser:*

Your front page notice re the Studebaker Watch company, and their "Notice to customers in foreign countries," in yesterday's *Advertiser* registered with me, all right, for just last week I received a letter from a correspondent addressed to "Ft. Kamehameha, Honolulu, T. H., Philippine Islands."

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Speaking of postage stamps leads to another situation of interest which was brought to my attention some time ago.

Last August the United States post office department issued two commemorative postage stamps in honor of the Cook sesqui-centennial celebration in Hawaii. As you know, the stamps were of the current United States series, 2c and 5c denomination, surcharged "HAWAII —1778-1928."

Officially these stamps were sold at the Philatelic stamp agency of the U. S. postal department at Washington, and at post offices in Hawaii. Owing to the greatly restricted issue (6,000,000 of the 2c, and 1,000,000 of the 5c) none of these stamps were sent to post offices on the mainland, but the stamps were available for postal use at any United States post office.

Now come the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, of New York, publishers of the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue," and gravely announce in their *Monthly Journal* (which carries as a frontispiece a map of the world, but not showing the Hawaiian Islands), and in letters addressed to local philatelists, that they cannot agree that the stamps referred to should be listed as an issue made in and for the United States, and the two stamps, therefore, will be listed under Hawaii.

I am in a quandary as to whether this is a distinction without a difference, or vice versa.

The absurdity of the situation is amplified when, turning to the Hawaii (1851-1899) section of the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue," as published almost annually since 1900, we find the printed notice: "The stamps of Hawaii have been replaced by those of the United States."

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The regulations in the pamphlet bear signatures of John Quincy Adams, President; John C. Calhoun, Vice President; and John W. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Warned Against Credit

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"Repair mail bags that are unsound though it should detain the mail.

"It is the practice of many to address their handbills to postmasters, by which means they give then an extensive circulation free of postage. This is an abuse which must be corrected.

"Every carrier of the mail who becomes intoxicated, having the mail in his charge, should be dismissed by any postmaster at whose office he calls."

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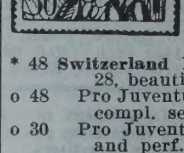

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SOME NOTES CONCERNING THE RARER PRIVATE DIE STAMPS COMMONLY KNOWN AS "M. & M."

By HENRY L. DEAN, 239 Windsor Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Having seen nothing in the philatelic press of recent years dealing with the Private Die emissions of the Civil War period, other than the masterly and educational contributions of Mr. West, and feeling that an early resumption of his efforts is quite unlikely it now appears desirable to clarify certain points upon which general information is lacking. While it may well be that these observations will be appreciated by a rather limited group of older collectors, I wish first of all to forcibly advance the fact that any writer who in a spirit of superior knowledge, levity, or plain dumbness classifies these regular authorized government fiscal stamps with the maze of trashy New Europe, of recent years, charity stamps or precancels is simply parading his ignorance. To all therefore, who, if they have considered the M. & M. group at all, have regarded it as a list of manufacturers' labels let it be known that these stamps were employed by the proprietors of patent medicines, cosmetics, perfumes, match and playing card establishments in lieu of the regular proprietary stamps otherwise required by the tax schedule of the period.

The dies were private in the sense that proprietors could select their own design and paid for the plate, but this does not mean that the printing of the stamps was carried out in job shops or by printers other than those holding the government contracts. The first of these agents was the same as produced the initial documentary stamps, i.e., the firm of Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia followed upon the death of Mr. Butler in 1868 by Joseph R. Carpenter, and upon August 31, 1875, by the National Bank Note Co., of New York.

All of these stamps consequently should form a part of any general revenue collection, and the fact that they are largely overlooked can probably be attributed to the great rarity of many since it is a trite saying, "that people will not collect what they cannot get." Another important point is the matter of condition the regular usage of many being intended to destroy the stamp or at least leave it badly damaged, and unlike present day procedure the printing press to collector route was undeveloped. Everything considered, however, the group forms a very interesting field and an admirable one for the collector of infinite patience, or for the type that rates the "hunt" above possession, or for the one of modest means, since the stamps will never come fast enough to prove a financial burden. Every last worth-while collection today is in the hands of a mature, tenacious collector of the old school, and while I was recently offered one of the largest lots, I doubt if any other real important holding could be dislodged. My own does not fall in this category, but at the same time it is beyond the power of gold in spite of the fact that Elliott Perry and myself have computed that my present rate of progress will, if maintained, bring completion at the age of 123.

As a matter of history it should be recorded that Mr. C. H. Eagle formed the finest and most complete collection ever assembled, drawing on the earlier gatherings of Messrs. Hatcher, Van Derlip, Deats, Castle, Farnsworth, Phelps, and others, and while this property was sold, largely intact, in 1921, there were enough irreplaceable items removed to make impossible the reformation of its peer. Mr. Perry had previously sold the duplicate Eagle collection, and in 1923 Mr. Doane sold the residue, which was strong on multiples, but lacking most of the high lights in singles. Still there was a 2c Drake, a wonderful blue Marsden, the imperforate Scheetz, and the third and poorest copy of the Caterson Brotz. Contemporaries of Mr. Eagle were Messrs. A. G. Bishop, W. C. Bowers and Dr. George Hetrich, the two latter properties being disposed of upon the deaths of the owners last year, but as they lacked the items which I will now discuss, I am hopeful that this publicity will restrain collectors, yes, and dealers likewise, from burdening me further with "want lists" for stamps which are fifty times as rare as the 12p Canada and several of which are just as unique as the Lockport or British Guiana number 13.

Thomas E. Wilson
4c Black

Selection of this stamp as the first to be mentioned is due to the fact that among close students it is generally regarded as the outstanding item in the whole group, since but one copy has ever been found, and as only one small lot was issued in 1867 the chance of another example coming to light is practically nil. The specimen is damaged and originally came from the West to Mr. W. C. Van Derlip of Boston, subsequently passing to Mr. Eagle. When his collection was disposed of the Wilson was available at $300, the list price today, but in the same book was a 3c Green and Black, Proprietary, Inverted Head, of which I personally know of six today, and the Catalogue sees fit to place this latter at $2,500. Ordinarily rarity and demand establish the market level, and where you have both in the case of the Wilson it is worth and would bring way beyond catalogue if available today. The last 3c Invert on the market I purchased for $1,500.

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sued four years earlier than the Thos. Wilson, and there were even fewer of them, it is hardly likely that any of those collectors who have been patiently waiting and hoping for the past thirty years will be rewarded. The single example was in the fine collection of Mr. Phelps, sold by the late B. L. Drew in 1906, and passed to the Eagle accumulation. While on the subject of the rare "Ayers," it is well to record that Mr. Eagle also had the fine 4c green, 1c red, and the only 1c blue, imperforate, then known. Since that time Mr. Perry has sold another good 4c green in the West. There is likewise an inferior copy in this city, while of the 1c blue I purchased last fall the example long held by Col. Anderson. It will be seen from the above therefore that any of these stamps are much rarer than the 81pa Moldavia or the 4p inverted swan of Western Australia, and if a really fine Ayer ever comes on the market through channels that are informed, the price is apt to startle the compilers of the catalogue.

James C. Kerr

4c Blue—Old Paper

Readily obtainable on "silk" or "watermarked" paper the 4c "old" presents another situation entirely, although I doubt if many realize that but a single copy is known. That is why it appears on all "want lists" which I receive, and I have been disgusted at the ignorance of many and amused by the alertness of others who undoubtedly hoped I might uncover a copy and fail to properly appreciate it. There were 15,740 issued in 1871, but the only one known to have been salvaged was in the lot of Mr. Levick, and although torn apart was taken by Mr. Eagle. Another copy may conceivably appear, or an example with the silk threads picked out may develop, but any fakir who hopes to thus mulct the old-timers is indeed optimistic.

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1c Blue—Watermarked

Another unique stamp originally procured in Washington by the father of Mr. E. S. Phelps, the full story being entertainingly presented by Mr. West in MEKEEL'S of January 21, 1924, and Mr. Phelps has thus contributed a valuable chapter to the fund of M. & M. knowledge, as he alone possessed the facts. The stamp went to Mr. Eagle in 1906.

Matches

1c Franklin Head—Ultramarine

Some possibly may be inclined to dispute my statement that but one copy of this stamp in the real true color is now known, but to any who have intentions of immediately upbraiding or correcting me the suggestion is respectfully made that they examine any so-called specimens in daylight and ascertain whether or not there is any violet in the color. If not they had better be cautious. True the majority of ultramarines of various stamps of the period come in tones and shades which are distinctive for each, i.e., the 10c Foreign Exchange never comes in the dark color of the Howard match, or again of the $15.00 Mortgage, and vice versa. Some others invariably come in a light or milky blue, but Mr. Eagle had a beautiful Franklin Head, which still shows a violet tone that renders the classification undisputable. The same mistake is frequently made in the case of the 2c Proprietary first issue, where the stamp usually offered is the milky blue on soft, thick paper, but the true ultramarine here is always on a thin, hard paper in a beautiful tone, and I have the celebrated Adenaw O. G. block of ten to close any possible debate.

E. W. Hoyt & Co.

1c Imperforate, on "silk"

Still another variety that unwittingly is placed on all the M. & M. "want lists," but I must rudely crush all hopes by stating that here again there is just one item known, and this is fortunately a block of four. Like all the preceding stamps this was an Eagle piece, which went to a personal friend, who is just as enthusiastic a collector today as he was thirty-five years ago, and I am confident that this Hoyt is beyond the reach of wealth indefinitely. It is in fitting company in the album with Mr. Eagle's finest Rock Island, his 5c Greenleaf "silk," the ultramarine Franklin Head, the magnificent O. G. pink Goldback, and similar items.

D. Jayne & Son

2c Black (Old)—Perforated

At last we have come to a unique stamp that never reached the Eagle collection, for this specimen was held by Dr. George Hetrich until the time of his death last summer, in spite of strenuous attempts by Mr. Eagle to acquire it As the Dr. explained to me years ago it was not that he was antagonistic to Eagle, but he understood that his collection was ultimately destined for the government, and he was opposed to this idea of locking these rare things in a museum and forever depriving future generations of the pleasure of acquisition. The Hetrich collection was sold at auction last October, and the 2c Jayne, although torn in two diagonally, brought $280.

D. Burhans & Co.

1c Black—"Silk"

Some may wonder why I now dwell on this stamp listed at $25.00 and seemingly, to the layman, about as scarce as the Bendel "error," the Buck, or the black Gorman, but I have never met the individual who knew where he could procure one at $250.00, or for that matter tell you definitely about other than the former Eagle copy, which I have just mentioned above and which is now held in Brooklyn. I have heard of one in a museum, and vague rumors of another badly damaged example, and of course, there may be others, but I do know that the A. G. Bishop accumulation, which contained three Rock Islands, 3 of the Mercado, 3 of the 4c Bennett Pieters on silk, and the cheaper stamps by the score did not show this Burhans "silk." The Bowers lot revealed the same condition, as did the Hetrich holding, although each had a copy of the fairly common experimental silk stamp which comes on a thicker, soft, and fairly p paper, and usually shows but a few of silk fibre. This Ex. Silk, howev a definite variety of this stamp, justifies listing, and the catalogue s record it as a sub number as in the of the Beecher, the Buck, and the

L. G. Hunt

1c Black—On full silk

In spite of the fact that some ver time collectors have told me that doubted the existence of this stamp like the Burhans, have the Ex. Si their albums instead, the Full Si well authenticated and most cer should be priced in the catalogue a very rare stamp, much scarcer tha Pierce volcano, and naturally, whil as attractive, should in my judgmen around $75.00. The stamps were by Hunt for a short period only 1873 the die was sold to Griggs & will, being subsequently altered to brace their name. Before this was however, a supply of stamps was r for the immediate use of the new or else they took over any stock re ing with Hunt. This is clear fro fact that this Hunt silk today almo variably is found with the charact G. & G. cancellation in red, altho have seen copies where it was lackin.

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On Saturday evening, March 16, the 15th annual banquet of the Michigan Stamp Club was held at Hotel Fort Shelby, Detroit. It was the long looked-for event of the season. This occasion always brings out the ladies, as well as friends, who meet again, exchange greetings of friendship, and engage in a general good fellowship. Fully 50 gathered to do honor to the occasion.

Seated at the speakers' table were Postmaster Chas. S. Kellogg; Supt. of Air Mail, Frank Priest; Pres., Horace Hartwell; Vice-Pres., Charles Keller; Treas., Z. Dworkowski; Sec., Alex M. Livingstone; Toastmaster, Dr. H. P. Hoskins; and acting Pres., Charles Brisley. Music was furnished by the Mandolin Club, and received a number of encores. John Reid rendered several baritone solos, assisted by Miss Alma Lints, pianist.

Postmaster Kellogg, the first and principal speaker of the evening gave a general outline of the work of the post office department. He expressed his willingness to help philatelists in every respect possible, and especially such advance information as might be available. Mr. Kellogg has a strong hold upon the affections of the stamp collectors of Detroit, and was given hearty applause. Frank Priest, Superintendent of Air Mail, followed with a recital of some of the funny happenings that take place in a post office. It caused a great deal of amusement as well as providing instructions.

Greetings were received from various quarters, including Pres. A. H. Wilhelm of the A. P. S., who advised the Society to "keep your publicity man on the job, as no one can fill his position"; Holland A. Davis, Secretary of the A. P. S.; Wayne Stamp Society, Detroit; L. J. Flerlage, E. B. Power, P. M. Wolsieffer.

The Brisley Silver Cup, which was won last year by Seth Andrews, went to John Kay, who exhibited two sheets of rare U. S. stamps. The winners of the stamp exhibit, held on March 2, were Adolph Meyer, Karl Koslowski, Charles Brisley, Herman W. Boers, William C. Lancsweert, Seth Andrews, John Kay, Dr. E. P. Hoskins, Wm. Markert, J. B. Jackson, and Horace Hartwell. Cash prizes were awarded the winners, with the exception of Mr. Hartwell, who received an award of stamps.

In the raffle of about 200 lots donated by the members, the grand prize was won by Mrs. Wm. C. Lancsweert:—A 5c Franklin donated by Wm. F. Fratcher. Charles Holden contributed a humorous poem dealing with Mr. Fratcher and his buying and selling stamps.

Visitors were present from Ann Arbor, Flint, also the suburbs, and Windsor, Ont. Lyle Daigneau of Minneapolis, passing through Detroit, saw a notice in the local paper and attended the banquet. He was much impressed with the meeting. The program, the finest ever gotten up, was the product of Seth Andrews, through the courtesy of the company of which he is sales manager, the R. L. Polk Co. Several joke letters were read by Dr. Hoskins, and they created a good deal of amusement. An auction sale concluded the program of the evening. Great credit must be given the Committee in charge of the banquet. All who attended agreed that it was the best ever held. The banquet committee consisted of Seth Andrews, Horace F. Hartwell, and Frank E. Hadley.

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25 "	+	5 "	"	467,834

Total sold 3,286,289

The Swedish Post Office Dept. has decided to burn up the remainders on hand of these stamps. Everybody concerned is much satisfied with the result of the sale.

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CAYMAN MONEY ORDERS

By HARRY E. HUBER

In your issue of March 4, Cayman Islands is mentioned as a place upon which it is not possible to draw U. S. Money Orders. This is not correct, as U. S. Money Orders can be secured on both George Town, Grand Cayman, the seat of government, and Stakes Bay, Cayman Brac, in the lesser Caymans, at the same rates as apply to U. S. domestic Money Orders.

Section 23 of The Post Office Law (No. 9 of 1900), passed by the Vestry of the Cayman Islands on November 28, 1900, and approved by the Governor of Jamaica, A. W. L. Hemming, on June 12, 1901, reads as follows:—

"It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica from time to time to make orders and regulations with the sanction of the Postmaster General or other of the Imperial Postal authorities in respect to the Money Order system established with the United Kingdom, and the payment of any orders drawn by the Postmasters in the United Kingdom or Postmasters in these Islands for establishing the Money Order system, so as to include the granting of Money Orders on Postmasters in Her Majesty's Colonies or Dominions, *and in the United States of North America,* and the payment of any orders drawn by such Postmaster or Postmasters in these Islands, on such terms and conditions as he may deem expedient."

During the administration of F. S. Sanguinetti (Aug. 22, 1898, to Oct. 26, 1906), "whose term of office was marked by the development of the Post Office and postal facilities," British Postal Orders were placed on sale (1902), and the Money Order system established (Jan. 1, 1903). I believe the exchange of Money Orders with the United States dates from Jan. 1, 1903, but cannot say positively. However, to my personal knowledge, the convention was in operation in 1907.

The earliest Money Order statistics which I have been able to find are in the Cayman Islands Handbook for 1909, as follows:—

	M. O. issued.	*M. O. paid*
1904-05,	£ 740	£ 421
1905-06,	1327	595
1906-07,	2731	904
1907-08,	3656	1440

On page 655 of the Handbook of Jamaica, 1923, in the section relating to the Cayman Islands, there is the following:—

"A Money Order system is in operation under convention with the Jamaica Post Office, and is availed of to a large extent, the principal business being with the U. S. A. Aggregate of business in 1920, £10608."

And last but not least, the following from the report of the Postmaster for Jamaica (R. H. Fletcher), for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

"During the year under review, 2,056 Money Orders, £5456, were issued to places abroad; most of these were drawn on the U. S. A. The number of orders paid in Jamaica was 24,406, £72655, as against 22,684 orders, £63929 in 1926. Here again most of the orders were from the U. S. A., the number and amount being 22,861, £64963.

It might be of interest to note that 1,960 orders for £15660.10.5 were issued by the Turks Islands, and the Cayman Islands, on the U. S. A., and that 915 orders for £5199 of American origin were paid in those islands during 1927."

In December, 1919, the Postmaster at George Town, Grand Cayman (Arthur Bodden) was suspended on account of a shortage of some £900 in the Money Order account. This amount seems to have been made up of uncorrected errors

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SPARTANBURG S. C.

That promised article on precancelled stamped envelopes is just about ready for the printer, but not quite. Meanwhile let's look at some more attractive types not illustrated in the catalog.

The Birmingham is another typeset, an old one, designed for precancelling six of the parcel post issue. These stamps are missing from the Alabama section of almost every collection, and from the only specialized collection of

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that state that I know of—that of Mr. A. C. Bates of Chicago. I count myself fortunate to have the 1c which furnishes the above illustration.

Mount Pleasant's pretty type is restricted to the current set, except for the 3c offset. It is seldom seen and eagerly sought, for, as I pointed out recently, Iowa is quite keenly collected. I count myself lucky to have the 3c offset, and 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20 up, 50 up, all perf. 11.

This is one town from which I have no rotaries.

Mount Sterling used a mimeograph type for a long time, but at Christmas of 1927 it came out with this intriguing typeset. I secured only the old 12c and 5c rotary, both reading down. I did not think that it would be used again, as typesets of this sort are quite frequently knocked down after one season. But it was again in use last Christmas, though I have so far secured no examples of it.

The Carrollton office has used typesets exclusively, except for one season at the beginning of its precancelling. The reason for this is because the two postmasters preceding the present incumbent both had printing plants of their own, and the present postmaster gets one of them to precancel for him. Two somewhat similar examples are Ardmore, Penna., and Ashland, Wis. Ardmore, however, has used but the one type, whereas Carrollton and Ashland have used several. I think this pretty one-line type was designed for the oblong stamps only, as I have it only on the 20c and 50c, both normal.

Nevada is probably the hardest state in the Union to collect, so any Reno items are soon snapped up. The above is its type I, typeset, used on the perf. 12 and 10 issues only. I have but little to boast of in this type—4 nor., 6 inv., 7 inv., 12 nor., 30 inv., all perf. 10. Hayden Palmer of San Francisco has the most complete Nevada collection, but it lacks some of this type.

A striking Leon, Iowa, typeset was in use over one Christmas season, that of 1925 or '26, I don't know which. It was a plate of 50 subjects, so the sheets had to be precancelled one-half at a time, making tete-beche pairs possible. So I am told, for I have no such pairs. I am glad to have only the ½, 1½ inv., 50 down, and 7c inv. rotary, besides the Lexingtons.

Spartanburg's two handstamps were such smeary, illegible affairs that collectors were glad with the appearance of this neat type last Christmas. This town is a consistent user of precancels, so it is only a matter of time till they will get around to most of us. Seen on the 3c, 8c, 9c compound and 17c down.

Westwood's U-12 also came out this last Christmas. I have seen or heard of

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it on the 12c, 15c and 1½c compound.

For reasons known to a few of us, Windom used to do some "funny" work, monkey business, with its two handstamps, but times change and so do other things, and now Windom is quite of the elect. Certainly this handsome typeset is quite unusual, and was wholly unexpected. I have it or know of its existence on the 11c and 15c and 4, 7, 8, 9 compound.

Still more surprising was the printed Page, N. Dak. As a rule North Dakota small towns don't use precancels, but this last Christmas several of them made their entry into the precancel world, only two using printed types, Page and Crosby, this latter mentioned by Mr. Allen a little while ago. I have this Page type on the 3, 4, 7, 10 compound.

Here's another U-12, Galveston, which up to now has used a dinky handstamp. Seen on the 20c, reading normal. Paris and Laredo are two other Texas towns adopting this standard type, state name spelled out in both cases. I have the Paris on 3c perf. 11, and 5c compound, the Laredo on 20c up and 30c down, and 10c compound. Anaconda, Mont., likewise began using this type, at Christmas time, after junking its four or five handstamped types.

A still different form of precancelling is sometimes done by mimeographing, i.e., making a stencil on a typewriter and using it as a printer uses a steel plate. Waterville has used such a type for some years, of late alternating with a U-53 handstamp. There is a fake of the above type, but easy to distinguish, as it is in three lines—Water—ville—Maine, instead of two lines.

Cleveland—

—Garfield-Perry Celebrates Anniversary with a Gala Occasion.

Reported by Vance Holden, Sec.

On Saturday, March 16, as scheduled, the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated its 39th anniversary. There was a very large attendance, including 23 wives and lady friends of the members, and a long list of out-of-town philatelists.

Adolph Steeg of the Buffalo Club extended greetings as did W. G. Saxton of the Canton Club, who referred us to Paul Vignos, Sec., who told of the philatelic happenings in his city. George W. Linn was there in all his glory with his good paper which he distributed with his compliments. C. W. Bedford, President of the Akron Club, extended a gra invitation to those present to visit A on one of their meeting nights.

The exhibition in the afternoon surprisingly extensive and proved a treat both to the members and the ors. And there appeared to be mor itors than members, which proved ing, indeed, to all of us. Particu since for the most part they br along things which they wanted to Several splendid collections were hibited.

In the evening one of our local wishers from the Federal Reserve C. L. Bickford, presented the club two commemorative medals, whic government had struck off at the delphia mint having to do with Co dore Perry's victory in the battle o Erie, and with President Garfield sassination and subsequent death.

The Hanford Memorial Cup wa year awarded to past president Grant. He deserves it for his two of splendid service.

Telegraphic regrets came in from tave Mosler and A. H. Wilhelm, A. P. S., and Don Lybarger, ou member. A. S. Stewart of Toledo has so regularly attended our meetings, wired at the last moment death among his acquaintances pre his usual appearance.

President Lloyd announced at th quet plans for a real affair on our eth anniversary, which is next yea appointed chairmen of six commit act as a main committee, to start ties immediately for a celebration, we hope to make out of the ordina surpass the usual Garfield-Perry st

NEWS ITEMS—

Rev. G. E. Richter, forme Wells, Me., is now located River, Mass., where he is pastor Pilgrim Church. Always interes stamp collecting, we find him in t River *Herald News* of March 1 tured with a group of enthusiastic stamp collectors gathered aroun Mr. Richter writes us that there i interest among the school children city, and several stamp clubs ha organized in the Junior and Senio School. Wherever Mr. Richter g interest in stamp collecting is manifested.

In a recent advertisement of t ham Stamp Co., a set of Con Stanleys mint was advertised "5c 15 vars., $2.50." This is an obvi ror as one may well know, but t take was not made in our Portlan We are advised by the firm, that should have read "50fr" instead o

We have received from O. M. two clippings from the St *Post-Dispatch*. They both have telic flavor. One tells of the es ment of the philatelic agency at ington, which appears in the this week, and the other is dev Congressman Ackerman and his collection.

"Just a line to say that department is one of the v things in your magazine. At last of sense in stamp collecting i sounded. And so euphoniously, to May this star long continue to for us!"—Elmer D. Colcord.

Several of our subscribers satisfied with the manner i Mr. Hoeft placed the scene pict the 8c 1901 in Minnesota, ins Michigan. This was undoubted upon Mr. Hoeft's part, and we ar ful to certain subscribers who h rected the mistake.

In the current number of the magazine is an article by Glass, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., "The Duelling Editor Passes Glass is a member of the Kiwan of Lynchburg, as well as of the International Committee licity, 1926-1927. In this article is a very readable one, the auth his tribute to the modern news its tolerance and respect for th of others.

Stop Press News

ACKSTAMPING OF AIR MAIL

Day Flights in the Future to Have Distinctive Cachet Only

re is an extract from a letter of the d Asst. P. M. G. Warren I. Glover, March 22. The italics are my

sterday I requested the Bureau to tinue *all* backstamping on air mail. s just become impossible for the tment to handle it and *so many com- s have been received by the Depart- that we must of necessity abandon amping for the protection of the e.* At the same time I am going to it, with every means at my com- that a representative of the De- ent be present, where service is to augurated, to see that a special is applied to every letter to be sent ir Mail and give every facility to st day cover wherever possible. *I re that the Department should be ed to give no more,* but I do want e the full measure of what we are o do."

American Air Mail Society has d collectors that constant com- and correspondence with individ- stmasters and with the Department, d for special handling and similar , is becoming a real burden and of annoyance to the Department. as been primarily responsible for ove action. Continuance of same inevitably lead to more drastic res such as abandonment of first cachets entirely. Collectors should heir information through the so- and the journals and *leave the tment alone.*

L. B. GATCHELL.

CLAIRE, WIS., STAMP CLUB

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., March 20.

ay be of interest to you to know hrough the constructive efforts in ional matters of Miss Laura M. Librarian of the Eau Claire Pub- brary (a Carnegie foundation) a collectors' club has been organized eets weekly under the Library's aus- in the Children's Room of the Li- I believe the members are boys nool age, divided into four club with a membership of twenty-five rty. I do not know whether or her libraries have instituted such but it is well worth general adop- s a valuable addition to a library's ional undertakings. The Eau Public Library has some 35,000 es and in which Philately is duly ented.

GARDNER TEALL.

NEXT ZEPPELIN FLIGHT

ESSEN, GER., March 14, 1929.

von Meister, the newly appointed gent at the Zeppelin airship works, drichshafen, states that a flight of af Zeppelin has been fixed for the of May. Mr. von Meister is in of a request from the Zeppelin ny to get in touch with the U. S. Dept., with a view to obtaining per- n to use the Lakehurst airship port May 10. The Zeppelin will carry gers and mail on the coming flight.

A. WAGNER.

FLIGHT IN PROSPECT

SPOKANE, WASH., March 23.

r attention is called to the proposed ion of CAM 5 from Pasco to ne. While we have not yet re- official notification from the P. O. in regard to this extension, we eason to believe that the inaugural will be made on or before May 1. ers may be sent in care of the on Committee, Chamber of Com- Spokane, Wash., and we shall be o see that they receive the special

D. M. MERRIN, Sec.

APPLETON (WIS.) SOCIETY

Superb Collection of W. O. Thiede Is Shown at Local Club Meeting

APPLETON, WIS., March 22.

Another rousing meeting of the local society was held in the Blue Room, Conway Hotel last eve., with almost 100% attendance. Clarence A. Loescher of Menasha, and E. A. Boettcher of Appleton, were enrolled as members.

After the usual fine dinner, the members were privileged to see another section of the wonderful collection of W. O. Thiede. He has been a new-issue subscriber for British colonials since 1912, and has every stamp that Britain has issued since that time, in beautiful mint edition. Among them are the entire series of Cyprus, including No. 92—and all purchased at 15% over face value.

Mr. Thiede also showed every air-mail stamp in the world, in the same fine mint condition. Another part of his exhibition consisted of Scott's 19th Century album, full of the oldest stamps in the world. His entire collection, without a doubt, is one of the finest in the Middle-West.

H. M. Brehm showed a cover which had just come back to him after making a round-robin trip to every town of "Appleton" in the U. S. There are nine of them, and the cover traveled from Maine to Washington to receive the various cancellations—a total of some 6,500 miles during a period of 22 days.

Pres. M. F. Hatch reported a very distinct engraver's flaw in one of the Rogers Clark stamps. It occurs in the white circle below the left 2 in stamp No. 1 of the East pane of red plate No. 19721. The members have examined some ten sheets of this plate number and find the flaw.

H. M. BREHM, Sec.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE

VALLEY CITY, N. D., March 23.

By far the most significant precancel news item of 1929 is that of the sale of the entire precancel business of the Rotnem Stamp Company, and the Standard Precancel Catalog to the Hoovers, 35 W. 33d St., New York. To those who are conversant with the main currents of precancel doings, this transfer has been a piece of unfinished business for about a year and a half.

Mr. Rotnem purchased the catalog from B. Gordon Bushnell of Indianapolis, in September, 1923, and since that time has issued four volumes, dated 1925-1926-1928-1929. At that time Mr. Bushnell found the publication of further editions a task beyond his time and means, so the transfer was made. A rapidly growing law business has now made it impossible for Mr. Rotnem to carry this piece of work further forward, so once more the catalog changes hands.

It is the Hoovers' intention to publish a 1930 edition of the catalog this fall, so collectors with unlisted items should get in touch with the above address, submitting their items if they expect to see them listed. Or, in case the state in question has a state editor, get in touch with him. Precancels now join regular postage in making the nation's metropolis their capital center.

A. F. GAMBER.

CAPT. FRIED AND HIS STAMPS

An Associated Press story by Capt. Geo. Fried is appearing in the metropolitan papers. Barnum Bailey Wixom, one of our Juniors, sends us a clipping that tells about his interest in stamp collecting. As the article is copyrighted, we cannot print it in its entirety. Capt. Fried now has a collection of some 12,000 varieties, the remarkable thing about it being that it is made up of stamps given him by friends, or received on letters from various parts of the world.

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NEWS FLASHES

—Lundborg day will be celebrated in Pittsburgh, April 2nd, in honor of the young Swede who rescued Nobile last year. He will land at Bettis Field, April 2nd, and the Cleveland-Pittsburgh contractor will apply a special cachet to all mail sent to J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa.—DONALD E. DICKASON.

—G. Cameron Rapkin, of the well-known Rapkin firm of London, will shortly make a visit to the United States and Canada. He plans to call upon the dealers of the representative cities of both countries.

—A special cachet was applied by the Buffalo Aviation Show to air mail leaving Buffalo under date of March 23, on CAM 20. The cachet is circular in shape, printed in purple, and we have Harry E. Koltzbach to thank for courtesy extended.

—Donald D. Smythe informs us that no attempt is being made by the Mexican authorities to deliver mail in the rebel districts. The mail clerks have orders to route Mexican mail through Laredo, whence it will be sent to Mexico City, and delivered as opportunity permits. The supplies of stamps at the local post offices are running low, and there appears to be a good prospect for provisional issues. Postage rates have doubled, and are now 20c for a letter either in Mexico or to the U. S.

—Two more provisionals in the new Quetzal currency have just been received from Guatemala. Both are of the ½ Centavo value. One is surcharged in blue on the 2 pesos, Scott's No. 225, and the other in black on the 5 pesos, 1926, Scott's No. 228. Both surcharges are in three lines, "1928—½ Centavo—de Quetzal."—HERMANN FOCKE.

—Greetings are at hand from Hon. E. R. Ackerman, M. C., bearing a Santo Domingo postmark. Evidently Mr. Ackerman is resting up for the strenuous days of the special session of Congress.

—Cristobal-Santiago, FAM 9, rumored to begin April 1, has been indefinitely postponed due to appeal from contract award by unsuccessful bidder.—L. B. GATCHELL.

—"There will be a special cachet used at Elkhart, Ind., upon the occasion of the Air Circus and Congress to be given by the local American Legion, June 14-16. An attractive cachet will be used and a different color each day. Covers mailed to me at 635 Bower St., Elkhart, Ind., stamped and addressed, will be properly cared for. I have been appointed to have the cachet made, and to handle the mailing."—EVERETT G. EMERSON.

—Victor W. Rotnem, who has been operating a precancel stamp business under the name of the Rotnem Stamp Co., has disposed of his stock of these stamps, as well as his catalog, and will reorganize his business on a purely postage stamp basis.

NEW DOMINICAN ISSUE

Information has reached me that the Dominican Republic is preparing a special set of five stamps to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Boundaries between the Dominican Republic and Hayti. It will consist of ½, 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos values, and will be in concurrent use with the present issue showing the ruins of the residence of Christopher Columbus in Santo Domingo. I am informed that the 20 and 50c values are already obsolete.

HERMANN FOCKE.

FINLAND PICTORIAL SET

INGLEWOOD, CALIF., March 21.

Abo, oldest city in Finland, and at one time the capital of the country, is to celebrate its 700th anniversary. Request for a set of jubilee stamps has been granted by the government, the same to have views of the city of Abo. These will be the first pictorial stamps of Finland.

EMIL LUNDSTROM.

KING GEORGE AND HIS STAMPS

Nothing could be a more definite indication of the good progress being made by the King than the fact that he is beginning to interest himself again in his chief hobby, collecting stamps.

The King's collection at Buckingham Palace is the envy of philatelists all over the world. A special room is devoted to it, for it consists of more than 200 large albums full of the rarest stamps in existence.

Mr. Thomas W. Hall, president of the Royal Philatelic Society, told a *Daily Mail* reporter that the King's knowledge of stamps is remarkable. He said:

It is expert knowledge. His Majesty knows more than I do about British and Colonial stamps, as I discovered some time ago when I took him round one of the Society's exhibitions.

The King was President of the Royal Philatelic Society for 14 years. He is now patron of the Society.

He was always tremendously interested in philately. During his presidency, while Prince of Wales, he once read to the Society a paper on British and Colonial stamps. He occasionally took the chair at the Society's meetings, and discussed its affairs with enthusiasm.

Agents with whom the King regularly deals have been instructed to send stamps to Craigwell House for his inspection.—*London Daily Mail.*

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EDITORIAL

SEVERAL readers have shown us air mail envelopes that were returned to them in covers postmarked Salt Lake City, Utah, and endorsed with rubber-stamp: "Air Mail. Damaged in Plane Crash at Park City, Ut., 3-11-29. D. C. F. Dutton, P. O. Insp." The air mail covers were badly burned around the edges.

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MR. FRED J. JARRETT'S work on the stamps of British North America, has made its appearance and is a veritable storehouse of information, advanced and otherwise on the stamps of the attractive countries embraced in the title.

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MR. WALTER S. BULL, Cortland, N. Y., has a bone to pick, and he chooses to work in the open. He has written the postmaster general at Washington: "Will you kindly advise me if the 2c George Rogers Clark stamp recently issued was printed in strips instead of sheets as is customary. I sent to the Postmaster at Vincennes, Indiana, for 25 copies, ten to be used on 'first day' covers (for which I enclosed addressed envelopes) and fifteen unused; and received twenty-five copies with straight edges. I assumed that the Postmaster at Vincennes was acting under instructions from the Department, or was at least aware that these first day requests came from collectors, and would send fully perforated copies, or at any rate each applicant's *pro rata* share of perforated copies, provided, of course, they exist that way." Here is a bit of disarming innocence, the P. M. G. will say.

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AS a consequence of our special issue of Feb. 25th, dedicated to the American Philatelic Society, several letters have come from old members of the organization, with various observations. An example is the following bit of reminiscence from a former member: "I realize that you were not writing a history of the society or else you certainly would have said something about Charles B. Corwin of New York, who was one of the ablest, and at the same time audacious of men. I was much impressed when I first met him as a boy; he was a fine-mannered man and precise as to dress; and as a speaker was no small shakes. Also, I knew Alvah Davison, the old *Youth's Ledger* publisher, who at the convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in 1894, was one of the members who was at home as a humorist or as a serious-minded man of affairs. I understand that Mr. Corwin is dead, but Mr. Davison probably is still living." We regret to have to say that Mr. Davison died in February, 1928, somewhat over a year ago, at his home in Brooklyn.

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WHEN collectors, who prepared covers for the air mail out of Brownsville, Texas, over C.A.M. 22, on March 9th, received them, they were disappointed to find that the covers bore no distinctive markings as flown envelopes. According to an explanation from Washington, the special *cachet* intended for use on the occasion was not received in time for use on the first flights. Not a few collectors wrote to the department as a consequence of the omission of the *cachet* on their covers, and they were told that the *cachet* impression would be placed on the envelopes, if they were forwarded to Washington. Now, W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General has issued an order to say that those collectors who want the *cachet* applied to their covers of March 9th may send them in an envelope addressed to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Air Mail Service, Washington, D. C. Here is an evidence of coöperation that will please collectors.

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COMPLAINTS have come to us that announcements of proposed air mail flights are published so late that sufficient time is not given our readers to take advantage of the information. In an effort to relieve this unsatisfactory condition, an inquiry was made of B. F. Myers, Assistant Superintendent of the U. S. Air Mail Service, Chicago, and he gave us some particulars as to the problem. It is evident that there is no way to insure relief inasmuch as there is not a wide interval in many cases between the date of the flight and the notice of it, when publishing of the particulars has to intervene. However, Mr. Myers has given us permission to say that he will send a circular telling of new flights as they develop to those collectors who request that they be placed on his mailing list. Mr. Myers has been interested from the first in attending to the interests of collectors, as he realizes that philatelic support has done much to encourage the air service. Moreover, we think that he has an understanding of the collecting mind and are convinced that he will do everything consistent with the duties of his department to meet the wishes of first flight patrons. Mr. Myers says that his list of names to which the circular is sent numbers about three thousand.

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WE are told by a correspondent, who applied at the post office at Suva, Fiji, for the current issue, that the four pence is no longer on sale, and by the *Australian Stamp Journal* just received we learn that no further supplies w requisitioned, as the demand for th nomination is small.

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THE following little article, "Let Be Light," has been received Mr. G. Stanley Haines, Peabody, "In the WEEKLY of March 16th, th a notice of 'Faked Perforations' on tieth century U. S. For some tim it has been known that large qua of comparatively common imper stamps have been privately perfora make rare part-perforate varieti fact, only recently I have seen a n of coils in A. P. S. books marked indicating that the sellers were nc of the genuineness of the varietie writer of the above-mentioned proceeds to say: 'Fortunately, th one or two distinguishing mar the Bureau product which it is im ble for the faker to produce, so th good may be readily separated fr bad, by one who is aware of these arities.' What are these peculia Why have they not been made p Would it not discourage the faker information was broadcast to the ing public, thus rendering the product unsalable? Stamp paper wide-awake stamp dealers make own position more secure, whe keep the average collector well inf There have been literally hundreds ticles published in the past, advisi lectors how to discriminate betwe good and the bad, but I have yet in any paper or magazine any rea mation on these part-perforates. the prolonged silence? Is it p that a small group of dealers do n the collector to know how to disti such stamps?" First, we shoul sider whether the person who p exclusive information is in duty to impart it for the general benefit us say, yes, even though there are ments possible to the contrary. I a wish to be helpful to the philatel lic, is one with inside knowledg justified in keeping it for private

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er circumstances that are outlined by Haines? If by naming the "peculi-es" the faker will be supplied with nunition that will perfect his aim, the stion is debatable. In a case where difference between the real and the e could be equalized by the manipula- the advisability of disclosing the dis- ancies in print is not clearly indi- d. Collectors who buy high-priced eties of the kind must feel that their ranty for the stamps is the reputa- of the dealer who sold them. On ral occasions there have been discus- s on the wisdom of describing differ- s in the outcroppings of the stamp, as surcharge, perforation, etc., for benefit of the faker as well as the ector. The question as propounded our correspondent is open for dis- ion.

LOS ANGELES--BERMUDA COVERS

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Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
Wooster, Ohio

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

I can't help but feel that the matter of absolutely private cachets is being overdone. I'm not referring to the cachet sponsored by Chambers of Commerce, or other local civic organizations; Contractors; Airport Dedication Committees; Aero Show sponsors, and the like. I do refer to the cachet gotten up by an individual entirely on his own responsibility. If the cachet is limited in use to his own mail, there's no argument, it's *out*. And I can't get enthused over it, even if collectors in general have a chance to send in mail for it. And as for special cachets originating with a collector in one part of the country for use in a distant state—well, personally, I don't like 'em. Let's all use a little more self-control, and leave the matter of special cachets up to the proper authorities in their own locality.

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The postmaster at Dixon, Ill., asks me to give publicity to the statement that thus far there is absolutely nothing definite as to any special flight or cachet this summer in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Post Office there. Inasmuch as I'm at least partly responsible for that report in the first place, I'm glad to give this information. Don't send in covers until you have further word.

*****

There seems to have been some confusion at Glendale, Calif., as to the use of the special dedicatory cachet, Feb. 22nd. Letters sent to the Chamber of Commerce came back with a nice cachet, whereas the Postmaster held all sent to him, and will return to those who forward postage.

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R. S. Carter sends a clipping from Canal Zone which states that only mail prepaid with the special 25c airmail stamps will be given airmail service on the Cristobal-Miami route. Ordinary stamps will not do, even if totalling the proper sum. The reason given is that this is necessary in order to keep the accounts straight—something like our old parcels post ruling, I suppose.

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The second southbound plane over this route carried only 40 lbs. of mail. Anybody send any covers? Pilot Merritt on this trip made the fastest round trip flight yet recorded, arriving at Cristobal just over 8 days from the time he departed, piloting the plane which accompanied Col. Lindbergh.

*****

A number of Aircraft Shows scheduled for this spring and summer. They include Detroit, details of which have already been given, Kansas City, Wichita, and several others. If cachets are planned, I'll be glad to know in plenty of time. Detroit will have a cachet and special postal station, April 6-14.

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New routes in the formative stage include the following: Baltimore-Hagerstown-Pittsburgh; Atlanta-Ft. Worth-Los Angeles; a circular route to include Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Portsmouth, Zanesville, Huntington, Wheeling and Parkersburg; St. Paul-Minneapolis-Des Moines-Kansas City; an all-Wisconsin route, stopping at Wausau, Appleton, Stevens Point, Sheboygan, Manitowac, Wisconsin Rapids, and Kohler. Don't send in covers yet, as these are not definite. Worth keeping an eye on, however.

*****

Bids for the new Los Angeles-Dallas route have been called for, so we should get action there soon. This will have more stops than any other recent route. I figured up a while ago, and it seems to me complete coverage will run into several hundred covers. Pretty nice for the dealer with a standing order, but a little hard to arrange for the ordinary mortal.

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Here's a good one! My covers addressed to Miami on the recent Florida extension came in without backstamps. I returned them to the Miami postmaster with a polite request for this backstamping. He refused to do this, giving as his reason the ruling on backstamping given in a recent *Postal Bulletin*. I returned them again, calling his attention to the fact that this ruling specifically excepted

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Nevis 5*, 14, 14a, 29*, 30*.
New Brunswick 8, 9*, 10*.
New So. Wales 29, 31, 24, 37, 44, 58, 42, 85, 94.
New Zealand 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 38, 39, 41, 46, 56, 79, 656.
Niger Coast 3, 5*, 8*, 9*, 12*, 13, 60.
North Borneo 1, 8, 16, 25b, *67, 85*.
Norway 1, 2, 2*, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 33*, 28, 38, 39*, 39a*, 35a*, 36*, 36a*, 36b*, 36c*, 40*, 41, 41d*, 41c*, 42c*, 44, 64a*, 69-71, 69-71*, 74*, 75*, 76, 79, 81*, 95*.
Nova Scotia 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
Nyassa 10.
Oldenburg 1, 3, 6, 21*, 22*, 25*.
Orange River 7, 9, 16, 20, 24, 27, 25, 35, 53*.
Persia 44*, 46, 56, 59*.
Peru 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 35*, 68, 72, 73, 77, 81, 128, h, 139, 140, 158, 602, 904, 905, 908, 670, 509, 513*, 516*, 519, 534*.
Philippines 10, 12, 14, 24, 39, 41*, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 62, 68, 71, 73, 147, 178, 210, 211, 72, 94*, 96*, 118, 125*, 130*, 189*.
Porto Rico 2, 6, 14, 17*, 22*, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29*, 31*, 32*, 34*, 37, 40, 54, 106*, 108, 153*.
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Poland 1.
Portuguese Congo 1 to 12*, 21*.
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Russia 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15*, 18, 53*, 69*, 104, 132*, 141, 142*, 293*, 302, 303.
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Wenden 904.
St. Kitts 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19.
St. Helena 11*, 19, 21, 25, 28.
St. Lucia 7, 8, 9, 10*, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 28*, 36.
St. Thomas 6, 24, 33*.
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San Marino 2*, 4*, 5*, 2, 6*, 7*, 27*, 28*, 506*.
Saxony 2, 3, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 20*, 21.
Schleswig 3*, 4*, 5*, 8, 9*, 10*, 15, 18, 19*, 20, 22, 24, 23, 25*.
Siam 6.
Sierra Leone 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11*, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20*, 21, 22, 32, 42*, 43, 47.
South Australia 12, 10, 12a, 16, 20, 29, 69, 72, 71, 81, 82.
Spain 29, 40, 42, 44, 65, 67, 71, 72, 76, 86, 87, 88, 100, 170, 177, 178, 184, 194, 204, 217, 226*, 230*, 237, 492*, 601*, 602*, 605*.
Straits 6, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 33, 34, 38, 39, 41, 52, 70, 70*, 75*, 48, 79*, 83*, 86, 92*.
Johore 21*, 22*, 23*, 29*, 36*.
Negri 8*, 12.
Perak 152, 153.
Surinam 8.
Sweden 7, 12, 14, 27, 401, 402, 705.
Swiss 24, 23, 26, 27, 34*, 40, 48, 307, 316.
Tasmania 11, 12, 13, 15, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 57, 52*, 62*.
Timor 2*, 3*, 8*, 30*, 31*, 40*, 41*, 42.
Tobago 2*, 15*, 24*, 26*, 29*.
Tonga 8*, 12*, 15*, 16*, 17*, 24*, 27, 29*, 31*, 101*, 102*, 103*.
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Brain Teasers

By ASHLEY C. LEDUC.

(Answers next week.)

(1.) On what stamp is found the words "Puenta Ulua"?

(2.) What do collectors mean when they speak of "Penny Blacks"?

(3.) What stamps properly overprinted were used for the first issue for Gibraltar?

(4.) How many states of the Colombian Republic have issued postage stamps?

(5.) What foreign country has issued a special delivery stamp having a design very similar to the one on the United States current 10c special delivery?

(6.) What is an easy way to distinguish between the 1924 and 1926 issues for Guatemala?

(7.) What set of stamps show an unbalanced balance as the central design?

(8.) Certain Italian stamps are found surcharged "Tripoli di Barberia". To what country do they belong?

(9.) What is the difference between the 1916 and 1919 reaper issues for Hungary?

(10.) What is meant by the inscription "Espresso" on certain stamps of Italy and colonies?

Our Junior Club

ARTHUR M. BURDGE, Pt. Pleasant, N. J.

In our club each member is devoting most of his energies to one certain country, but of course, takes others as they come along. It is creating interest. I have been requested to start other clubs in neighboring towns. It may not mean much, but at least it is advertising philately and making possible future valuable additions to the ranks.

Correspondence from other such clubs is solicited with any helpful suggestions, and in turn will be pleased to offer any suggestions which I have found serviceable. Why don't some of you fellows get the seniors interested in you and start a club; it is much more fun than working alone. I have made a little dictionary telling what country many of the dizzy things on stamps stand for.

The Greatest Collection

By EVERETT KLAAS.

In this greatest of Hobbies, the game known as life,
A time of trial, of joy and of care,
Like a postage stamp, each has his work to do,
Each one his own message to bear.
Some, destined to wander over the earth,
Bear their message for many a long year,
But some are collected when still in their youth,
While yet they are bright, new and clear.
Some stick to their duties e'en unto the end,
While others in pleasure and weakness are lost,
But each has a work he alone can do
And should finish the job, whatever the cost.

Some are upright and square, clean cut and true,
And well deserve the little blank space,
But some are off centered, crooked and torn,
Unsuited to occupy a place
In that greatest Collection where all want to go.
After they are Cancelled, their labor done,
When they've borne to the end their message of joy
Or sorrow—be mounted one by one
In that beautiful Album, that Golden Book
From which they shall never more roam
And be one of a set, friends, family, loved ones,
When the Great Collector calls them home.

Likes and Dislikes

By CHARLES KIDD.

I am writing to tell you the features which I like and the ones I dislike in MEKEEL'S.

First: I like articles on stampless covers, because these old, folded papers often reveal life in the period before 1847 in a more graphic method than any book could. Besides this, stampless covers are inexpensive, and there is endless fun in sorting out the different cancellations and classifying them.

Second: Interesting articles by men who know what's what on such things as finds of old stamps, patriotic covers, and explanations of varieties which are hard to detect, make it easier for a junior to know the how and why of many things that he might otherwise miss.

Third: Air mail news. The information given in the way that the air mail editor gives it, makes it easy to send for new covers and to see what has been done by senior collectors in the way of novel covers, etc.

There is only one thing that I don't like, that is precancels. Some people may collect them, but they give me a pain. The Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties is just so-so, but of course I read it, and find many notes of interest.

To me, there are many more likable things about the WEEKLY, than there are dull ones.

Some Noted Stamp Collectors

By WM. BENTLEY BALL.

Philately or stamp collecting is termed by many the "Hobby of Kids and Kings." The one who reads this article probably knows of many a boy who claims this hobby as his. He will probably be surprised to find that many rulers of the world, and many prominent men, also claim it as theirs.

It is true, however, that King George of England, the Prince of Wales, Alfonso of Spain, Albert of Belgium, Prince Hiroyasu of Japan, Fuad of Egypt, Queen Elena of Italy, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium, Alexander of Jugoslavia, the Princess Charlotte of Monaco, Crown Prince Gustave Adolphus of Sweden, and ex-King Manuel of Portugal are all noted philatelists.

King George of England has a very fine collection of British issues only. His son, the Prince of Wales, also has a fine collection, but is not actively engaged in adding to it. King Fuad of Egypt, possesses one of the best collections in existence of Egypt and nearby countries. It is arranged in thirty-five volumes.

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* * *

He kissed her,
And called it an overprint.
She kissed him,
And called it a surcharge.
Her mother overheard them
And called it an error.
Her father exhibited
A fine punch cancellation.

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THIS COLUMN IS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PANNING OF OLD MAN GLOOM AND HIS BROTHER, GROUCH. IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA, SEND US A HOT SHOT.

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"It always gives me a tiny pain to burn those beautiful blocks of foreign stamps that come on the registered mail."—Extract from a bank steno's letter.

* * *

I gonna marry
Da weedow, Sontalli.
Her mouth eet so wide
Like da reever valley;
She got da long feets,
An' da skeeny, red neck;
But she gotta da gold
W'eech I need by da peck
To buy posta' stamps
For my beeg stamp collect'!
Who marries dat weedow
Ees chained to da galley,
An' we gonna fight
Like da cats een da alley.
But alla da same
I marry Sontalli.

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A RECENT ISSUE OF "THE STAMP NEWS" ASSERTS, "—THEY COL—VERTISEMENT WITHIN OFFERED MILWAU-LECT CORNER CARDS NOWADAYS. AN AD-KEE LAGER BEER AT 75C PER DOZEN!"

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The above reminds us of a newspaper that mixed a stamp ad and a birth notice with the following result: "No matter what you may collect Mr. and Mrs. ——— ——— are the proud parents of a beautiful set of postally used lusty twins. One is a boy, the other a cracked plate, type III, and weighing nine pounds and seven ounces. Dr. St—— says that both the mother and babes are all different varieties, U. S. and foreign revenues. This paper extends heartiest congratulations and hopes that you can't beat that for a bargain, and much success in life."

* * *

Now
you
tell
one!

* * *

Spasm No. 6

Spanish Lament:

Three letters were once sent to Spain.
The first lost its stamp in the rain.
The second was creased,
The third olive oil greased.
For philately none doth remain.

—By "Gum".

* * *

Mary had a Billy goat
That never had been ill
Until he ate a peeless hinge,
Now Mary mourns for Bill.

THE FIERY THRONE

I. Bela Kun's Postal Propaganda

GYORGY DOZSA
"Down with the Aristocrats!"

After the Great Wa while confusion reig ed among the defeate nations of Europe cruel, fat, spiderlik monster of a ma named Bela Kun w sent from Russia Hungary. At Bud pest he overturned th war-weakened gover ment, and establish the terrible "Magy Tanacskoztarsasag"—the Hungarian S viet Republic. He ruled all Hungar for 143 days in 1919, by spreading reign of terror throughout the land.

To this day Hungarians still whisp of the unspeakable methods by whi Dictator Kun sought to destroy religio patriotism, and morality in the nation, establish that curious way of living call "Communism."

But Bela Kun did not succeed. With five months he fled for his life from t aroused and outraged Hungarians. A behind him there remained only one las ing symbol of his Communistic regime the postage stamps which his governme had issued!

It was Bela Kun's scheme, by means these stamps, not only to advertise Soviet Republic, but also to introdu five heroes of Communism to an unappr ciative world. Every letter that l Hungary would bear, according to amount of postage, a portrait of K Marx, the great Socialist, of the p Petofi, of Martinovics, Dozsa, or Enge

And this is exactly what happen Bela Kun's postal propaganda was c ried through the mails to all parts of t world.

Most of these interesting stamps a today at rest in the albums of collecto Some call them Hungary's "Hall Fame"; others call them, derisively, "T Bolshevik Rogues' Gallery." But wh ever you may call them, there th stand—five postage stamps—lasting sy bols of one of the strangest governme that has ever appeared and vanished the ever-changing pageant of history.

II. The Rise of Gyorgy Dozsa

In all this grotesque set of post stamps, there is neither portrait m striking, nor story more stran than that of the revolutionist Gyor Dozsa. How this soldier aspired to b king, and how he ended his life upo fiery throne, makes one of the m fantastic stories which postage stan have ever recalled from the archives history.

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Gyorgy Dozsa escaped the usual f of the poor by enlisting in the army. strength and courage soon brought promotion. He became a high offic and he was famed and respected far wide as the best fighter in Hungary.

But Dozsa never forgot the comm people. For many years it was his se ambition to set them free. He drea of the time when, with the desper courage that is born of misery, t might dare to rebel and under his lea-

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ip sweep the land clean of the hated istocracy.

In the year 1514 came his great oppority. Dozsa was appointed to raise a ge army and to make war on the rks. Everyday life was then so miserle that men by the tens of thousands cked to his standards. Poor farmers d ploughboys came, to escape hard la-r; wandering students and parish iests came, to escape hunger; criminals d vagabonds came to escape imprisonent. And before the noblemen realized nat was happening, a vast army—a eat and dangerous rabble—had assemed, with Gyorgy Dozsa in command.

Dozsa, forgetting all about the Turks, ized this great opportunity, and cried Rebel! Rebel! Down with the aristoats—and every man shall be rich and ee!" The spirit of his words flamed rough the entire army, and from the my the spirit of revolution spread rough the land like a prairie fire. Then ozsa swarmed over the countryside, rning and plundering, putting noblen to death, and striking terror to the mbling hearts of the aristocracy.

His victories intoxicated him like wine. ozsa began to boast that he himself ould soon be the new king of Hungary. e promised to establish a new governent, and to make every man rich and ee.

This idea grew rapidly in Dozsa's mind. ccess made him overconfident. He alwed himself to entertain magnificent eams. He grew careless of realities. varms of recruits daily joined the rellion. Most of them were poorly uipped, untrained and ill-clad peasants, no knew nothing of warfare; but Doz did not bother to train them. The ld winter was approaching; but Dozsa glected to lay away provisions and othing.

When his officers urged him to mend ese matters, Dozsa paid little heed to em. He was lost in dreams, revelling the thoughts of his golden throne, his weled sceptre, and his golden crown. He saw himself the ruler of all Hunry, a soldier made into a sovereign. He rote an impertinent, boastful, threatenig letter to the king. And his muscu-r hand, which fitted so naturally about e sword hilt, held a pen and planned an mpire.

So the army ran wild. Discipline was or. The men were chiefly interested in plunder, and often they fell to quarreling greedily over the spoils. Large bands of them split off the main army, and went as far as they dared into new regions, to loot the castles of their former masters.

III. The Fiery Throne

Meanwhile the nobles were slowly but surely organizing and increasing their forces. Thousands of soldiers were hired or borrowed from the friendly rulers of surrounding kingdoms, who hated to see the common people getting into power in any land. And at last the price for Dozsa's dreaming was paid in full. The king's mail-clad knights rode roughshod over the half-clothed, poorly armed rabble of the revolutionists. Those who escaped with their lives fled to the hills, or crept home whimpering to their masters.

Dozsa was captured alive. Terrible was the anger of the aristocrats against him. They resolved to make an example of him—a frightful example that would strike fear to the hearts of revolutionists forever afterwards.

He had wanted to be a king. So they made an iron throne for him to sit on; and they fashioned a crown and a sceptre of iron, to be placed on his head and in his hand. Then they decreed that these materials should be heated red hot; and that Dozsa should ascend his throne, and reign as a king . . . until the life was scorched out of his body.

This sentence was actually carried out. With a mock ceremony of such relentless cruelty that the blood of the spectators ran cold, Dozsa was escorted to the red-hot throne and flung upon it; the glowing crown was placed on his head; and the flaming bar of iron—Dozsa's jeweled sceptre!—was laid across his knees.

The revolutionist endured these tortures with invincible heroism. No cry of anguish nor plea for mercy escaped his grim, set lips. Defiantly he grasped the flaming sceptre. Proudly, for the fraction of a minute, he sat upright on the fiery throne. Then, crumpling from the terrific heat, he fell silently forwards, face down upon the cool earth.

While life still faintly lingered, a pen full of famished men—Dozsa's former friends and followers, who had been starved for many days by way of preparation—were turned loose upon his half-roasted body. . . .

Thus ended Hungary's first revolutionist, Gyorgy Dozsa, who tried to overturn the social system of his time. More than four centuries elapsed before a revolutionist of a different calibre, Bela Kun, caused to be issued the set of postage stamps that brought Dozsa's face and deeds to light again.—*Harris & Co.'s "Fiery Throne and Other Stories."*

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Famous Collections Will Be Seen April 6-7, In Biennial Exhibit

By R. R. THIELE.

While Tacoma has no millionaire collectors it nevertheless boasts of some very fine collections. B. J. Weeks, widely known in fraternal society circles, is now specializing in the stamps of the United States only, having disposed of his general collection some years ago; incidentally he is the president of the Tacoma Philatelic society. He is also one of the strong "precancel" collectors of these parts. "Precancels," be it known, are stamps cancelled by the printing press in advance of their issue, and they are among the most popular branches of the hobby at present. The chief exponent of "precancels" in this vicinity is A. A. Johnson, principal of the Arlington school, and vice president of the society. He is a nationally known authority on this subject and his collection is reputed to be among the three or four of the first rank in the country.

The most devoted fanatic of the "precancel" tribe, however, is Marshall Miller of Puyallup, now at Seattle. They are meat and drink to him and he is ready to lecture on them at a minute's notice. Clyde Brill not only has a very large and fine general collection, but he has a specialty which is in the medal class wherever shown: It is a specialized collection of the first stamp ever issued, the Penny Black of Great Britain of 1840, a stamp which for beauty and attractiveness has not been surpassed to this day. Mr. Brill has these by the thousands in reconstructed sheets and plates, with all known varieties. They are an object of surpassing beauty.

Cecil Blogg, one of the most prominent members of the society, and chairman of the exhibition committee, has a very large general collection, but his special hobby are the stamps of Siam, which he has virtually completed. These have already taken medals at other exhibitions. H. S. Blackburn, formerly president of the society, is specializing in the stamps of the United States, of which he has a very fine collection. His daughter, Miss Louise, is following in her daddy's footsteps as a collector, but is devoting herself to European countries. J. G. Heinz, chief engineer of the American Wood Pipe Company and widely known in Masonic circles, is now devoting himself to the stamps of United States, Great Britain, certain British colonies, especially Gold Coast and Sierra Leone, and a few European countries, in some of which he will make wonderful displays.

A. B. Nessensen, contracting freight agent for the Great Northern railway, is a general collector. He might be expected to be a stamp collector, for he is a lineal descendant of Martin Behaim, one of the most famous of the 15th century geographers, and at one time Portuguese governor of the Azores, then the outermost part of the known world.

J. W. A. Drummond has picked out the stamps of Bermuda as his pet hobby, and will make a dazzling display of these. Probably the largest collection of the stamps of the United States on the Pacific coast is owned by R. H. Langdon of R. G. Dun & Co. Some time ago this collection was to be shown at a meeting of the society. When the time came Mr. Langdon and Mr. Brill appeared, groaning under the load of eight enormous volumes, all containing stamps of the United States, and apologized for not bringing more, that being all they were able to carry.

Mrs. E. Mary Appleby, widow of the late Archdeacon T. H. V. Appleby, is the only honorary member of the society. In spite of her advanced age she maintains a youthful interest in stamps and has a very fine showing in many countries, but her favorite is the Union of South Africa, with which she will make a strong bid for honors.

John Dolle, traveling auditor for the Milwaukee road, is a very strong collector of the stamps of the United States, in which he has a wonderful gathering. A. W. Johnson specializes in the older issues of various European countries, such as the German and Scandinavian states, in which he will exhibit some very fine things.

A. Nehammer has specialized in the stamps of Brazil, which he will display in a wonderfully written up album, and in the stamps of Denmark, which is a very popular country among collectors. There is no telling just what country will strike a collector's fancy. As an example, we may refer to the late August von Boecklin, long a member of the society, who picked out as his special hobby, of all things, the stamps of Liberia. These are still in the possession of the family, with his other stamp treasures, and it is hoped that they will exhibit them.

These are but a few of the fine collections owned here. It would take too much space to describe them all in detail. The Tacoma Philatelic society is offering a number of medals and many other prizes in the various classes. Postmaster C. J. Backus will make a large exhibit of the recent stamp and stamped envelope issues of the United States, and is offering one of the medals. Various medals are being donated by the philatelic societies at Seattle and Vancouver, while a well known financier and philanthropist of Tacoma, who desires his name withheld, is offering a medal for the junior collectors. Mr. Nehammer is offering one in the senior division. The grand prize of the exhibition will be a silver loving cup donated by Cecil F. Blogg in memory of his departed father, who was a keen collector in his younger days. The award of this trophy to the best arranged and annotated collection on view will be by popular vote of the visitors.—*Tacoma Ledger.*

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first flights. Haven't received his reply yet, but I hope he sees the light!

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Victor M. Saurez sends the translation from Mexico City to the effect that an emergency airmail service was started from Mexico City to Matamoras (Brownsville), by way of Tampico, on March 7th, two days before the official opening of the route. No special cachet was used, and covers sent were not backstamped at Brownsville.

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And speaking of this and that, *what* happened to the special cachet the department announced for use at Brownsville for the first service on northbound mail? None of my covers had a sign of one, and other people have had the same experience. * * * Not only that, but all my mail routed by way of Mexico headed straight north, instead, and never crossed the border. Somebody wasn't watching things down there, I'm afraid. Oh, well. * * * Covers from San Antonio into Brownsville bore the Alamo cachet used on the first day from there.

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The Mexican cities came through nicely. I've seen Mexico City in violet and black, Matamoras in black, Tampico in black and violet. The cachet, as nearly as I can make out, shows a plane flying from Mexico to the U. S., each country being represented by typical architecture. Or isn't that the statue of liberty on the U. S. side?

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Covers have been coming in from the Pittsburgh Aircraft Show, and the Southwestern Aeronautical Exposition at Ft. Worth. I have seen the Pittsburgh, Mar. 9, 10, 11 and 12 in green, violet, red and blue, respectively. I have Ft. Worth on the 9th in red, 11th both green and purple, and 12th purple.

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Cedar City, Utah, expects to dedicate their new airport about May 15th, and the C. of C. will probably have a cachet. Hornell's (N. Y.) new municipal airport will be ready about June 1st. Covers sent to Howard P. Babcock, Pres., Hornell Airways, Inc., will be properly cared for.

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The Chamber of Commerce of Fenton, Mich., will sponsor a special commemorative cachet Memorial Day in commemoration of the roster of the Williams School of Aviation, operated in Fenton, in 1915, training student aviators, every one of whom has given his life to the advancement of aviation. * * * Speaking of Fenton, that's the home of R. A. Brooks, untiring Bulletin Service editor of the A. A. M. S. If that organization did nothing but publish this timely sheet of hurry-up news every time there is any, membership would be worthwhile. Our congratulations to Mr. Brooks on the fine job he is doing.

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Corsicana, Texas, is planning a big meet and dedication late in April.

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Here's something to make you appreciate your blessings! I recently sent a number of addressed covers, with a money order for the postage, to the Postmaster at London, England, asking him to dispatch them by the first flight of the new through service to India. I received them back with this notation, "I am directed by the Postmaster General to return the addressed covers—and to inform you that it is contrary to the practice of this Department to comply with requests such as that in question, which have for their objects the creation of philatelic curiosities." Now say thank you to our own obliging P. O. D.

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The Pitcairn Aviation Co., flying the Atlantic Coast Route, have formed a company to manufacture and market the Autogiro, or "windmill" plane in this country, and plan to develop it as a commercial plane. May make some interesting developments from the collectors' point of view if they do.

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Here's another for the Lindbergh fans—and I'm afraid most of them didn't get it. On his trip back from Mexico on March 14th, he piloted the Mexico City-Brownsville mail plane. There was no advance announcement of this, so I doubt if many collectors were in on it.

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A clipping sent by Ben Delavage from a recent Portland, Ore., paper quotes officials of the Varney Air Lines, contractors for the Boise-Pasco route, to the effect that this route will be extended to Portland about June 1st. Night flying will start at the same time.

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Florence, Ariz., plans to dedicate a new airport around May 1st. Covers to Chamber of Commerce.

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Coöperators this week have kept right on the job, helping me get underway. Maurice S. Petty, R. S. Carter, Roy Weston, L. Marmorstein, J. Gordon B. Ginnes, R. S. Daykin, Victor M. Saurez, Charles L. Hall, Charles H. Hermann, Paul R. Hudson, Major Pascual Lopez, L. B. Gatchell and Ben Delavage, have earned our thanks. Also, I received a couple of covers from someone who forgot to put in his name.

ITALIAN ISSUES

The Associated Press sent out a dispatch with a Rome, Italy, headline recently saying that a royal decree recently authorized the issue of new types of special delivery stamps of 1.25 lire for internal use and 2.50 lire for use outside the kingdom. New stamps of 15c and 35c, respectively, have been ordered for "pneumatic" carriage in cities, the A. P. ads.

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Mr. Watts-Morgan (Lab.-Soc., Rh da, E.): Before the P. M. G. repli want to ask him if this name is wrongly spelt in a very important ticular. (Laughter.)

Mr. Mardy Jones (Lab.-Soc., Po pridd): I should like to draw atte to the fact that there are two syll out of order. (Renewed laughter.)

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson (Ps master-General): I am aware that t is some doubt as to the precise spel Perhaps, as there is so much influ about, I had better not attempt to nounce it. (Laughter.) It begins "Llanfair" and ends with "gogog (Renewed laughter.)

The Postmaster-General then co ued: Mr. Crick has now given noti his resignation from the position of postmaster at—(laughter as the hon. gentleman hesitated a momer the place named in the question—re newed laughter)—in order to con his service in the Navy. In maki fresh appointment full consideration be given to the qualifications of W speaking candidates.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson: and other relevant matters will be into consideration.

Viscount Sandon (U., Shrewsbu Does this word count as one in a gram. (Laughter and cries of ansv

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson no assent.

A Welsh member, asked privately the English of the name of the vil said the interpretation is: "St.-Ma Church-on-the-Hill-of-White-Hazels - the-whirlpool-by-the-Church-of-Dy near-the-red-cave."—London *Daily graph.*

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Back nine years ago, Massachusetts bethought itself of postal district numbers, so that each town has a numeral assignment to assist in the distribution of mail matter. Thus, Watertown had 72; Everett, 49; Waltham, 54; Somerville, 42; and so on. Not that it makes any difference to the stamp collecter whether Massachusetts feels the requirement of such a system, but a few postmark collectors do notice such innovations. For a time, after 1920, postal markings from Massachusetts were effulgent with numeral waves and numbered station boxes, and Massachusetts correspondents lived in Boston 27, or some such other part of the catalog system. Dr. H. K. Thompson of Boston, many years ago wrote up this postal Dewey arrangement, and really there is nothing more to add, except that the numeral inset waves still exist today. In tracing down the 20mm seven line Universal Model D machine, we find the wave mark entirely standard, except for those Massachusetts postal district numbers. At one time, 1924 and before, Chicago used this type of machine, but instead of number insets, cut lines were used to identify the machines. Thus a wave mark would be disjointed, or parted, and those in the know of such things, would tell you that is machine sixth line cut to the right. Thus in nine years, since General Motors was at 8 and Radio wavered between 1 and 2, and Mexican Pete was the soap of the day, much has happened. But Massachusetts still has its postal numbers. Try and get a complete set.

Today Chicago still uses a number inset for its Universal Model G machines, which replaces the usual die numbers found in the townmark. These numbers are in no way to be confused with the Massachusetts system, as Chicago is not divided into postal districts, but into bootleg sections. The last high number for Chicago inset numbers was 52, and the series is continuous from 1 to 52 with two exceptions, where cut in waves are used.

Our 2c stamps with duplex handstamp numbers on them got numerous enough so that some sort of decimation was necessary. The numerals today are quite unlike those of forty years ago, in that they hardly run in sequence any more. You can start at 1 and then try for a 2, and so on. To get them on the stamp itself is a task, and at that, one cannot go very far. Number One, of course, is common, and number 2, can be found at times, but 3, 4, 5, 6, one has to battle for, as well as the higher numbers. From 7 on to 25, you will evidently find either Chicago or Saint Louis marks, with a few scattering towns with high numbers. Louisville has the highest one we have seen and that is 92. Why, we don't know, but it does exist. New York still has a few left-overs of the vertical grid numeral and letter types, but they are found on the higher valued stamps, seldom on the 2c stamps. Since the 2c stamp is seldom handstamped except on packages by these duplices, one can expect to find large blocks with this cancel.

But with the straight bar cancel, one can but get a single. The straight cancel is the straight line cancel, where a number of straight lines cancel the stamp. The cause of this is the result of the usual slogan failing to touch the stamp, hence the straight bars, seven in number, to the right of the slogan do the cancel work. Of course, this isn't the only manner in which we can get a straight bar cancel, but it is highly improbable that it will be caused by any other means. We have seen the old Cummins machine from Vesper, Wisconsin, do it, as well as the Tompkins Square Station machine from New York, both of which machines are due for retirement.

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THE COVERED COVER

The Cincinnati *Post* of Feb. 21, 1929, contains a picture of Mr. Frederick R. Schepman and his cover, under the head: "Cincinnatian Proud of Lindy Round-Trip Letter." The cover shows no fewer than ten different U. S., as large as life, but a sop is thrown to the U. S. laws by the white line that is on each stamp. The *Post* means well and Mr. Schepman has his cover; and not a peep comes from us.

"Frederick R. Schepman, cashier at the Fifth Third Union Trust Co., is the proud owner of a letter which made the round trip with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh on his first airmail flight from Miami, Fla., to Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.

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Schepman, who has 13 'covers' carried by Lindy on various flights, has been offered $10 for his latest addition to his specialized collection of U. S. and British Colonial stamps, but he prefers to keep it.

Schepman's letter, registered at Cincinnati, Feb. 1, left Miami in Lindbergh's plane Feb. 4, arriving at Cristobal, Feb. 6, at 4 p. m.

However, the postmarks on the letters Lindbergh carried read '4.30 p. m.,' as the postal officials at Cristobal had not expected him so soon, Schepman says.

Lindbergh brought the letter back with him to Miami. It then was returned to Cincinnati by way of New Orleans and Birmingham.

Mrs. J. M. Duffy, 1050 Winfield Av., Price Hill, has a letter carried by Lindbergh on his return trip. The communication was sent by her husband, who is doing government work in the Canal Zone from Cristobal, Feb. 10. It arrived in Miami, Feb. 13, and was received here Friday."

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United States

2c Vincennes Stamp

One of our contemporaries has taken the postmaster at Charlottesville, Virginia, to task for not cancelling the new 2-cent Vincennes stamps on February 25th, the first day of issue. He calls his attention to the fact that they are all cancelled on February 26th. In reply to his letter, the postmaster informs him that he was instructed by the Third Assistant Postmaster General not to place these stamps on sale until the second day. Our contemporary now exonerates the postmaster and transfers, so he states, all blame to the shoulders of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar.

Why Mr. Regar enters into the discussion it is difficult to see, for the Post Office Department made no official announcement that the stamps would be placed on sale in any city on the first day, other than in Vincennes, Indiana. Some collector or dealer who made the suggestion to Washington that it should be placed on sale on the first day at the birthplace of George Rogers Clark in Charlottesville, Virginia, took it upon himself to notify the philatelic press that his suggestion would be carried out.

In this column our readers were furnished late in December with definite, accurate and official information, for the first time that the stamp would be printed in two colors, that it would be placed on sale in Vincennes, Indiana, only on the first day, and that it would be on sale the second day in numerous post offices, as well as the Philatelic Agency. The Department made not the slightest change in the original information, hence, neither the postmaster at Charlottesville, Va., nor the Third Assistant Postmaster General, is to blame, because collectors did not receive first-day covers from Charlottesville.

2c Civil Aeronautics Conference Stamps

Mr. Samuel J. Smith writes that he has located a sheet of the 2-cent International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamps printed on creased paper.

2c Molly Pitcher

Mr. W. H. Wolfgang calls attention to the fact that he also has found a sheet of the Molly Pitcher stamps, showing the wide spacing between the surcharges. Two other collectors and a dealer call attention to a similar find. Those that have been noted have been from plates 19070 and 19071, so that at the time the variety occurred, these plates were in use.

Current Issue Shades

Reverend L. A. Boone sends a most interesting shade of the current 1-cent perf. 11x10½ in a much deeper yellow-green than noted heretofore.

Mr. J. J. Lipsey sends for inspection a block of the 8-cent of the same issue in a very deep shade of olive, caused by a heavily inked printing.

Mail Plane "All Wet"

Those who received their first-day airplane covers from Daytona Beach, Florida, in a water-soaked condition, many without stamps, will understand the reason when they note the following information from the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, in which he writes as follows:

"I am in receipt of your favor of the 5th instant enclosing seven covers of the Daytona Beach-Orlando, Florida, flight.

"Regret to state that there is no way in which the stamps can be returned to you as these were in the plane which took a nose dive and went into the Halifax River at Daytona Beach. The pilot had to swim ashore, and it was with difficulty that the mail was saved and the stamps are not available for return to you.

"Am sorry that I cannot help you in this matter, but I think we will have to consider these as first-flight covers of unusual value, as they have not only been over the water, but under the water, and still lived to tell the tale."

Late Star Plates

Mr. H. M. Southgate calls attention to the fact that in some cases the varying spacings in the case of our late issues are due to the fact that some are printed from the normal plates and some were printed from the star plates, which we described in April of 1926. These were the plates which showed the five and six point stars on the side near the plates numbers, and were found on several denominations. With the exception of the 2-cent, it is doubtful whether any of the plates under the 10-cent denomination have gone to the press, the change coming just before the first rotary press stamps were issued. Mr. Southgate writes that the star does not appear at the present time on the new plates, although the wide spacing is standardized and the perforating machines gauge with the wider spacings. The star has been located on the 11c, 13c, 15c and 20c. The 12-cent plates #17418 to #17421 have the star, but so far impressions from these plates have not been seen. They, however, may have been used in this year's printing. The proof from plate 17421 shows a six-point star, whereas others of the higher denominations are five-pointed. On the 2-cent the star is found in two sizes with both five and six points, and on the top margin, as well as on the side.

$2 "Stock Transfer" Perforated 10

Mr. W. C. Black has submitted for inspection a new variety that has escaped attention for eleven years, namely—the 1918, $2 rose, overprinted "Stock Transfer", perforated 10. In the past, this variety has been known only with perforation 11, but Mr. Black has recently discovered a cut copy showing the 10 perforation. Under the circumstances, it is advisable to check the other denominations from 1-cent to $20 inclusive, as there is a possibility of some of them coming with the larger perforation.

We would be glad to have our attention called to any new discoveries of this issue.

Canal Zone

Mr. Leo Pump submits for inspection a cover from the Canal Zone, bearing the current 2-cent "Goethals," along with the overprinted Air Mail stamp, the two being in very distinct shades, the former in a light red, and the latter in a deep lake. It would be interesting to know if both varieties are available in both shades.

We wish to thank Messrs. J. L. Thompson and H. Herdelin for information of interest.

Australia.—Copies of the 4½p violet, perf. 13½x12½, watermarked multiple small A and Crown have been received from Mr. R. Roberts. These stamps are in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60) and bear the inscription at the bottom margin between the two panes, "John Ash, Australian Note and Stamp Printer."

Belgian Congo.—Theodore Champion's *Bulletin Mensuel* reports the appearance of a 50c postage due stamp design as the 1923 issue, but in bright blue color.

Belgium.—Whitfield King & Co. writing under date of Feb. 27th last report that new Express and Parcel Post stamps appeared on the 25th of the month. The stamps are of large size and very handsome, showing different views. Express stamps are 1fr75c blue (Brussels), 2fr35c carmine (Ghent), 3fr50c purple (Liege), and 5fr25c olive (Antwerp). The Parcel Post stamps are of the same design for each value, picturing the Central Post Office at Brussels. The 4fr is in grey, and the 5fr is of carmine shade.

Bolivia.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* of Theodore Champion chronicles a 10c blue bearing the portrait of President Siles. The perforation is 13½.

Brazil.—The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* learns from a correspondent in Brazil certain changes are about to be made in the current stamps. The 50r stamp "Viacao" (transportation) will disappear, having become needless. The 100r type "Viacao" and the 50r type "Industria" will be substituted by the "Aviacao" (aviation) type, in slate and mauve, respectively. We will therefore have the same type: 20r slate, 50r mauve, 100r green, 200r sepia, all in types "Aviacao" (aviation). The 600r type "Navegacao" (navigation) and the 1,000r "Mercury" (Mercury) type in brick red and turquoise blue respectively. We will therefore have in the same type: 300r carmine, 400r orange, 500r ultramarine, 600r brick red, 700r lilac, 1,000r turquoise blue. The head of Ruy Barbosa will appear in the 5,000r value, which in the current issue has the type of "Instrucco" (education) in deep claret.

Colombia.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* is informed that a new series is reported to be in preparation in London for the country.

Costa Rica.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 2c red Telegraph stamp with the surcharge "Correos 5 Centimos" in three lines in black.

Denmark. — According to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* this country is to fight the cancer scourge with funds raised by the philatelist. The Danish Postmaster-General has announced a competition of designs for a series in aid of the Cancer Committee of Denmark. The values are to be either 10, 20 and 25 ore, or 10, 15 and 25 ore, presumably with the customary surtax.

France.—A 50c blue, in Joan of Arc design, has been issued and copies are to hand from Whitfield King & Co.

Guatemala.—The 2.50c purple type A75 has been surcharged "1928 Centavo dequetzal" in red, has been placed on sale and Whitfield King & Co. send copies for chronicle.

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has been received from Mr. R. Roberts. This is a new value for this colony.

Montserrat.—A change of color has been made in two values of the current set. The 1p is now in scarlet and the 1½p is in pale brown. Mr. R. Roberts furnishes us with the above information.

Paraguay.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the 1p50c purple overprinted "C".

Poland.—Another value of the Eagle design stamp has been received by Whitfield King & Co. This is the 10gr in green.

Portugal.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 8c orange buff, unsurfaced paper, surcharged for use as "4 C" and also the 20E turquoise overprinted "1$60E" with the note that the number of the 8c surcharged was a small one, while the other provisional was also of a very limited number. Mr. Roberts further advises that the 15c black and 1$60E blue have been issued with the surcharge "Revalidado", the former in red and the latter in black printing. The stamps mentioned above are all of the Ceres type, perf. 12x11½.

Russia.—We learn from *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* that for reasons of economy, it is believed, that the Soviet authorities intend replacing the current series with types similar in design, but smaller in size.

Trinidad and Tobago.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 4p black on white postage due stamp has been received type of D1, perf. 14, but with script watermark.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "PHILATELIA".

The latest color changes in the Leeward Islands low values came as rather a surprise, and in some cases the colors of the stamps were changed before dealers could get any further supplies. The 1d, and 1½d Virgin Islands violet and red, respectively, exhausted some time ago, and had quite short lives. It will not be surprising if we learn that the printings were quite small as the demand for stamps in Virgin Islands is not large. Next to this country, I should imagine the St. Kitts 1d violet and 1½d red will rank as the best of the others. The 1d violet exists in two distinct shades, pale mauve and violet, which are bound to be catalogued sooner or later. I do not know if the Leeward Islands are reverting to a 1d Empire postage. Some of them have had the 2d rate to England for some time, which accounts for the frequency with which one sees the 2d value.

These color changes and withdrawal of certain values only affects the Leeward group. Such islands as St. Lucia and St. Vincent having their own and quite independent color scheme.

St. Vincent.—We have not many changes to bother about here. The old CA set will all steadily appreciate in value, without any startling rises. I rather fancy the 6d and 2/- will increase most in proportionate to face value. The £1 duty has been in some demand, but I believe a sufficient number were imported to prevent it soaring to any alarming heights. I notice it is priced per dozen in some dealers' lists, which is not often the case with stamps of so high a denomination. Nevertheless, it is a useful stamp to have.

It is not possible to infer always that because a stamp has been in use a long time that many were issued, nor vice versa. It is a pity that more statistics are not available as to Nos. issued of modern Colonial stamps. Judging by the recent book published on "Jamaica," it looks as though it only needs someone enterprising enough to route them out from the printers.

Jamaica.—In this new and excellent handbook of Jamaica, published a few months ago, full statistics have been obtained from Messrs. De La Rue & Co. as to the printings of nearly all stamps for many years back, and which form a very valuable indication of the relative rarity.

Taking the figures in the book, it is relatively easy to pick out any items underpriced on Nos. printed. It is surprising to learn that 6,000 of the 2/- brown were printed on Mult. CA paper. In view of its scarcity one would not have expected so many.

The 3/- Pictorial on MCA paper was only printed to the extent of 6,390 copies, which is not many for a country the size of Jamaica.

The 5/- King George design should be a good buy at present rates, as of 9,000 printed, 3,600 were destroyed after a very short life.

Mention does not seem to be made in the book of Nos. overprinted "Judicial." This is an important point, as considerable numbers of some of the high values were so treated, and can often be bought very cheaply and must still further decrease the Nos. available of the regular issue.

The chaste new design of the 1½d Jamaica should still further enhance the demand for this colony. The color for this duty does not seem to have any definite value now. In most West African and many West Indian, red is still the color for the 1½d stamp. The few colonies now using brown are, of course, using the color employed in the Motherland since King George's accession. It seems a curious fact that however tariffs and rates of postage may change, the British stamps are not changed in color. One would have thought that it would be far more important in a large country than in some tiny colony to have the colors recognised as correct by the Universal Postal Union.

In estimating the probable value of a stamp of which the Nos. issued are known, one is often hampered by the lack of knowledge of the number of collectors. One sometimes sees it stated that a stamp of which, say 200,000 are issued, will be in short supply and should rise, being a low value. This may be true, but all estimates of total number of collectors are vague and unreliable.

Gibraltar.—It is hardly necessary to point out the possibilities of the Gibraltar 1/- and 2/- on the colored papers that have recently become obsolete. Most of the elements that make a high priced stamp are here, notably a very popular group, and an unexpected withdrawal, which would take most dealers by surprise. Once the few on the market are absorbed, I shall look for a rapid advance in price, especially of the 2/-, which will probably turn out as good on the second shade as on the first. It is not necessary to remind readers how the 4/- and 8/- soared under similar conditions, although then no warning of withdrawal at all was given. The £1 on red paper is another stamp which went out unexpectedly, and which I feel sure is bound to rise considerably above its present level. I strongly advise a purchase at anything up to £2 with a view to holding a year or two. The £1 SCA of 1903 was obtainable for about £2 for some years after it was withdrawn in favour of the mult. wmk. stamp, and look at its value to-day!

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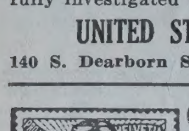

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SIDEWALKS OF WASHINGTON

By THORNTON FISHER.

(Mr. Fisher is giving Second Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover well merited praise for the opening of the Philatelic Agency in this article, which we quote from the "Washington Evening Star" by courtesy of T. R. Hungerford.)

Thanks to a sympathetic Government, approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have been enabled to follow their hobby of stamp collecting.

The jokes and jibes directed toward the chap interested in philately in former years have disappeared to a great extent. Enthusiastic stamp collectors now are assured they will encounter no indignities in the pursuit of their hobby.

Establishment of a philatelic agency in the Post Office Department at Washington has solved the problem.

This agency owes its birth to the fact that stamp collectors were looked upon as being "nuts."

So says the Second Assistant Postmaster General, W. Irving Glover, who is interested in philately and has done more perhaps to make life easier for the stamp collector than any other person.

"Well do I remember," says Glover, "my first efforts to establish the philatelic agency in the Post Office Department. The straw that broke the camel's back was when an enthusiastic stamp collector addressed a letter to me saying that in his city he had asked for a block of four well-centered 2-cent stamps, and the answer of the stamp clerk at the window was that he had "no time to waste on 'nuts,' please step out of the line."

This was in the early part of 1921, and Glover set about trying to do something to remedy the situation.

At one of the weekly conferences of the Postmaster General and his staff, Glover suggested the establishment of a philatelic bureau. His associates looked at him in surprise. Dr. Hubert Work, then assistant to the Postmaster General, looked sidewise at Glover and said he had been a doctor for many years (having formerly been president of the American Medical Association), but had never heard the word "philatelic" used as a medical term.

The Postmaster General (at that time Will H. Hays) broke loose with a hearty laugh and attacked the scheme.

And so the suggestion was laughed off and forgotten by all but Glover.

Some months later he again proposed creation of such a bureau. This time he made the proposition that if the agency did not sell $5,000 worth of stamps to collectors in the first two months, he would willingly give up the idea. The Postmaster General consented.

And Glover proved that he was right.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Vallancey Press, 14 St. Bride St., London, England, a review copy of "The Obrenovich Stamps of Serbia (1866 1904)," by M. O'C Walshe. This is a booklet similar in form to others recently published by this firm. Many collectors, interested in the stamps of Serbia will find it to their advantage to procure a copy of this book, the price of which is 25c. There is a valuable appendix in the form of a Bibliography, which lists the literature for sale by the firm dealing with the stamps on the country under consideration.

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By KAREL CVRCEK.

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The following are the denominations, colours, and subjects:—

30h grey. Hradec, near Opara, Silesia.
40h brown. The Town Hall, Levoca, Slovakia.
50h green. The new Central Telephone Office, Prague.
60h salmon. The Russian Church, Jasina.
1kr carmine. Hluboká Castle, South Bohemia.
1.20kr violet. Pilgrimage Church, Velehrad, Moravia.
2kr oriental blue. St. Peter's Cathedral, Brno, Moravia.
2.50kr steel blue. Tatra Mountains.
3kr nut-brown. President Masaryk.
5kr violet. The old Town Hall and Church of Our Lady, Prague.

The 30, 40, 50, 60h, 1, 1.20, and 2.50kr values are horizontal oblong, and the 2, 3 and 5kr vertical, all size 21½ x 27mm. The originals of the illustrations on the stamps are indicated, besides the values, by the photographs. The stamps were engraved by K. Seizinger, and printed from steel plates by the American Stickney machine on white unwatermarked paper in sheets of 100 pieces and line perforated 13¾.

The work of production was carried out by the Czech Graphical Union, printers, in Prague. On October 28th special red postmarks were used at the following Post Offices:— Prague, 1, 10 and 25; Brno, 1 and 2; Bratislava, 1; Kosice, 1; Opara, 1; Pardubice, 1; Ushorod, 1; they are resident in the Postal Directory. The stamps are available for use until the end of December, 1928.

I append further interesting details:—

On the 30h value is pictured the Gateway of the Hradec Castle, near Opara, Silesia. This ancient royal castle was mentioned so long ago as 1061 as a stronghold. In the sixteenth century it was sold by King Rodolph II of Habsbourg to a private person.

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On the 1kr value is Hluboká C South Bohemia, built after the styl Windsor Castle, with eleven towers bastions, 141 rooms, full of precious w of art (Van Dyk, Canova, Schwontha a rich library, theatre, arsenal, r ground, and park. It dates from thirteenth century, and in 1664 becam property of the well-known fa Schwarzenberg.

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The final value, 5kr, shows the c of the Old Town of Prague, an hist place in the Czech's political life. T left is the southern façade of the Town Hall, including the tower chapel from the period of King C IV of Luxemburg, named the "F of his country."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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The visitors were entertained at dinner in a private room at The New York Athletic Club. Among our guests there were: C. G. Bartlett, Jr., Dr. R. F. Chambers, A. W. Claflin, H. C. Crowe, Judge Robert Emerson, H. M. Grant, E. Tudor Gross, Ernest Kohl, J. M. Lewis, Dr. A. L. Potter, L. E. Richardson, A. B. Slater, J. A. Tyson and W. C. Winsor. From Philadelphia we had with us Messrs. P. M. Wolsieffer and Eugene Klein, from Boston, Messrs. Nevins, Kelleher and Barker, and altogether our dinner party consisted of thirty-nine.

The Consul General of Hungary attended and was introduced by Mr. E. Klein, who stated that on the occasion of his visit to his native country of Hungary, he attended the Philatelic Society meeting in Buda-Pesth, and was asked to inform them who was the outstanding Philatelist of the United States who had done the most for Philately. On his return home Mr. Klein consulted a number of members of The Collectors Club, and Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein was selected unanimously.

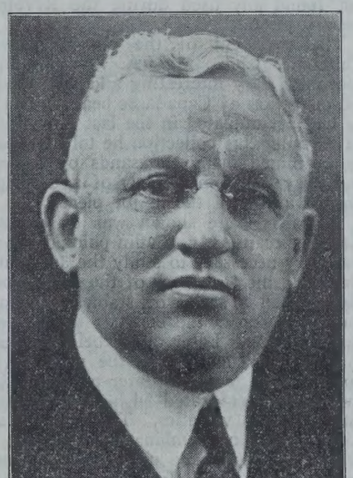
The Consul General in a very happy and feeling speech said that the Hungarian Ambassador had delegated this pleasant duty to him—he explained that the great silver medal of the society had been presented to philatelists of outstanding merit in Europe, such as Dr. Emilio Diena in Rome, and the late Judge Lindenberg of Berlin, and it gave him great pleasure to hand this to Mr. Lichtenstein, and he trusted that this would be another link in the chain of friendship between his country and the United States.

Mr. Lichtenstein in accepting the medal said he was almost overcome by the presentation, and most cordially reciprocated the feelings of international good-will so well expressed by the Consul General of Hungary.

The following interesting exhibits were made by some of the visitors:

Col. Webster Knight, a portion of his magnificent collection of unused blocks of United States, general issues, was shown by Judge R. S. Emerson, who explained that Col. Webster Knight was very sorry he could not be with us as he was away that evening on business.

I do not know if the Judge was trying to make out that his friend was older than he really is, or that he himself was younger than he appears to be, but he said that Col. Knight graduated from Browns University in the year that he himself was born!!



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The Judge also pointed out that the Col. had been a collector since before 1870, and during the whole of that very long period has always kept his unused United States stamps. This fine collection included amongst many others, the following very choice items, all unused, except in one case which I have noted:—

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1869 issue was complete in blocks of 4, excepting the 15c Type I. In this set specially to be noted were superb perfectly centered blocks of the 30c and 90c.

1870 issue, with grille, there were blocks of the 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 15 cents. In the National, no grille, blocks of 6 each of the 7c and 12c.

This beautiful collection was mounted in frames round the auction room, and was very much admired by nearly one hundred collectors who attended.

Dr. R. F. Chambers showed a very interesting collection of New York Postal Markings. He drew our attention to the fact that he had not found any stampless covers earlier than 1761, also that he had not found any used during the Revolutionary period.

The president of the Rhode Island Philatelic Club, Mr. A. W. Claflin, showed a very interesting and well studied collection of Canada 5c beaver, which he had accumulated in the last ten years. In forming this collection he told us that he examined many thousands of copies, and space will only allow of a description of a few of the major pieces.

The first page shown was of the 3d stamps, because Mr. Claflin pointed out it was very necessary to study the 3d stamp alongside the 5c beaver of the same type. He showed a series of stamps showing the crack across the body of the beaver early in 1852. Later on he believed that this was bevelled off on the plate as it appears very faintly in later printings. In the scarcer perforated 3d he showed two fine transfer varieties. There are also some interesting combinations showing a pence and cent issue used together, one cover being dated July 30, 1859. Mr. Claflin had some rare blocks of the 5c used. Amongst others a block of 6, including the plate flaw, the sun spot, and one figure "5" double, also a strip of 7 from the left side of the sheet. Blocks of 4 on covers, one showing the re-entry, and fine strips of 3, 4 and 5.

In the cancellation pages I specially noted 5 copies of the rare green cancellation. The re-entries were a marvelous lot which have been very closely studied. The big re-entry with the whole of the left side of the oval double was shown, in no less than 24 copies, one being a perfectly mint one, and the others all used. His early dates on these re-entries were July 8th and August.

Judge R. S. Emerson showed a remarkable collection of rarities of the United States, all on covers. These were passed round in a number of small books, and it was rather difficult to note the important varieties with so many things that were rare. One cover, very unusual, was the 1857, addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, franked with two 1c, a 10c, a 30c and a 90c. Another that was much admired was the 1869, a cover used to Argentine franked with a 1c and a 24c. Another cover used to Japan was franked with 1869, 12c and 30c. In the 1857 issue there was a remarkable 12c cancelled with a Pony Express. In the same issue 10c, Type II. A very rare item was the Overton and Pikes Peak cancellation used on Aug. 4, 1860. On the reverse of this cover was a Pony Express cancellation dated Aug. 16, with the running pony in red, the cover being addressed to Rhode Island.

Mr. Tudor Gross showed his well-known specialized collection of United States 1c blue of 1861-62. In his introductory remarks he pointed out that it had hitherto been supposed that the picture of Franklin on the stamp was copied from Rupricht's, but after very careful search he proved beyond any doubt, that it had been taken from Houdin's bust of Franklin, which is in the New York Metropolitan Museum. Mr. Gross pointed out that the ultramarine shade is very much rarer than catalogued, and is often confused with other shades. His pages of different cancellations were exceedingly interesting, and many of them of great rarity, such as the green cancellations used in Richmond, Va., the very rare violet used in Delaware, the Waterbury maple leaf was shown, Masonic cancellations, nigger's head, steam in blue, and a very rare form of PAID in a circle with a figure "3" above it, also another rare PAID in a lozenge. In his blocks he showed used groups of 4, 6, 8 and 25, the latter being the largest known. The earliest dates that he had on covers was Aug. 22, Aug. 23, and Aug. 29, 1861. A few shifts and plate varieties were shown, and one large album of stamps on covers. In these I specially noted a strip of 3, "Steamboat" cancellation used on the Steamer Perry in Narragansett Bay. One cover was specially interesting as in it he found a circular from a man in Wall St., offering to find substitutes at a price of $100.00 for soldiers who had been drawn for the Civil War.

J. W. Lewis showed a remarkable collection of Match and Medicine stamps in exceedingly good condition.

The exhibit concluded by a display by A. B. Slater of Providence, so well known as "Uncle John."

This exhibit is one of the finest and most complete of any historical exhibit of United States stamps that has ever been shown at the Collectors Club. Mr. Slater, being the last speaker, commenced his remarks a little after 11 o'clock, and did not finish until a quarter to one, the latest meeting we have ever held in my recollection, at the Club, but the matter was so interesting that a large number of members stayed right till the end.

The collection started with a number of very interesting photographs, commencing with Sam Chase, the first Postmaster of Providence. Then photographs of different Post Offices in Providence as they moved to different locations. A photograph of Mr. Sales, who issued the stamps, and of Mr. G. W. Babcock, who engraved them.

Mr. Slater pointed out that on August 22, 1846, a supply of stamps was sent to the Postmaster who spent the whole of Sunday gumming them, and issued [illegible] on Monday morning the 24th of A[illegible]. He also stated that it was the or[illegible] intention to issue a sheet to conta[illegible] 5c stamps, and 4 of the 10c, maki[illegible] the level sum of $1.00, and some [illegible] that he has show lines on the right [illegible] sheet where the extra stamps wer[illegible] off. It is stated in the diary of the [illegible] master that the well-known 10c i[illegible] corner of the sheet was made over [illegible] which was first engraved or, at any [illegible] as far as the outline was concerned.

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c were recognized and allowed to sed.

r. Slater explained at full length the ry of the stamps, the history of the nts, and the connection of different e with them, all of which will be set very clearly in a book that he is at work on, and which will be shortublished privately. He also pointed hat he had been interested in stamps 1867, and bought his first sheet of Providence stamps in that year for

regard to the issued stamps, as is known, they are exceedingly rare ver. Mr. Slater has traced out and he history of 47 that are known on al covers. Of these, 23 are in his collection. In these 23 only 3 stamps ed on with a postmark, one with the PAID, one with the figure "5," and with the Providence town postmark. hese are in red. The black cancellawas never used for the Providence s. One that he had with a black llation he found to be a fake, and moving it from the cover found a ancellation underneath!!

conclusion he told us a very interlittle incident in regard to a correence which he recently secured. A man in Providence had a sweetnamed Miss Clapp, in Boston. He ently was in the habit of writing two or three times a day, especialSunday. Mr. Slater secured the of this correspondence, and some covers proved these facts.

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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

5c Air Mail Plates.—Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly sends us the latest available data pertaining to the plates of this issue and writes: "The Bureau has caught up with their orders on the 5c air mail stamp, and combination plate number collectors can take stock a bit. Border plates up to and including 19635, 19670 to 73, and 19699 and 19701 have gone to press. All center plates up to and including 19688 have gone to press. This makes a total of 49 border plates of a total of 71 border plates used, and of 37 center plates a total of 44 plates listed that have been used. As a comfort to collectors of combinations there will be but few borders under 19585 combined with centers 19597 and above, but all combinations may exist with border numbers 19585 and above, and all centers from the lowest number, 19545. There will likely be not more than 25%, however, of the combination of borders 19607 and above with centers below 19597. This will leave a sufficient number to keep the plate number collectors busy, and doubtless most will confine themselves to singles, some of which will be sufficiently difficult to get. I am especially anxious to learn of combinations with centers 19636-37-38-39, as this may tell something about the other combinations to be expected." Mr. Southgate has given generously of his time in digging out and assembling this information for our benefit, and I suggest that collectors locating any combinations having the above center plate numbers, aid in the work by sending a report in for chronicle.

No. 19271 Vincennes.—Mr. C. C. Damon under date of March 14, reports an interesting oddity occurring on No. 29 of the right pane. It is a heavy red line partly crossing the ribbon in the upper right corner containing the date "1929," and nearly touching the numeral "2". Mr. Damon writes that it is very plain to see, is constant as he has ten copies, and believes that early printings will show the line entirely across the ribbon. It occurs but once on the sheet. This is almost certain to be a scratch, and as soon as our Washington correspondent has an opportunity to check from the proof we will be able to present additional data. Mr. Damon is the first to report anything of this nature on this issue.

Continuing our list and report on Vincennes combinations, contributors have reported 41 more, bringing our total to 87 known to actually exist, and leaving but 57 possible combinations to be found. Mr. R. F. Morean sent two very long lists, and is the first to report several of our missing centers and borders. Center 19733 is reported but once again, this time from the west coast. All other plates have averaged up on our list. All center plates have been reported and but one border, 19743, is yet to be located. Combinations with border 19725 are 100% chronicled. Contributors this week are: John J. Terry, Nic G. Johnson, Benjamin Cadbury, Herbert Cohn and Arthur W. Line. The list follows: Border 19720, Center 19728-32-36-38-39; Border 19721, Center 19733-36-38-39; Border 19722, Center 19728-34-36-38; Border 19723, Center 19728-32-34-35-36-37-38-39; Border 19724, Center 19728-33-37-38-39; Border 19725, Center 19733-35-36-38-39; Border 19726, Center 19734-36-38-39; Border 19727, Center 19736-37-38-39; Border 19740, Center 19735; Border 19741, Center 19728; Border 19742, Center 19729.

Next issue we will present a check list of Canal Zone on U. S. plate numbers. Readers are requested to send in any numbers they may have so that our list will be as complete as possible, using due care to give proper classification and distinguishing flat "A" and sharp "A" specimens.

Letters are acknowledged with thanks from Lloyd A. Wilsey, R. F. Morean and J. Gordon B. Grimes (imperforate plate number lists); Benjamin Cadbury (Canal Zone on U. S.); Theodore H. Ames (missing plates); George F. Francis, John J. Terry, E. L. Southwick, and Nic G. Johnson (air mail comb. lists); L. D. Miller, John W. Grim (2); and A. Wagner of Germany, our first overseas correspondent.

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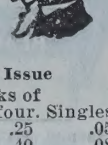

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There is no doubt these 333 varieties should be cataloged immediately, together with about 999 more which may, did, could or should exist, but haven't yet been heard from, and Hughie Clark is hereby appointed to see that each and every one is properly listed. The appendix to the membership roll of any convenient lunatic asylum not too far from Camden, New Jersey, is suggested as an appropriate place.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On Thursday, March 21st, the well-known collection of United States stamps gotten together by the late Joseph A. Steinmetz, was dispersed at auction by Eugene Klein in Philadelphia. Mr. Steinmetz collected from boyhood and I know of no one who derived more pleasure from his collecting activities. He was a collector of the old school, so that condition was of secondary consideration. He was more interested in obtaining the stamp and learning of its historical associations. Had he been living at the time of the sale, he would have been much pleased with the great increases in value that had taken place between the time when he purchased most of his choice items, and the auction at which they were sold. The entire sale totaled approximately $13,213.95. Mr. Klein kept a record of a total of his highest bids and his lowest bids previous to the sale, and these were in amounts of $12,385.10 and $6,644.45, respectively, showing that the floor bidders carried the sale well over his highest quotations, and the total of the lowest bidders was about half of what the stamps actually brought.

Among the Postmasters, the signed reprint of the New Haven sold at $20.50. A magnificent New York 5c tied to the cover with a blue "5" in a double circle, possibly unique in this condition, addressed to Philadelphia, and showing the large "R" peculiar to registered letters arriving in Philadelphia at the time, found a new owner at $325.00. Had there been sufficient competition the cover would have reached a somewhat higher figure. A horizontal pair of this stamp, pen-stroked on cover, went into a new collection at $127.50. A 5c St. Louis on greenish, cut into, brought $110.00, while a copy of the 10c on gray, pen-stroked and pen-marked, with good margins sold at $215.00.

Copies of the 1847 5c brought all the way from $3.00 to $23.00, depending upon condition and cancellation. I did not note any outstanding pieces of this issue in the collection. The 10c varieties varied from $11.00 for a badly creased copy to $53.00 for a fine one.

In the 1851 issue, Mr. Steinmetz's choicest item was a 3c corner piece on cover with Florida territorial postmark, which sold at $45.00. A 10c Type II in a horizontal strip of four, and the same stamp, Type III, in a horizontal strip of five showing two recuts, both on same cover, sold at $105.00. A pair of the 5c with irregular margins at the sides, but large margins at top and bottom, changed hands at $95.00. A block of four of the 1c nicely cancelled and of striking appearance, cut into at top and bottom, sold at $57.50. Four copies of the 30c black ranged in price from $27.00 to $52.00 inclusive.

In the 1857 issue, a 1c Type II cracked plate in mint condition sold at $106.00, whereas a 5c brick-red in vertical strip of three, found a new owner at $61.00.

It is surprising that the collection contained but two Patriotic covers, as Mr. Steinmetz was generally interested in the historical side of his collection. One of these two covers, however, from the 7th Regiment of the P. R. V. C. showing eagle and shield, sold at $22.00. A horizontal strip of five of the 2c black 1862 on cover from Yokohama to Philadelphia, showing red oval postmark, reading—"China and Japan Steam Service" brought $105.00. An 1869 6c showing a very unusual postmark reading—"Steamer Costa Rica" found a new owner at $21.00. An unusually nice looking copy of the 1869 15c invert, showing a small closed tear and a tiny thin spot, went into a well-known United States collection at $550.00. A superb copy of the 90c same issue, mint, sold at $150.00. Cardboard proofs of the 15c, 20c, 30c and 90c, with inverted centers, reached their highest price, namely—$150.00, and were purchased by one who was after the 90c alone, in order to complete his set.

Among the Bank Note Issues, there was very little of importance, block of the 2c vermilion imperforate on unsized paper brought $14.50 and $5.50 respectively. An imperforate block of the 3c grilled, sold at $65.00. A 10c block with Samoa 6-pence on cover from "U. S. S. Nipsic" went into a Philadelphia collection at $49.00. The 2c 1883 in horizontal strip of four, special printing with two center stamps imperforate between, brought $205.00, while the special issue 4c green, possibly the scarcest of the early issues in the collection, changed hands at $330.00.

High value Columbians, as usual, brought nearly full catalog when in fine condition. The 1c Pan-American in mint condition, off at bottom, sold at $122.50. The 4c overprinted "Specimen" brought 150% of catalog, namely—$150.00. The 1902 5c Lincoln imperforate in block of eighteen, reached $105.00. Record prices were reached in the case of the blue papers, for the 4c listed at $300.00 sold at $450.00, and the bidding was spirited, as several on the floor wanted the variety. The 8c, although cut into at the right, sold at $300.00. A fine block of the 10c Panama Pacific, Scott 10, superb, realized $40.00.

The finest piece in the entire collection, namely—the 1918 24c inverted center, a little off-centered, brought $1,060.00, and thereby hangs a story. When the stamp was first found, Mr. Steinmetz was interested in its breaking up, and acquired a horizontal pair at $450.00. Some years back, he separated the pair and from the proceeds of one of the copies purchased a piano; the second copy showing wide margins, being the one just sold.

In the 1922 issue, a 10c imperforate horizontal, in block of four and cut only on one side, sold at $462.50. A fine block of the 2c rotary, perf. 11, Scott No. 595, which could have been purchased at the Philatelic Agency just a few months back at 8c, sold at $15.

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By PERCY C. SMITH, New Issues Editor.

We are indebted to R. Roberts for the information that a new set of stamps is in preparation for San Marino. Our cut is made from illustrations furnished by him.

Two years ago the Republic of San Marino, after having had its stamps printed in Italy since 1877, had a commemorative issue produced in England, the work being entrusted to Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of New Malden, Surrey, England, and carried out with characteristic excellence and artistic style.

It is therefore interesting to note that the same firm have now secured the contract for a new series of stamps, which are shortly to appear, and which are to supersede the ordinary postage stamps of this small but entirely independent State, which was founded in the fourth century.

The new series consists of 18 values, all in two colors, and of three different designs, as well as an Express stamp in one color, and I expect to receive supplies here in London early in April.

The ordinary stamps are in sheets of 50, the Express in sheets of 24. All are on watermarked paper showing three plumes or feathers. In the past, San Marino stamps have either been on paper with the Italian watermark, viz:—a crown, or on unwatermarked paper.

The various values and colors are as follows (the centre color being named first):—

Design No. 1—5c blue and brown, 10c mauve and blue, 15c green and orange, 20c orange and dark blue, 25c black and green, 30c deep red and grey, 50c green and mauve, 75c black and red.

Design No. 2—1l bright green and brown, 1.25l black and dark blue, 1.75l deep yellow and bright green, 2l deep red and blue, 2.50l bright blue and red, 3l blue and orange.

Design No. 3—5l green and mauve, 10l blue and brown, 15l mauve and green, 20l red and blue.

Design No. 4—1125c green, Express stamp.

Particulars regarding the various designs are as follows:—

Design No. 1 represents the Rocca, the largest of the three towers which crown the triple crests of Monte Titano. Used formerly as a fortress, it is now the State Prison. The peak on which the Rocca stands rises precipitously on the Eastern side for 2,000 feet from the valley below, and a magnificent view is obtained of Rimini and the Adriatic from the ancient Belfry.

Design No. 2 shows the Government Palace in which are the offices of the Captains Regents, the Bureaus of the Departments of Internal and External Affairs, the Council Chambers, etc. It is an imposing structure, built of the fine stone quarried on the slopes of Monte Titano, and dominates the Piazza della Liberta, and was completed in 1894, being commemorated in that year by a set of three stamps.

Design No. 3. The statue of Liberty facing the Government Palace in the Piazza della Liberta. "Libertas" is the motto of the Republic.

Design No. 4. View of the triple peaks of Monte Titano with the city of San Marino, the Capital of the Republic in the background.

It is interesting to note that the Railway which has long been contemplated to connect Rimini and the city of San Marino, a distance of 14 miles, was duly commenced a few months ago and it is anticipated will be completed in about three years.

The negotiations relating to this Railway were hastened forward, owing to the expressed desire on the part of Signor Mussolini for its existence as soon as possible.

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2587,5cColumbian, .17; ‡2636, 4c on white	.10
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2727, 1½c on 1c, .50; ‡2733a, 1½c on 1c	1.00
2738, 1½c on 1c, .30; ‡3004, 2c wrapper	1.50
3012, 1c wrapper, .05; ‡3029, 1c wrapper	.03
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Scott No. U. S.	Mint.	Used
520 6c orange	.30	.16
521 16c	.45	.22
522 24c	.60	.38
Block of four center lines or plate #	4.00	..
608 8c dark green	.18	.15
609 16c	.25	.18
610 24c	.38	.25
624 10c map	.12	.08
625 15c	.20	.17
626 20c	.25	.10
644 10c Lindbergh	.12	.10
648 5c	.06	.04
649-50 Aeronautics, 2 and 5c	.09	..
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ALBANIA	Mint.
601-4 Issued 150,000 sets	.36
601-07 issued 50,000 sets	2.75
615-21 Brindisi, 5,350 sets	9.50

ARGENTINE	
501-06 ex. 04, 6 var., issued 80,000	1.10
501-15, 15 var., issued 30,000 sets	6.50
Military air mail 1912 (8,000)	.36

AUSTRIA	
675, 677, Provisionals	.35
678-83 ex. 79, 5 var.	.30
686-95, Gold basis	1 25
696-702, Gold basis	4.10
Brazil 801-16 cpt. I issue	16.50
500, 700, 1000, 1500 Reis,semi-officials	.78
Bulgaria 601-04 (100,000) issued	.42
CanalZone 2cGoethal "air mail"surch.	.38
First flight cover Miami to Canal-Z.	1.10
Canada 5c brown, #501	.07
Chile 601-609, 75,000 sets issued	6.25
China 451-55, cpt. set, cat. 8.00	3.25
Congo 301-04, cpt. set	.84
304 postally used	.50
Costa Rica 147, Lindbergh, 20,000	3.25
Cuba 702, Lindbergh, 500,000	.12
Czecho 510-12 used on 2 flown cards	1.00
Danzig 401-3, issued 400,000	.25
404-9	.18
410-18	.15
419-22	.10
423-27	.07
428-29, Gold mks.	.12
Dutch Indies 351-355	2.10
355-60	1.85
Egypt 251, 27 violet	.28

	Mint.
Estonia 201, issued 511,000	.09
Used on piece	.15
202-06, issued 13,000	2.10
212-16, issued 36,000	1.10
218-22, issued 52,000	.55
Germany 401-2, first issue	.03
403-15	.22
416-21	.07
429-36, Gold marks	2.50
437-38, Zeppelin	2.25
4mk, flown cover, Zeppelin	9.50
Card and cover, Zeppelin	14.50
Return trip to Germany, card and cover	4.50
Greece 751-54, issued 100,000	.55
Hungary 653-55	.10
656-61	.55
662-69	1.10
Iceland 301, Provisional	.08
Italy 553-56 (singles @ 9c per lira)	.76
560-61	.14
New issue, 1.20 lira	.12
Latvia 251-2, triangles, issued 85,000	.38
253-4, triangles, issued 15,000	.98
255-7, 3 triangles	.24
Lebanon 221-24	.52
Lithuania 401-07, issued 200,000	.95
408-14, issued 100,000	.38
415-17, issued 106,000	.37
Used	.40
418-20, issued 200,000	.22
427, 428, 430, issued 87,000	.42
431, triangle, issued 10,150	1.15
432-35, issued 300,000	.62
438, issued 200	11.00
440-42, issued 500,000	.28
615-18, issued 50,500	1.15
Malta 301, 6d red and violet	.20
Fr. Morocco 503-03a, used	.45
505, used	.08
511, used	.20
Memel 301, mint, issued 15,000	3.75
302-07, issued 60,000	1.50
308-17, 319, issued 120,000	.55
318, issued 4,000	3.50
320-30, issued 100,000	.48
Netherland 501-03, used	.45
504-5, used	.55
Norway 120-26, mint, North Pole	.65
Panama Lindbergh, 256-7	.40
25c on 10c yellow	.75
Persia 1101-13, issued 5,000 sets	7.50
1114-15-16, issued 600 sets	42.50
1122-26, new issue	.44
1117-21, issued 6,000 sets	16.50
Peru 802, 50c green	.48
Philippines 328-38, issued 6,000 sets.	16,50
Poland 401-08	.38
Roumania 501-03, issued 20,000	.28
504-06, II issue	.14

	Mint.
Russia 701, issued 100,000	1.35
702-05	4.20
706-9, issued 450,000	.50
710-11	.26
Saar 501-2	.12
Siam 401-04, used	.20
Tunis 201 on cover, used	.75
201a, very fine, unused	48.00
201b, very fine, unused	49.00
Union of So. Africa 301-04, Rare set	1.95
Uruguay 601-3, used, I issue	9.50
604-06	1.55
607-08	15.00
609 (15,000) and 305 on first day cover	1.55

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Uruguay 610-13	1.(
614-25	22.(

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Nos. from Champion's Air Mail Catalog.

	Net	Cat.
Argentine, Military air mail 1912, 5c blue	.36	20fr
Champion #1, also used	.75	..
The above stamp sold over the P. O. counter.		
Bolivia #3-6, 500R-1300 Reis	.78	
3-9 complete	3.45	
Canada #2, Toronto-Ottowa, 25 black and red (3,000), Aug., 1918	1.00	75fr
#3, Toronto-New York 1919, $1.00 red and blue (3,000)	1.25	75fr
#8, blue (25c) Northern Air Service, issued 3,000	.90	50fr
Flown cover, back stamped	3.85	200fr
Ditto, signed by pilot	1.85	150fr
#9, Jack V. Elliot, first Red Lake Air Mail 1926 (25c) red and yellow (2,500)	1.25	60fr
#10, ditto second issue, back ground, shaded crosses, issued 2,500	1.10	60fr
Flown cover	1.65	125fr
#11, same type issued by Elliot Fairchild, issued 2,500	1.00	60fr
#12, large size stamp, blue and yellow, issued 5,600	.50	20fr
Patricia Airways Exploration Co. #24, 5c Red Lake District (5,816)	.40	20fr
#25, 10c Haileybury, issued 4,608	.45	20fr
#26, 5c on 10c Haileybury	1.10	50fr
#27, Red surcharge on #24 (1,368)	.60	30fr
#28, Green surcharge on #24 (1,368)	.60	30fr
#29, surcharge Red Lake (1,450)	.40	15fr

	Net	Ca
1928 Patricia Airway Limited, not listed yet	.30	
1928 British Columbia, 5c blue	.20	
1927 Western Canada Airways (10c)	.30	
COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC		
1920, 15c blue, large size (10,800), #26	2.60	100
27 Used 1920, 30c black and rose (30,000)	1.80	60
28 1921, 30c rose, issued 11,200	3.60	125
29 1921, 50c grn., issued 20,000	2.25	75
40-46 1921, 5c to 1 peso, used (11,000) Sets	3 25	145
52 60c used, issued 12,000	.90	50
55-61 ex. 57 1923, 5c to 1 peso, used	.48	60
62-3-4 2, 3, 5 peso, used	6.00	310
55-61 Surcharged A, B, EU, etc., 6 dif. used	.25	ea.st
1-2 **Poland** 1921, 25 & 100mk (50,000) large pictorials, used set	.25	12.50

All stamps are mint, unless otherwi mentioned.
For other air mails if not on this l send us your want list. Figures in is quantity issued.

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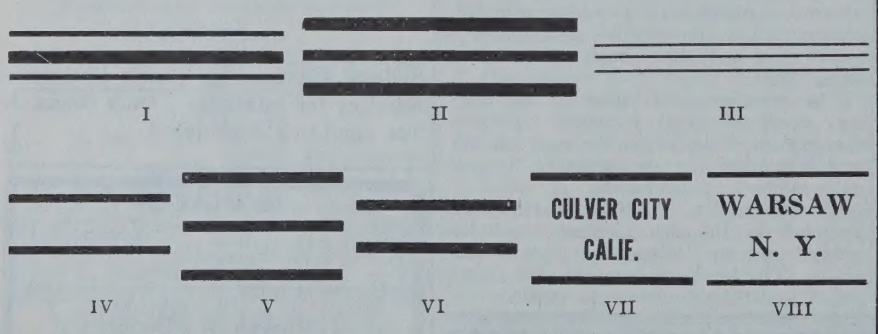

The review this time is engaged mainly in a quest for information. Above is pictured a group of early bars and lines, which have not yet been positively identified. If any WEEKLY reader can positively identify any of them, preferably by a cover or a piece of cover, we shall all be the gainers.

I have No. 1 applied horizontally to a 1c Columbian, it came out of the E. R. Aldrich collection. No. 2 is likewise horizontally applied to the same stamp, is from the same source, and both are printed. No. 3 is three horizontal lines applied to a 2c Columbian with a printer's rule, it appears from my copy. I also have the same stamp bearing one such horizontal line. No. 4 is found printed horizontally on the 1c 1898. No. 5 is printed horizontally on the 6c 1902. No. 6 I have printed horizontally on the 1c 1879.

Now will you kindly look through your covers or loose stamps and see if you can find some positive identification of some one or more of these anonymities?

Jumping from the past down to the present, we have two handsome new printed types. Culver City is one of the movie colonies on the outskirts of Los Angeles, probably my 1½c in this type carried a photograph to some movie fan. This town has used the U-53 handstamp on practically all values through the $1, but it was usually indistinct, so this printed type will be welcome. It may be typeset, but probably is not.

The Warsaw certainly is typeset, I have it on the 1c compound. Who has it on what other values?

Sevard's Twinkles

With all these commemoratives coming out, we propose that our school book histories be revamped to include the various important incidents which are now being eulogized in philately. Since my McGuffey days, five battles have been dropped from the Revolutionary War, and seven from the Civil War, and two explorers have been added. This is unfair to the older generation. At the World's Fair in Chicago, the Singer Sewing Machine Company gave out colored prints of the high-lights of American history, such as Putnam and the wolf, Mad Anthony climbing Bear Mountain, Ben Franklin hiking past Bar-B-Q's, General Grant and the pig, which is applicable to mission mixtures, and Abe Lincoln figuring out his income tax.

Permit No. 10262, New York, under Sec. 435½, has come over in a Type C style. When these things start hitting the 10,000 mark, it is bad enough, but when they start taking our good Type C permits for this sort of dirty work, we ought to start an injunction. Fortunately, we have only one, and we hope there aren't any more.

Searching for meters is like making up a compendium of universal business. In fact, meters and business contact are historically merged. We fill up our meters and permits, and we have the town's banks, newspapers, department stores and industries all lined up. We learn where Crane paper is made, what milk they drink in Saint Louis, when they do; why Middletown, Ohio, uses so many m where Henry Ford's plants are, Standard Oil centralizes its invoices so on. We can run down your Board with meter numbers, or you dio stations, or your tax commissi or your telephone companies. It's much the value of the meters, as search. You begin your quest fo elusive, a little of love, a little of a ture, and a little of all things.

IF YOU HAVE PETULANT EYES WI OPHTHALMIA, YOU WILL HAVE GAZ DISAPPEARING FEMININITY TO O THOSE SUBTLE SHADES OF HOSIERY W DEFY THE COLOR CLASSIFICATIONS O OR COSTALES. THE LATEST SHADES, DELICATE HUES OF DISCRIMINATION, ATED BY THE RENOWNED SLOPPY JA ELIZABETHTOWN, ARE NONE TOO FA OUS FOR US COLLECTORS. TAKE TH HALE IN A GUNMETAL, THE 9C JEFF IN A SUNBURN BEIGE, THE 8C GRA HAZELWOOD, AND THE 1½C HARDI DUST. YET WHAT SHALL WE DO THAT IRREFRAGABLE FRENCH NUDE?

In any postal marking, Town notes a plain ordinary townmark its usual or characteristic town, date, hour, year. In the larger citi find a die mark in the townmark, a ber, a letter. This we have called B. These two classes for town cover perhaps 98% of all postal ma from our earliest marks down to the ent. We have at times spoken station marks, which generally fill Townmark C, but of them, nothin been written, except a few odd sli here and there. The point at ha that in the International machines, Tow mark B has suffered many changes the Hey-Dolphin hey-day. Today,

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Stop Press News

'W COMMEMORATIVE SOON

mpletion of Ohio River Improvements to be Recognized

PITTSBURGH, March 30.

is reported that the Post Office pt. has granted the request of the r fraternity here, for a special stamp e issued sometime in the fall of this r, in commemoration of the comple- of the improvements of the Ohio er. Plans are now being made for design, and the date and places of e. There is to be a marine parade, President Hoover has tentatively ac- ed an invitation to be present. Pitts- gh will probably be one of the "first of issue" towns, for the new stamp.

HARRY E. HUBER.

ongratulations are due the Ohio River rests on the granting by the Post ce Department of their request for a ial stamp issue to commemorate the pletion of the improvement program n Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill. This will aken as substantial recognition of the onal importance of the "On to Cairo" ement, to be crowned next fall with a bration to which the stamps will add ificance. It required more than a eration to bring slack-water along the th of the stream; the total expendi- s were about $100,000,000. These, in outline, are the reasons which ght a favorable decision to the pro- l for special attention by the postal orities.

uccess in this instance will spur the responsible for the marine pageant other features of the celebration to ter efforts than ever to attract the at- ion of the country to the occasion, g great crowds to the events and the canalized stream off on its ght-carrying career in a proper at- phere of enthusiasm. The program ined is an ambitious one. There are s and weeks of heavy work ahead of e in charge. The initial victory will ish inspiration for the matters of nization and detail which are ahead. ditorial in Pittsburgh *Post Gazette*, ch 29, from Gilbert Thiessen.

NEWS FLASHES

The Washington (D. C.) Philatelic ety held a housewarming of its new ters, April 3. Thanks to Maurice etty for invitation.

An air craft exhibition will be held Detroit, April 6-14. It is expected a special cachet will be used. Local ctors must deposit their mail at the as the P. O. Department will only sfer mail matter sent by out-of-town ctors.—HERMAN W. BOERS.

Our New Postmaster-General Brown ounces that a new first assistant will appointed, Mr. Glover retained, and Regar transferred to some other ch of the service. Mr. Glover's fa- arity with air mail problems makes a valuable asset, and philatelists will ice in his reappointment.

The San Francisco *News* contained lumn story on the Seebohm sale of ch 22, written in a very newsy man- Give the daily newspaper the story publicity will follow.

A CHANGE IN DATE

he dates for the A. P. S. Convention National Stamp Show have been ged to the week of August 19-26. Society of Philatelic Americans will ene in Cleveland, August 12, 13 and and finds it unwise to alter its dates use of its constitution. The Show continue throughout the week of . 19, in the new Hodgson Building, neapolis, and the A. P. S. Conven- will take place at the New Nicollet el, August 20 to 25, mornings only.

A BOON TO PHILATELY

Postmasters Instructed to Use Care and not Disfigure Stamps

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.

That there will be no change in the friendly attitude manifested during the past few years by the Post Office Department toward the philatelic fraternity is indicated by instructions just sent to all postmasters throughout the country by R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, to exercise care in canceling high-value stamps in order that their philatelic value may not be diminished. While the instructions were issued primarily as a result of reports that some postmasters were not effectively canceling postage stamps, the department took the opportunity to say a good word for the stamp collectors:—

"Postage stamps may be properly canceled without disfiguring the stamps," it was pointed out. "Care should be exercised not to cause disfigurement of postage stamps having philatelic value. A composition stamp, containing two elliptical lines, without the name of post office and State, has proven satisfactory for the cancellation of postage stamps having philatelic value, affixed to registered mail."

BERTRAM F. LINZ.

THE A. P. S. AND THE S. P. A.

A Friendly Rivalry Based Upon Co-operation and Understanding

Major Guy W. A. Camp in a letter to the Managing Editor intimates that plans are maturing for closer bonds of fellowship between our two national organizations. We feel that we are violating no confidence in quoting Major Camp:—

"I have recently held conference with some of the leaders of the A. P. S., and plans are being rapidly worked out whereby the two organizations will work together in coöperation with but a friendly rivalry between them. The above action is one of the first results of this movement. The two big organizations will work for cleanliness in their ranks and do everything to keep the undesirable out of the circles of organized philately. I can see a great day of prosperity dawning for organized philately."

WASHING OF STAMPS CHARGED

Bay State Man Accused of Breaking the Criminal Code

CHARLESTON, S. C., Mar. 27.

William B. Hale, philatelist of Hubbardstown, Mass., was arrested here today by Federal authorities, charged with violating the section of the criminal code forbidding cleansing of canceled stamps and their use or sale.

Maintaining his innocence, he was held in jail tonight in default of $2,000 bail.

The Federal officers charged that Hale was the selling agent of a wide-spread ring of "stamps washers" and they claimed to have found in his room a large supply of canceled stamps and "washed" specimens, and a chemical preparation in his luggage.

It was said that Hale had been under surveillance for weeks and that other arrests would follow soon.

ALBANY (N. Y.) NEWS NOTES

The Third Annual Exhibition held by the Fort Orange Stamp Club in the rotunda of the State Education Building proved a splendid success. It was held over an extra day at the request of certain local people. * * * Messrs. Ryder and Habbert recently made a nice find of covers dating from about 1800 to 1850. The find was made in Troy, N. Y., and consisted for the most part of stampless covers. Vice-Pres. Walton has also made a wonderful find of covers that may prove to be one of the best in the state or this section of the country. * * * The Collectors Club of N. Y. City will send a group of their members up to Albany, April 16. The nomination of new officers will occur in a few weeks.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR SOCIETY

FREEPORT, N. Y., March 29.

I do not know whether you are thoroughly aware of the stamp propaganda and publicity that I am at the present time spreading to the four winds, by radio station WOR, and personal lectures all over the country.

For your own information I wish to tell you that I have started a National Junior Stamp Society along the lines of Mr. Melville's. These clubs are usually sponsored by the various stores in the cities that I visit. As I have no stamps to sell at retail and am at the present time seeking someone to handle my wholesale business, desiring to devote all of my time to stamp propaganda, it is my thought that my work should have the coöperation of the stamp trade.

I am enclosing one of the membership cards of the Boston Junior Stamp Club, and also a newspaper clipping describing some of my work in one of the Springfield, Mass., papers.

SIGMUND I. ROTHSCHILD.

N. J. PHILATELIC FEDERATION

By HENRY C. DEWITT, JR.

On February 22, a group of New Jersey collectors met at the meeting rooms of the Hackensack Philatelic Society to see if it were possible to form a state society. Everyone present was in favor of the project. The second meeting was held at Bloomfield, N. J., on March 5, and on March 23rd, the third meeting was held at Rutherford, and representatives were present as follows:—Passaic, Paterson, and Bloomfield Stamp Clubs, Collectors Club of New Jersey, Hackensack and Summit Philatelic Societies, and the North Bergen Stamp Club of Westwood, and it was voted to organize the New Jersey Philatelic Federation.

Its purposes are to promote the collecting and study of postage stamps in all its branches; to arrange the formation of local clubs, and to aid existing clubs; to foster mutual relations between local clubs and individual collectors; to promote exhibitions and lectures, and to conduct publicity in the press and other mediums. Membership will be composed of clubs and individuals resident in New Jersey, and the membership will in no way effect the standing or relations of clubs or individuals in any other organization. The conducting of sales or exchange shall not be permitted as an activity of the Federation.

The next meeting will be held at Paterson, N. J., in April. At this meeting the election of permanent officers will take place, and the following list will be presented:—For Pres., Stephen G. Rich of Verona; 1st Vice Pres., Henry C. DeWitt, Jr. of Summit; 2nd Vice Pres., A. Klingenstein of Jersey City; Ex. Sec., Willis M. Pott of Summit; Corr. Sec., G. Riker of Roselle Park; Treas., S. Lake of Paterson. The list for Board of Governors is as follows: W. McIlleny, Passaic; F. Klingenstein, Bloomfield; O. G. Reichelt, Paramus; Eugene C. Betrix, Newark; W. A. Euler, Westwood; Elliott Perry, Westfield; and H. F. Christensen, Emerson.

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EDITORIAL

WHILE the news that the post office department published, dated March 20, 1929, to the effect that the supply of the Clark commemorative issue had become exhausted, and that in consequence, postmasters at direct and central accounting offices should refrain from ordering further supplies of them, is somewhat surprising to collectors generally, yet there are others who anticipated the result. The attractions of the stamps are so genuine that the public became interested in this commemorative to an unusual degree and a popular demand is apt to make a clean sweep of a mere twenty million.

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THE officers of the Twin City society who have in charge the work of preparation for the convention of the American Philatelic Society and the National Postage Stamp Show at Minneapolis next August are: Gerald H. Burgess, President, Minneapolis; Olaf J. Olson, St. Paul, Vice-President; Percy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors: Geo. Brack, St. Paul; Philip Little, Jr.; Minneapolis; E. M. Oleson, Minneapolis; and E. J. Weschcke, St. Paul. The Sales Manager is W. B. Kessel. This society has found it advisable to change the dates of the convention and the exhibition from the week of August 12, 1929, to August 19th to August 25th. The convention will be held at the New Nicollet Hotel, August 20th to 25th, mornings only, and the stamp display will be open throughout the week in the new Hodgson Building. Since the Society of Philatelic Americans will assemble at Cleveland, the week of August 12, 1929, the action of the Twin City men is a gracious one as avoiding any conflict of dates.

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A BUSINESS man who encourages, even fosters, stamp collecting among his younger associates explains his attitude, as follows: "One of the major problems of American industry is to find new markets for the consumption of the increasing output of our factories. The most promising markets for many standard products lie overseas. We need to develop more sales managers and advertising managers who are world-conscious, or men who have had an opportunity to travel abroad, who possess this consciousness as a natural effect. Next to foreign travel, I rank stamp collecting as the most pleasant and surest means of gaining a feeling of familiarity with the whole world. I know personally of more than one manufacturer who has built up a profitable foreign trade during the last five years due principally to the fact that either the sales manager or advertising manager, through years of collecting and studying foreign stamps had acquired an interest in these distant places which found a natural expression at the first opportunity in his daily work. Competitors of these manufacturers, in several cases at least, do not seem to be paying any attention to foreign markets, which further indicates that the influence of the philatelic-minded management is almost solely responsible for the policy of the first-named group." Here is a brief observation so convincingly presented that one must admit its force and coming to us, as it does voluntarily from the head of a department in a great business institution, we are proud to pass the good words along.

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THE following correspondence has just come from the Canal Zone. On April 1, 1929, a fifteen cent airmail was issued by appropriately surcharging the one cent Gorgas for use on the South American airmail flight of April 4th, by the Pan-American Grace Airways, Inc. The first printing was 100,000. The possibilities are that the Republic of Panama will issue another airmail stamp. There will be a special cachet applied at Miami, whence mail will leave April 1, arriving at Cristobal, April 3rd, connecting with the first flight south, scheduled for April 4, 1929. There will be also a special cancellation cachet applied to Canal Zone mail. Our informant says: "I am unable to learn if both cachets will be applied to such first flight airmail originating in the United States, but it is likely that both will not be used on the same envelope." Too, he says that the five, twelve and fifty cent of the new set of Canal Zone will soon be on sale as well as a new series of Canal Zone postage due some time later.

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MR. EDWARD LOEB, Chicago, tells us that he has just received the covers that he prepared for the Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico, dedication of the International Airports, from the Chamber of Commerce and Mines, Douglas, with the following explanation: "On account of the Mexican Revolution, we are unable to obtain Mexican stamps, and the dedication of our International Airport has been indefinitely postponed . . . You may be able to obtain Mexican stamps by writing to the postmaster of Mexico City." This flight dedication for April 6th will have to come in the future, if at all; and all those who sent covers with eighteen cents for the Agua Prieta service no doubt have been told that the ceremonies have been indefinitely postponed.

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MR. P. J. DROSSOS, Athens, Greece, writes: "Although the large Stadium, especially prepared in Alexandria, is ready, and likewise, the stamps t Egypt Pan-African Games issue games are not to take place, accordi the Egyptian press, most probab avoid the contact of the divers A nations, of whom many have no political independence that Egypt sesses. If, therefore, the Pan-A Games take place later, the stamps have to be surcharged, with the new at least. If the Games do not take at all, and the Olympic Games are in Egypt, instead, then the stamps c be used for the purpose and will b stroyed." This is a scurvy trick vite perfectly new stamps to a co out party only to have it called off Drossos says that a variety of the Farouk, 10mm exists with the cen brown-violet instead of grey-black.

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AS showing what Mr. B. F. Myer assistant superintendent of air service, Chicago, is confronted with desire to give early information o flights to collectors, here is a ca point. It was only on March 22, that he received the news that serv Route CAM 27, will be extended Bay City, Michigan, to Cleveland, with the following stops: Bay City, naw, Flint, Pontiac, Detroit, Mic and Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohi April 1, 1929. Only two offices o extension will be provided with flight cachets; Toledo and Clev Ohio. Acting with the utmost pr ness, Mr. Myers is yet unable to ci this news in time to give a sufficien gin to collectors who are in the f mail zones. How to overcome th jection as typified in the present in is one of the difficult problems to and it is the "gover'ment" that wil to do it.

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FOLLOWING the regulation from Washington some time in the year discontinuing the back- ing of air mail except that carri first flights over new routes, the Assistant Postmaster General, Jo

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rom Mr. N. E. Carter, we have re-ed one of Ahern's syndicated car-ns in "Our Boarding House" series which stamps are the theme. "Pro-ior Dork of Dresden" (for the occa-l only) is being introduced by a friend, the professor ignores the felicity of moment and the man to whom he is oduced to blurts out in "phony dia-": "Ven are you going to show me r stamp collection? I bet you I haf mps from blaces in der vorld you er heard from! Don't bother mit in-ductions to me! Effrybody who is nous knows me! Vy shouldn't dey, i?" Dost like the picture?

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Osgood E. Waite informs me that he received a cover from the Mexico City-Brownsville flight prepaid with only a 10 centimes stamp, which is about 5c in our money. The regular rate is 35 centimes, but this evidently slipped through. Has anyone else received one so prepaid?

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Here's another "crash" cover. Fred Stanton, Jr., received on March 18th, in New York City, a severely burned letter which was stamped as follows: "Air Mail damaged in plane crash at Park City, Vt., 3-11-29, C. F. Dutton, P. O. Insp." Another envelope in the same mail also badly damaged, sent from the same point, did not bear the stamped notice. Myron J. Friedman received one of these stamped letters at Cleveland also. We'd welcome more information on these covers.

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Another, an early one this time, is reported by B. Kutzberg. This is a regular Veterans Bureau Penalty Envelope, cancelled Washington, D. C., Oct. 14, 1920, and handstamped in purple, "Received at Oakland from airplane wreck." The envelope is partly burned and discolored. A number of such covers are being reported recently and someone might start an interesting check list of such covers. Needless to say, they're not made for collectors.

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The preliminary negotiations for the world's longest air route, London to Capetown have been completed, and weekly service is expected to be established soon.

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A newspaper clipping gives an extended story of the proposed flight of the giant Rohrbach-Rostra plane from Germany to the U. S., in May, carrying a crew of five, one of whom will be Miss Mildred Johnson. The clipping states that cargo will be carried as on the recent trip of the "Graf Zeppelin," *including mail at $3.00 an ounce,* the sale for the postage being arranged with the German postal authorities. That looks official and we should hear more from it soon.

1,000 letters by Holmes Airport, Inc., and 1,600 from collectors was the record sent from Jackson Heights Sta., Flushing, N. Y., on the occasion of the flag raising at the new Holmes Airport. A special cachet in red or blue, and a few green was applied, George F. Wilde, of New York Aviation Show fame being in charge of this feature.

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This looks like something. P. R. Crooker reports a letter bearing one of the Canal Zone 25c air stamps, postmarked Balboa Heights, January 11th, 1.30 P. M., and backstamped Miami, January 15th, 8 P. M. This is certainly air mail speed, and I wonder if there might have been a trial flight with a bit of mail on board before the opening of the regular service. I'm looking this up, but if anyone else has a similar cover or knows anything about this, I'd like to hear from him.

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Final notice on the Aircraft Show in Detroit, April 6-14th, Semi-official cachet, mail to the Postmaster.

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Lansing, Michigan, has been indefinitely cut off from air mail service because of poor landing field conditions. Service should be restored as soon as the ground dries out a bit. * * * Brownsville, Texas, dedicated its new international airport, Feb. 23 and 24th, *but* there was no cachet, nor special mail that I have seen. Mail sent to the Chamber of Commerce intended for the dedication was turned over by them to the Postmaster and sent out by him March 9th on the first official flight.

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Speaking of Texas, proposed routes CAM 21 and 22 will be from Ft. Worth to Laredo, and Ft. Worth to Houston, to Galveston, respectively. There's no immediate prospect of their starting, so don't rush in the covers yet. * * * I'm going to risk repeating again that *anyone* may receive advance notification of all U. S. first flights if he will send his name to Mr. B. F. Myers, Asst. Supt. Air Mail Service, Chicago. The Department issues a special bulletin mailed free of charge by Mr. Myers.

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My recent "Stop Press" announcement of the opening of FAM Route No. 9, Canal Zone-Peru on April 4th, leaving Miami, April 1st, was based on a letter from Pan-American Airways, Inc. The

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TOM BINMORE, 81 Nassau St., N. Y.

Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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"A True Stamp Story"

By BERT JOHNSON.

I have just finished reading a true story that has a stamp collector for the hero. The hero this time is Barbuti; the man who saved United States from being shut out in the foot races in the Olympic games last year. On his trip to France he carried his stamp album with him. He is a very strong stamp collector and he liked his stamps better than his athletic feats.

The motto of the story is: "Once a collector always a collector," and basketball, football or track can't prevent it. This story was written for the March issue of the "Open Road for Boys," by Bert Nevins.

A Bit of Thrill

About thirty-five years ago, I bought a packet of mixed stamps, among which was a queer piece of reddish paper with four lines of characters printed on it. I was not at all sure it was a stamp, but kept it hinged on the back cover of the album with a few more unidentified specimens. That was years before I had a catalog, but during the many later years that I have used a catalog that particular bit of paper never came to notice till a few days ago I discovered that it is really a stamp—Nowanuggar—No. 3, and shall now get Nos. 4 and 5 to match it. I suppose you boys have had that set all this time, and could have told me all about it if I had asked you!

Last Week's Brain Teasers

By ASHLEY C. LEDUC.

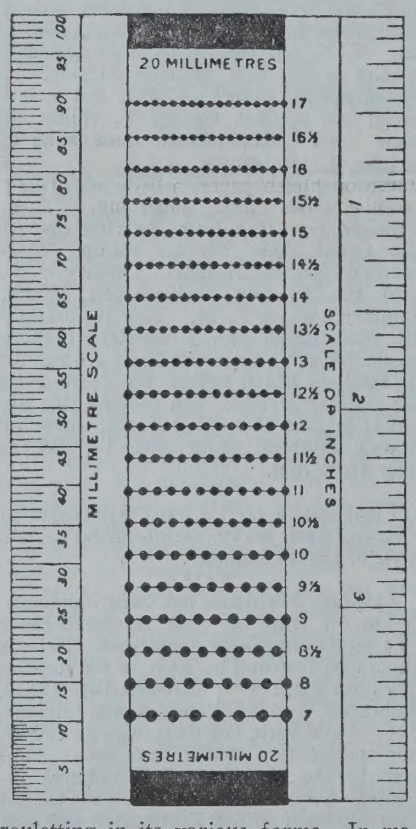
(1.) Honduras, type A19.
(2.) The first stamp issued by Great Britain which was also the first regular postage stamp issued in the world.
(3.) The 1884 issue for Bermuda.
(4.) Seven states of Colombia.
(5.) Dominican Republic.
(6.) The imprint at the bottom of the stamps is either "Perkins Bacon & Co" or "Waterlow & Sons Ltd".
(7.) The postage due stamps for Hong Kong.
(8.) These belong to Libia.
(9.) The latter issue is without the abbreviation "Kir".
(10.) This means special delivery.

NEW STAMPS FOR FRENCH GUIANA

These striking designs are found in the new set that has just been issued for this French possession.

A Study in Perforations

This is the series of small holes or cuts provided between the rows of stamps so that they may be easily separated one from another. The earliest stamps of all were issued in an imperforate condition, for perforation was not introduced until some fifteen years after the first postage stamps were issued. At the present time few stamps are issued without perforation of some kind or other. There are two chief classes of perforation—those which cut small pieces right out of the paper, and those which merely make cuts but do not remove any of the paper. The first of these is machine perforation and is the one now almost universally adopted. The other division comprises



rouletting in its various forms. In machine perforation small circular pieces of paper are removed from the spaces between the stamps by rows of hollow punches. Various kinds of machines are employed, but there are only two it is necessary to refer to specifically. The first of these punches a single row of holes at a time, the sheets having to be passed under the perforator twice—first for the horizontal rows and then for the vertical or *vice versa*. This is known as "single-line" or "guillotine" perforation and is the style invariably used in the production of United States stamps. By the other method three sides of a stamp are perforated at once, the machine producing one long row of holes and a number of short ones, equal to the length or width of a stamp, which are set at right angles to the long one. The sheets have to pass through the perforator only once as the fourth side of each row of stamps is, of course, perforated at the same time as the three sides of the next row. This is known as comb perforation.

A philatelic accessory for determining the gauge of the perforations on stamps. This is a piece of metal, card, or celluloid, on which is engraved or printed a series of rows of dots or lines, each row being two centimetres in length and containing a varying number of dots or lines corresponding with the more generally found gauges of perforation.

Taking Care of Stamps

Use care in the selection of your specimens. Better a blank space than a torn or heavily cancelled stamp, or one with the perforations partly clipped off or otherwise damaged. In some cases of great rarities, this rule will not hold good because one is glad to get some of them in any condition, but this class is small, and with the great majority of stamps, particularly the low priced ones, there is absolutely no excuse for any but fine specimens. If the collector takes pride in his stamps, which means he will be careful in collecting, he will find it to pay in the end.

Care should be used in removing paper from the backs of the specimens before mounting them, pulling off hinges, etc., as stamps are often damaged in this way. Most stamps can be soaked, preferably in hot water, and dried on blotting paper; but a few like Russians, early Bulgarians, current United States due stamps, China 1885 issue, recent British and British Colonial stamps having green in their coloring, and stamps printed on "chalk-surfaced" paper are affected by water and should not be immersed in it. A piece of wet blotting paper against the back until the adhering paper is damp enough to remove, is the best way to treat them. Of course mounting is only to be done with hinges, and care should be taken not to soil the stamps or page when it is done.

Our Junior Dictionary

London Prints.—This is self-explanatory and refers to stamps printed in London from plates made by a London firm in contradistinction to stamps printed locally from the same plates. The 1d stamp commemorative of Penny Universal Postage issued by New Zealand in 1901 will serve as an example. When the plates were despatched to the colony a supply of stamps which had been printed from them in London was forwarded at the same time, though all subsequent supplies were printed in the colony itself.

Lotte.—The value in which one of the stamps of Siam's first issue was expressed. A lotte is equal to half an att and 128 lotte formed a tical, which, in 1883, was worth about 30c in American money. A lotte was therefore the equivalent of about one-fifth of a cent.

Los Reyes Recibena Colon.—Inscription found on the 10p Salvador 1894 meaning: "Columbus Received by the King and Queen."

Posta Romana.—Found on most of the Roumanian stamps issued between 1865 and 1887. It means "Roumanian Post."

Filatelic Fun Forum

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**Hush, little pulp tree, don't you c
You'll be a stamp journal by and**

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Toofus, our Forum office boy a sports writer, thinks that the P. O. showed poor control in signing those Mollie Pitchers. Toof h from Stamps, Ark., and he kno his adhesives.

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I would not push on a bumble bee,
For he might turn, and push on me.

I would not swat at philatel-ee
As it might turn, and swat at me.

I would not smite on dynamite,
It might go "boom"' and douse my light.

I would not knock the philatelite,—
He's worse than the bee plus dynamite.

* * *

The *Stamp Lover* recently favor with an Antigua limerick and cr it to Bishop Samuel Wilberforce:—

A Bishop there was of Antigua,
Whose wife said: "Oh, John, what a p are!"
But he answered: "Oh, Jean,
What on earth do you mean?
Are you speaking of morals or figuar?"

Another version is:—

There was an old man of Antigua,
Whose wife said to him: "What a Pig
"My manners," said he, "or my face d mean,
Or do you refer to my figua?"

* * *

*When he slipped on the ice, father
Sat flat on ma's Easter hat, and
Ma screamed, "Now you'll dance,'
Then she kicked father's pants.
You should see the stamps of our m land!*

* * *

SPASM NO. 7

Painless (?) Extraction:

My stamps are nearly all wrong—
Each Finland is lacking a prong.
Some dentist unknown
Caused me many a groan,
He must have said "Now, 'twon't be l
—By "Gu

* * *

From Lonesome Valley comes wail. "I am in love with a boy o writes Blue Eyes, "He talks nothin stamps, stamps, stamps, until I g vexed I could bite him. What can to win his love?" That's an easy B. E. Get a stamp album, and a our ads.

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The London Stamp Club has mov new quarters at 15 St. Bride St. W wink toward these shores, the Club' pitality is thus extended unofficially: American visitors special comforts ar vided, ice water in the basement, and juice bars on every floor." Keep i gentlemen, and don't crowd.

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Spain has issued two new comme tive sets to help Italy explore the Ro catacombs. Now what charitabl clined country will issue a few s help the U. S. let some light in underworld?

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SEVARD'S TWINKLES

(*Continued from page 238*)

numbers in this machine are to the it of the town name, and are radial position. Generally, since 1923, these numbers have assumed the radial po- m. Most collectors, in referring to class of marks, refer to the Inter- onal Town B Radial. And now you w.

ometime ago, we wrote a tribute to early cataloguers and researcheurs, having nothing definite in the form lata to work on, created. Our editor took our plaintive dirge for a rhap- y, the pallid purity of the flute, the ntive and mellow hum of the clarinet, grave, majestic tones of the trombone, ned lost in merry dance of the piccolo. ink it was in 1912 that a chap named ndler was hot for Air Mail covers, Ralph Porter, Rev. Crow, and Miss righi of Summit, New Jersey, began task of gathering stampless covers. re were hosts of others, like Thomp- and Bye and Delano Bartlett, who sed to collect anything that was cat- ued. These chaps and young miss ed uncharted seas. They collected ps to make and break circuits for eased power later on. They all want- to have a book on American postal kings, some book like Great Britain, and, Germany have, like almost every on has, except our own. If anyone did begin it, we believe Chandler and if anyone merits distinction for sifications, we hand the palms to a young girl (then), Miss Margaret righi. In later years, the late Arche e took up the standard and made the est progress in attempting to gather to complete the Chandler, Porter, w lists, following Miss Merighi's ership. For many years, we have had correspondence of these persons, and n time to time, we have tried to pul- this old data in a newer vein. The mant interest can be recreated, we w. In copying from these books, re- g on their data, we believe we have n first to re-energize the Red Cross the battleship cancel, the R. M. S., R. F. D., the tax paids, the postal ls, the unpopular Playing Cards, the an, the meter, the paid permits, the lty envelopes, the congressionals, the inal stamp portrait idea, the marginal racteristics of all stamps, plate num- with F and phantoms and stars, the day cover. We have sought to hit 1 on the stamp condition price list, the bination price list, the elementary re- ch on stamps which in time will give a better basis for stamp values. We not denounce any catalog, as none n exists. And all these old chaps were structive. They had to be. Their ections were their catalogs. And n they asked any questions, they rd "Miss Mousy" sung to them.

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you wish any more you must sing it yourself, ah-hummm."

hus we sang our rhapsody over the owed leafs of dead correspondence of early researcheurs.

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SPERLING AUCTION SALE

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On March 20th and 21st, the Scott Stamp & Coin Company sold the first portion of the well-known collection of postage stamps gotten together by Mr. E. M. Sperling, of New York City, a former officer and director of the Collectors Club. This first portion constituted the European collection of Mr. Sperling, and contained many of the well-known rarities, which are only to be had when a larger collection such as this kind, comes upon the market.

Bidding was spirited and there was a good attendance on the floor, so that things in fine condition brought very fair prices.

The choicest and rarest items in the entire lot consisted of a set of Moldavia, issue of 1858. These early Roumanian stamps are very difficult to obtain in any condition and these four were unusually fine. The 27 paras with good margins cancelled with a blue circular postmark and catalogued at $750.00, sold at $401.00. A 54 paras blue on green with red circular postmark, large margins on three sides, and almost cut into on the fourth, cataloging $300.00, sold at $185.00. A magnificent 108 paras blue on rose tied to the cover with a blue circular postmark with large and even margins on all sides, undoubtedly the finest of the four, cataloging $650.00, brought $855.00. An unused copy of the 81 paras, blue on blue wove paper with even margins on all sides, found a new owner at $1,500.00.

A Belgium, 1851, 20c, block of six, cut into on three sides, in mint condition, sold at $21.00. Mint blocks of the 1863, 40c, with full gum, brought $23.50 and $22.50, respectively. Bergedorf, 1861, ½s violet from the "Washburn" collection, sold at $37.00, while a horizontal pair of Denmark, 1863, 16s violet with full gum and lower sheet margin, went into another collection at $112.00.

The Sperling collection of Great Britain contained a set of plates of the 1864, 1d red in mint condition, consisting of one stamp from each plate with the exception of No. 77. These sold at $31.00. A £5 orange, described as "brilliant with full o.g." sold at $37.50, whereas the same stamp on bluish paper, a little soiled and cancelled "Belfast", reached $41.00. Luxemburg, 1883, 5fr, No. 461, sold at $20.50. A Mecklenburg Schwerin-Strelitz 5fr rose on green, No. 10, in unused condition with perforations cut in design, found a new owner at $33.00. Oldenburg, No. 4 on cover and very fine, sold at $54.00, and the same denomination of 1858, No. 5, off cover, slightly rubbed, at $32.00.

A very fine copy of Parma, 1859, 80c yellow with full gum, sold at $49.00. Among the later Roumanian issues an 1858, 80 paras, No. 7, used, from the "Worthington" collection, ran to $61.00, while an 1866, 15c on laid paper, unused with fine margins, but a thin spot, sold at $105.00. The 10b on laid paper of the next issue, No. 44a, also unused, o.g., reached $43.00.

There were several nice Russia, such as 1865, 2k, No. 2, lightly cancelled at $61.00, and a 20k, No. 3, with small margin on one side at $46.00.

An 1850, 3p Saxony of good color, but thin, reached $100.00.

Collector's Contest

FOURTEENTH REPORT ON POINTS

FINAL REPORT NEXT WEEK

JANUARY LEADERS

E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	20
R. Myers, Elkins Pk., Pa.	17
F. A. DeCamp, Succasunna, N. J.	10
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	8
Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J.	8
A. P. Schmeizer, Buffalo, N. Y.	8

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W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash.	18
H. M. Brehm, Appleton, Wis.	16
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E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	12
Oliver Andrews, Upper Montclair, N. J.	12

MARCH CONTEST

E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Me.	60
Frank E. Johnson, St. Mary's, Pa.	50
Roy MacBean, Philadelphia, Pa.	30
Rafael R. Garcia, Havana, Cuba	30
A. H. Klopfer, Holyoke, Mass.	22
Fred B. Harrison, Waukegan, Ill.	12
Alex LaRoche, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	11
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C. S. Ernst, Seattle, Wash.	8
Mrs. Mary Banks, Albany, N. Y.	8
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John Kay, Detroit, Mich.	8
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Joel DuBose, Atlanta, Ga.	7
Capitol Stamp Shop, Chicago, Ill.	6
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Robert K. Story, Beverly, Mass.	5
F. C. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla.	5
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Two each: Total of 22.
One each: Too many to number.

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LATEST SPECIALS

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Seychelles #33, 34*, 43, 49*, 49, 50, 51, 51*, 59, 59*, 69*, 71*, 71, 72, 72*, 73.
Siam #119, 120, 121*, 154, 155, 156.
Sierra Leone #68, 81*, 83*, 84*, 85, 86, 86*, 96*, 97, 97*, 98*, 99, 99*.
Somaliland #31, 47*, 48*, 53*.
South Nigeria #3, 3*, 4*, 5*, 8*, 12, 13*, 14*, 15*, 16, 24*, 24a, 25*, 35*, 36*,37*,38*,39*,40*.
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Johore #54*, 56*, 58*, 62*, 63*, 65*, 66*, 67*, 68*, 96, 97, 98*, 99, 100, 102.
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Sudan 201, 201*, 202.
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Switzerland #138, 140, 406, 406*, 410, 410*, 412, 412*.
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Togo #51, 66*-91*, 56*.
Transvaal #180*, 181, 183, 277, 283*.
Trinidad 89, 96*, 97, 103*, 107*.
Turkey #117, 246*, 269, 284, 286*, 286, 287, 296*, 303*, 315b*, 374, 375*, 386, 391*, 437*, 438*, 439*, 452*, 457*, 460*, 467*, 468*, 493* 495*, 500*, 516*, 526*, 528*, 542*, 543*, 546*, 550*, 560*, 578*, 579*, 580*, 581*, 582*, 586*, 866, 1206*, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1478, 1488.
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Mr. Sperling had most of the early Switzerland, the Geneva 10c, No. 2, sold at $290.00. The Zurich, 4r, No. 1, in various conditions, sold from $80.00 to $143.00 each, whereas the 6r sold at $20.00 and $32.00. A mint copy of the 4r, No. 10, from the "Ferrari" collection went at $196.00, whereas all five types of the 6r from the same collection, consisting of a single and strip of four in mint condition, changed hands at $190.00. The Geneva, 4c, No. 12, from the "Washburn" collection, sold at $375.00, the 5c, No. 14, at $62.00, and a horizontal pair of 2½r, No. 15, in unused condition from the "Ferrari" collection, at $160.00. A copy of the 2½r without frame, No. 19, brought almost full catalogue at $139.00.

In the lot of Tuscany, which was practically complete, fair copies of the 2s, No. 2, sold at $86.00, the 60cr at $95.00, 9cr, No. 23, at $50.00, and the 3 lira, No. 30, at $160.00, the latter stamp having a nick in the top extending into the corner ornament.

The Provisional Government issue of Two Sicilies, ½t, No. 8 and No. 9, the former having small margins, sold at $52.50 and $90.00, respectively.

RARE STAMPS AT TACOMA

Some fine collections were shown at the Tacoma exhibition April 6 and 7. Alfred Lichtenstein was slated to show Br. Columbia and Vancouver Id., Hans Lagerloef his Sweden and Bolivia, and Charles J. Phillips his United States departments.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

FAM No. 6, MIAMI-SAN JUAN, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On July 14, 1928, contract was awarded to the Pan-American Airways, Inc., of New York, by the U. S. Post Office Dept., for the carriage of mail by air, from Key West, Fla. (or other point in the United States), to San Juan, Porto Rico, a distance of 1,260 miles, at $2 a mile. The course of this route is via Habana, Santa Clara, Camaguey, Santiago de Cuba, Port au Prince, and Santo Domingo City, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and back, three times a week, and may be extended, at the option of the U. S. Post Office Dept. from San Juan, by the Leeward and Windward Islands, to Port of Spain, Trinidad, three times a week. Mails conveyed from and between the foreign countries are under agreements between the Pan-American Airways, Inc., and the countries concerned, but subject to the approval of the U. S. Post Office Dept.

Among the unsuccessful bidders for this contract was the West Indian Aerial Express, of Santo Domingo City, then operating an air passenger, mail and express service from Santo Domingo City west to Port au Prince, and Santiago de Cuba, and east to San Juan. About August 1, 1928, the West Indian Aerial Express discontinued their regular weekly service to Port au Prince and Santiago de Cuba, but for several months, or until they were taken over by the Pan-American Airways, Inc., whenever chartered flights were made, mails were carried.

FAM No. 4, from Key West, Fla., to Habana, Cuba, 104 miles, operated by the Pan-American Airways, Inc., was inaugurated on October 19, 1927, and from Habana northward to Key West on October 29, 1927. For this service the 5c blue Cuban air mail stamp was issued November 1, 1927. However, U. S. mails for Cuba over this route were conveyed at no extra charge over domestic postage rates.

The contracts for FAM No. 5, to the Canal Zone, and FAM No. 6, to San Juan, called for flights to start from Key West, "or other point in the United States," and following award of these contracts, the Pan-American Airways, Inc., began work on a base at Miami, Fla., on the mainland, instead of at Key West, where ground was not available for a field of the size needed. Furthermore, Key West, being on a small island, is very difficult to find on cloudy days, and in the year's trial, it was found both inconvenient and undesirable as a base.

On September 15, 1928, air mail service was established from Miami to Habana (261 miles), being an extension northward from Key West of FAM No. 4. Until December 3rd the plane from Miami stopped at Key West, but on December 4th the first direct flight was made from Miami to Habana. Return service from Habana to Miami direct, and contracted for by the Cuban Government, commenced December 5, 1928.

While it was expected that service over FAM No. 6 would be inaugurated early in 1929, it was not until the first week of December, 1928, that the Post Office Dept., at Washington, announced that first flights to and from San Juan, would be made on Wednesday, January 9, 1929, the air mail letter rate being 5c for the first ounce, and 10c for subsequent ounces. A circular of December 12, 1928, issued by the Postmaster at Miami (O. W. Pittman), contained this and the added information that stops would be made at Habana, Port au Prince and Santo Domingo City en route to San Juan. But changes were later made, and in a notice dated December 19, 1928 (appearing in the *Postal Bulletin* of December 21st), Port au Prince was removed as a first flight stop, and the rates were notified as 7c to Cuba, and 12c to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Porto Rico.

"International Air Mail Service.
Second Assistant Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, December 19, 1928.

Air mail service on FAM route No. 6, from Miami, Fla., by Habana, Cuba, and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to San Juan, Porto Rico, and back, will begin January 9, 1929. For the present service will not be provided to Port au Prince, Haiti, and exchange of mails will not be made at Santa Clara, Camaguey, and Santiago, Cuba, all exchanges of Cuban mails to be made at Habana.

Air mail service on FAM route No. 7, from Miami, Fla., to Nassau, Bahama Islands, one way, will begin January 2, 1929.

Air mail service on route No. 5, from Miami, Fla., to Cristobal, Canal Zone, and back, will begin January 11, 1929. Temporarily, a reduced service on this route will be provided of two round trips a month, and mails will be carried only between the terminal points of Miami and Cristobal.

Postage on these routes will be charged at the following rates:

On mails to Cuba and Bahama Islands, 5 cents for each half ounce or fraction in addition to regular postage.

On mails to Haiti (when service begins), Santo Domingo, and Porto Rico, and on mails from Porto Rico by return flights, 10 cents for each half ounce or fraction in addition to regular postage.

On mails to the Canal Zone (and for points beyond to be dispatched by steamer from Cristobal), 25 cents for each half ounce or fraction in addition to regular postage.

Mail for these routes will be given dispatch by domestic air mail service to Miami where practicable.

Any service for mails dispatched from foreign countries traversed by the routes will be under agreements between those countries and the operating company.

Special cachets will be furnished the postmasters at Miami and San Juan for use on mails of first flights.

Schedules.

FAM Route No. 6.
Leave Miami, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.15 a. m.
Arrive Habana by 11.30 a. m.
Stop over night in eastern Cuba.
Arrive Santo Domingo City next day by 12.30 p. m.
Arrive San Juan by 4 p. m.
Leave San Juan, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a. m.
Arrive Santo Domingo City by 11 a. m.
Stop over night in eastern Cuba.
Arrive Habana next day by 1.15 p. m.
Leave Habana 3 p. m.
Arrive Miami by 5.15 p. m.

FAM Route No. 7.
Leave Miami, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 9.10 a. m.
Arrive Nassau by 11.10 a. m.

FAM Route No. 5.
Leave Miami, January 11th and the 1st and 15th of each month thereafter.
Arrive Cristobal third day by 4 p. m.
Leave Cristobal January 19th and the 17th and 22nd of each month thereafter.
Arrive Miami third day by 4 p. m.

Signed, W. IRVING GLOVER,
Second Assistant Postmaster General."

2. Miami to Habana (261 miles), Jan. 9, 1929

On Wednesday, January 9, 1929, service over FAM No. 6, was formerly inaugurated from Miami, Fla., when at 9.15 a. m., Ed Musick took off from the Pan-American Airways flying field, in a Fokker F-10 plane, with six bags of mail for Habana, three for Santo Domingo City, and four for San Juan. The plane arrived at Camp Columbia field, outside of Habana, at 11.30 a. m., and there the mail for Cuban destinations was handed over to the Cuban postal authorities.

3. Habana to Santiago de Cuba (490 miles), Jan. 9, 1929

At Habana, the U. S. air mail for points beyond Cuba (7 bags, weighing 125 lbs.) was transferred to a Ford trimotored plane, NC. 9637 (re-christened "Cuba" that morning, as part of the inaugural ceremonies at Habana), and at 11.40 a. m., C. D. Swinson took off for Camaguey (310 miles), where fuel and supplies were taken on. The flight was resumed at 3.10 p. m., and landing effected at Santiago de Cuba (180 miles) at 5.25 p. m. As U. S. air mail for Cuban destinations was exchanged only at Habana, no direct dispatches were made up by Miami (or San Juan), for Camaguey or Santiago de Cuba. No Cuban mail whatever was carried.

4. San Juan to Santiago de Cuba (730 miles), Jan. 9, 1929

Meanwhile, service from San Juan, the eastern terminus of the route had been inaugurated, and at 7 a. m. Eastern Standard time (8 a. m., local time), B. L. Rowe, formerly with the West Indian Aerial Express, took off in a Fokker F-7 plane, NC. 5192, with one bag of mail for Santo Domingo City, one for Habana, and two for Miami (154 lbs. total weight). All time given in this article is Eastern Standard, which is 20 minutes slower than Port au Prince, 40 minutes slower than Santo Domingo, and 1 hour slower than San Juan.

A stop was made at Santo Domingo City (270 miles), from 9.29 a. m. to 9.58 a. m., to leave mail from San Juan, and to take on mails (five bags) for Port au Prince, Santiago de Cuba, Camaguey, Habana and Miami.

At Port au Prince (185 miles), a stop was made (11.01 a. m. to 12 noon) to leave mail from Santo Domingo City, and to take on mails (four bags), for Santiago de Cuba, Camaguey, Habana, and Miami. Santiago de Cuba (270 miles) was reached at 2.25 p. m.

5. Santiago de Cuba to Miami via Habana, Jan. 10, 1929

The mail originating at Miami (7 bags, 125 lbs.) for Santo Domingo City, and San Juan, brought by plane NC. 9637, was transferred to plane NC. 5192, at Santiago de Cuba, and vice versa, and on Thursday morning, January 10th, the two planes took off for their respective bases. NC. 9637 re-fueled at Camaguey, and reached Habana at 1.15 p. m. Mail for the U. S. was transferred to the Miami plane, which left at 3 p. m., and arrived at Miami at 5.15 p. m.

6. Santiago de Cuba to San Juan, Jan. 10, 1929

Plane NC. 5192, in charge of B. L. Rowe, left for the east at 7.02 a. m., January 10th; made stops at Port au Prince (10.05 a. m. to 10.25 a. m.) and Santo Domingo City (12.20 to 12.59 p. m.), and arrived at San Juan at 4.05 p. m., E. S., or 5.05 p. m. San Juan time. At Port au Prince a mail of 10 lbs. was taken on for Santo Domingo City and San Juan; at Santo Domingo City, mail from Miami and Port au Prince was deposited, and 6 kilos of mail for San Juan was taken on.

(To be continued.)

GREAT PRECANCEL TRANSACTION

Hoover Bros., 55 West 33d St., New York, have purchased the Standard Precancel Catalog and the precancel portion of the postage stamp business from the Rotnem Stamp Co. of Minneapolis. The sale took place March 20. Included in the sale is complete rights to the copyright and good-will in the Catalog, a large stock of precancels, ten year cancel good-will, and the complet cancel office equipment of the co Mr. Rotnem will retain his regular and foreign postage business.

The precancel business and equ has been transferred to New Yor has already started functioning new address. Miss Agnes Johnso has managed the precancel part Rotnem's business for the past years, has moved to New York w and will continue under the active tion of W. B. Hoover. This is th important news in the field of pre since Mr. Rotnem bought the from B. G. Bushnell in 1924. time the catalog consisted of abo half the number of pages it now c the 1929 catalog containing ov pages.

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AIR MAIL DEPT.

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date was stated subject to the orders of the Post Office Department notice on this, so presume the date was postponed for some reason. It's bound to be very soon, however.

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Herbert Cohn sends a letter from the Postmaster at Friedrickshapn, Germany, which contains important official information on future doings of the "Graf Zeppelin". He states that the ship expected to start to Palestine, March 26th. The second trip to America will be made early in May. The third trip is to be made around the world during July or August, stops being Tokio, San Diego, Los Angeles, Lakehurst and Friedrickshapn. Anything pertaining to mail will be attended to at the main P. O. in Berlin. Rates will *probably* be 50c for letters, and 25c for cards. That's real information and we appreciate it.

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Victor M. Saurez states that a new Mexican Service — Mazathan-Durango-Torreon-Monterrey-Matamoras (Brownsville) will be inaugurated as soon as the revolutionary activities are suppressed. Service on the Mexico City-Mexicali route, stops at Guadalajara, Tepic, Mazathan, Culiacan, Cajeme and Guaymas to Mexicali, is likely to open soon, contractors probably the Maddox Air Lines of Los Angeles. Merida, Mexico, may be included soon in service to Canal Zone.

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A clipping from Los Angeles states that the Goodyear-Zeppelin Co. plans to experiment with an airship passenger service in California this summer, and eventually contemplates service to Hawaii and the Philippines. * * * The Balloon Races in Pittsburg, May 4th, will be commemorated by a Special cachet provided by the Contractor of the Cleveland-Pittsburg route. Covers for this, as well as any other event provided for by this contractor, should go to Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa., who is officially handling all cachet work for CAM 11.

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Mr. Penning reports the following figures as to collectors' mail handled for the Pittsburg Aviation Show. Colors used were green, violet, red, blue, black, violet, black, red, respectively, on the dates from March 9th to 16th. 1,000 collector's letters were mailed on March 9, 11 and 16, and about 750 the other days. The air mail and post office booth was maintained jointly by the Pittsburg Post Office and Clifford Ball, contractor CAM 11.

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I have been shown copies of letters from Mr. W. Irving Glover, 2nd Asst. Postmaster General and Pan-American Airways, Inc., concerning the special Panama mail carried in a separate plane at the time of the first Canal Zone-U. S. flight. Mr. Glover states that the department had issued positive instructions that no foreign mail was to be carried, but that the Panama government insisted strongly on being allowed to send mail, and that even the State Department urged permission for this, saying that it would cause bad feeling if the prepared mail was not carried. In spite of this, Mr. Glover again wired that no foreign mail was to be carried. For this reason, evidently the mail was brought in another ship entirely separate from the Canal Zone consignment. Mr. Glover states that on its receipt at Miami these letters were not backstamped, but were sent as ordinary first class mail to their destination.

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Here's a man who says his covers from Brownsville, north, on March 9th, came through with an octagon cachet in red. Previous information was that the official cachet didn't arrive in time. We'll have to look into this further. * * * Newton, Iowa, will dedicate its airport about May 1st. Covers to the C. of C. * * * Nicaragua has approved a mail contract with the Pan-American Airways. That means service soon on the Miami-Cristobal route.

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Rep. Clyde Kelly will introduce a bill in congress providing for postal clerks to ride the mail planes, and to drop off sacks at all towns en route, without landing at the smaller points at all. This is a further step which would increase the incoming service at least.

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Coöperators certainly hit the ball this week! Thirty-seven is fine, and that's what it takes to make a good department. They were Osgood E. Waite, Fred Stanton, Jr., Anna M. Schafer, Geo. F. Wild, P. R. Crooker, F. D. Markee, Robert Kuhns, P. D. Booth, John W. Stanton, Lt. Charles R. Smith, Frank W. Wright, Spencer F. Brown, Herbert Cohn, Jack McCracken, Victor M. Saurez, B. Kutzberg, Gladwin A. Hill, Ray Blumenthal, J. P. Penning, Geo. T. Street, J. Gordon B. Grimes, Myron J. Friedman, Howard Maloney, O. H. Phinney, C. J. McAhon, Henry O. Meisel, P. R. Hudson, Jos. Glenozewski, W. L. Smith, Chas. G. Reiss, Robt. M. Hayes, Harry E. Klotzbach, Frank Herget, A. J. Steinhardt, J. H. Brackett, Mrs. Hilda B. Scagliola, Donald Levy. If I don't spell them right, blame it on your writing.

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On April 15th, another Mexican service will be opened between Minatitlan, Ver., and Tapachula, Chis., in the southern part of the country. Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chis., San Cristobal las Casas, and Comitan, Chis., will probably be intermediate stops.

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A special letter comes from Mr. Glover in which he regretfully announces as stated last week that back-stamping first flights has had to go the way of all the rest. He states that the effort to do this thus far has only caused much confusion and extra work, and hints gently that some collectors haven't gone out of their way to help out their difficulties.

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At the same time, in announcing that only Toledo and Cleveland would have special cachets April 1st, when they were added to CAM 27, he stated that these two offices would back-stamp all airmail originating from CAM 27. * * * Effective April 1st, also, Detroit ceased to be a stop on CAM 17, the New York-Chicago route. Detroit will get almost as good service with the Toledo connection on one side, and the Chicago one on the other on route 27. * * * Effective March 21st, that extra 2c, which caused first day fans so much misery, was dropped from the rates of the foreign routes 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rates are now, per ½ oz., 5c to Cuba and Bahamas, 10c to Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Porto Rico, and 25c to and from Canal Zone.

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Buffalo Aero Show covers are coming in nicely—dates March 23-30. Cachet by CAM 20. The Scout Philatelic Club applied their "Greetings from Buffalo" cachet on the reverse of some covers. * * * Chandler, Ariz., dedicated March 13 on very short notice, using a neat cachet. * * * The American Legion of Waukesha, Wis., applied a special cachet in red and violet on March 16, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Legion. * * * Porterville, Calif., celebrated Air Mail Week, March 11-17, and applied an unofficial cachet. * * * Montebello, Calif., used an unofficial cachet on about 200 letters March 4-8, in honor of Herbert Hoover, California's first president.

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Santa Rosa will have a dedication *and* special mail carrying flight between April 15 and May 1st. Covers to the Chamber of Commerce. * * * Otis, Colorado, had a dedication and mail carrying flight March 30th. * * * Auburn, Me., will dedicate June 1, with a special cachet by the C. of C. * * * The first night flight from Oakland air field to the east is expected to take place very shortly.

OUR HONOR CLUB

Numbers 898 to 901

John W. Coonan, Nyack, N. Y.
S. D. Arnett, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Will Falley, Mill Valley, Cal.
James A. Zalud, Chicago, Ill.

We have four new members of our Honor Club this week, and to our old friend and subscriber, Will Falley of Mill Valley, belongs the honor of being No. 900. It was the privilege of the Managing Editor to meet Mr. Falley while attending a Philatelic function in San Francisco, and it is with great pleasure that we present him as No. 900. Our Honor Club is going strongly, and we are now out after the one thousand mark.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MALTA		MALTA
Self-Govt., 6p, multiple CA—cat.	$1.25	.60
2½p, multiple CA ..... "	1.50	.70
6p, Script CA ..... "	1.00	.45
1925, 2½p on 3p, both shades "	.75	.35
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1912-22, 50c .....cat.	$6.00	2.50
1922, 12c ..... "	1.50	.75
20c ..... "	.40	.20
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1920-22, ½p-1sh .....cat.	$2.40	1.20
1922, 1p, 2½p, 3p ..... "	1.31	.60
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On two separate occasions during the last year or so, I have been so fortunate as to acquire a number of Prestamp covers and in each case sold them promptly through offering them to "Mekeel's" readers.

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Three new cities appear this week in the B-11 type: Buffalo, in the 1c; Columbus, Ohio, in the 1½c; and Providence, R. I., in the 8c, 10c, and 1½c coil. Old types still continue to appear in Toledo, Ohio, where the 8c has been seen, and Springfield, Ohio, where the 2c is now on record. New values are as follows:

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United States

Washington Notes

The new Postmaster General, Hon. Walter F. Brown of Ohio, issuing his first notice through the *Postal Bulletin,* asked for the coöperation of the members of his organization and calls attention to the fact that the Department is a business and not a political or eleemosynary institution. He incidentally mentions that no profit should be added to the cost of the various services rendered.

Coming from Ohio, it will not be surprising to see the recent request for the Ohio stamps commemorating engineering feats be given his approval.

At this writing, the Assistant Postmaster Generals have not been reappointed, but it is believed that Messrs. Glover and Regar will continue as heretofore as Second and Third Assistant Postmaster Generals, respectively. It is expected that the First and Fourth Postmaster Generals will possibly retire, but official information has not as yet been given out in the case of any of these gentlemen.

In view of the fact that we are now beginning a new Administration, and as our present issue of stamps was started in 1922, exactly seven years back, it would be interesting if the Post Office Department considered the issuing of an entire new series of postage stamps. Changes should also be made in the designs of the envelope stamps, as well as the postage due varieties, for the present designs of these two issues have been in use much longer than in the case of the postal adhesives. The envelopes have not been changed since 1916, and we are still using the same designs on the postage due varieties that were inaugurated in 1894.

Please Mr. Postmaster General change the postage due stamps, for we have been using the same design for thirty-five years and the collector, at least, is getting tired of looking at them. Use the large figures as a central design on a new series if you want, but change the border, and why not the colors?

As the Hoover Administration is an engineering, business administration, why not reflect these interests in a new series of adhesive stamps? Industry should be represented, and as a guide, for subjects, the idea brought forward in the parcel post series of 1912 is worthy of consideration. There the automobile, the steel, and the aeroplane industries were recognized, as well as several means of transportation, and since then, the radio has come to the fore-front. Agriculture was given attention through dairying, fruit-growing and harvesting. Mr. Hoover being an engineer by profession, would, no doubt, be interested in seeing many of the important engineering projects of the country depicted upon our stamps, and coming from California, one of the states of beautiful scenery, should result in our natural views appearing on some of the issues. There are also numerous historical spots of utmost importance throughout the country, and these should be remembered as we are still passing through the time of the Sesqui-centennial of our birth as a nation. In a new series let us have only one or two portraits—say, Washington, Lincoln, and possibly Franklin. Such a series could be easily produced in the size of our current issue by simply placing the long dimension horizontal. Don't give us larger stamps on a regular series as there will be a "howl" from the postal clerks, where it is necessary to count sheets of fifty, seventy, or the like.

At the same time, give us a new air mail series with high denominations to cover postage to the South American points that we are now reaching, including the 55-cent rate, which I believe is going to be charged on mail to Peru.

No More Back-Stamping

While recently in Washington, I had an opportunity of discussing with Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, on the subject of back-stamping first-day covers of air mail. It seems that since they have discontinued back-stamping air mail in general that postmasters overlook back-stamping special covers, and as a result one clerk in the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General has recently been assigned to arrange for back-stamping all covers that have slipped through in this manner. This is costing the Department not only money, but much trouble, and as the Department is being run for the efficiency of the service only and not for stamp collectors, Mr. Glover has no doubt, rightfully suggested that in the future not even first-day covers receive postmarks at the receiving station. As this will apply to all, and as collectors will not look for the back-stamps in the future, it is not likely to effect in any way the collecting of air mail covers.

Since discussing the subject with Mr. Glover, the following communication signed by him, and dated March 23rd, has been received:

"The Second Assistant Postmaster General has found it necessary to recommend to the First Assistant Postmaster General the discontinuance of all back-stamping on all Air Mail, which, of course, includes first flights.

It has been found impossible to provide these first flight back-stamps without great delay to the service. In a number of instances where back-stamping has been warranted for first flight purposes, it has materially delayed the regular Air Mail—by this I mean where the transfer of the mail is made from one plane to another at a landing field, and the mail to be back-stamped must be taken to the local post office and be returned to the field, thus delaying the mail probably several hours.

The Department has tried to provide this back-stamp, but it cannot do so any longer in justice to the regular Air Mail in transit. It is just impossible to distinguish first flight covers from the regular mail, and all post offices cannot be expected to give the same attention to back-stamping owing to this fact.

The Department wants to give every aid possible to first flight cover collectors, and especially the Second Assistant Postmaster General, who has always been interested in Philately and, in future first flights, where an official special cachet is provided by the Department, the Second Assistant Postmaster General will make it a point to have a special representative of the Department at the office where a special cachet is to be provided, whose duty it will be to see that all first flight covers shall have affixed to them the special cachet and a cancellation which will be as clear and as perfect as possible, thus adding to their value.

No doubt, this notice of the discontinuance of back-stamping will be regretted by many, and the Second Assistant will be the subject of much a but I am sure that, if all collectors see the work that has been thrust the Office of the Second Assistant master General in Charge of Air by individual collectors desiring stamps and special affixing of cache different positions on the envelopes, would appreciate that the job has far beyond the limits of the Depart

The Post Office Department wan do everything it can to aid the firs cover collector, but it cannot be exp to do the impossible, and it has a become that in the matter of " stamping."

Clark Variety

Mr. H. M. Brehm states that on 19721 on the stamp in the top row mediately to the left of the "1" which the word "TOP" appears, the to be found a slight break unde figure "2." Numerous other varieti similar nature are being located b readers.

Dr. William Evans calls attenti the fact that our current stamps recently been located on a very thi per. The Bureau is experimentin only with paper, but with gum and od of breaking gum, so that suc rieties are to be expected.

Hawaii—Wide Spacing

I have just been shown a block of of the 2-cent red overprint "Ha showing the wide spacing similar t located heretofore in the case o "Molly Pitcher" variety. So far spacing has not been found in the overprinted "Hawaii", although the every reason to believe that it exist if those who have purchased sheet put them away would examine them fully, they are likely to run acros most interesting variety.

We wish to thank Messrs. T. R. gerford, C. W. Shafer, Irving H. drey, W. Austin Amory, Henr Meyer, J. J. Lipsey, E. J. Newc E. F. Bodurtha and Leo Tambe notes of interest.

Brazil.—The 1,000Rs has appea a new color according to Mr. R. R It is a sky blue, and is perforated 13, watermarked CASA DA MOE

Chili.—According to *Whitfield & Co.'s Bulletin* several changes ha cently taken place in current p stamps. In the first place, a chan paper has been made, and instead unwatermarked paper previously u new paper with watermark "st shield" is being introduced, further the current set is now appearing the inscription "Chile Correos" alte "Correos de Chile". Some of th type have been issued on waterm paper, and the new type without mark, and as these particular va will not be in use very long they be acquired whilst obtainable at issue prices.

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Madeira.—In commenting on the new stamps, *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* states that these stamps were printed in London, and were on sale for one day only, January 31st, the reason given for this extraordinary issue being that Madeira required a museum, and that philatelists should help pay for it. The use of these stamps was compulsory on all correspondence on that day, and the total amount realised from their sale has been applied to the cost of the museum.

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Late in December, 1925, information was received through the press that Bolivia was preparing to issue a set of Independence stamps, and on Jan. 2, 1926, I wrote a friend—who stands high in official circles—in La Paz, requesting he secure specimens for me.

On Feb. 9, 1926, he replied in part: "These stamps were put on sale during the celebration of the Bolivian Centennial in August, 1925, and are now no longer available," and then added that he had brought my "desires to the attention of the La Paz postmaster, and that official has informed me that he would make a special requisition on the National Treasury for additional stamps for you." About two weeks later I was delightfully surprised to receive the full set of stamps.

This is the only instance with which I am acquainted where a postal department has drawn upon its files to supply stamps to an unknown collector, such as I, and it demonstrates a degree of courtesy and willingness to oblige that is probably not often found, even in philatelic circles. Anyway, imagine trying to draw on the archives at Washington for a set of obsolete stamps. I rather infer most efforts in this direction would, to quote a popular musical title, "Faw Down and Go Boom."

My information does not indicate what quantities of this special Bolivian set of stamps were sold, but it is to the effect that of the higher values, 1, 2 and 5b, 50,000 of each was issued, while the lower values range from 100,000 to 400,000 each.

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TO THE EDITOR:—

On your editorial page of the March 11, 1929 issue, you state that the thanks of the collectors are due to W. M. Willmore, postmaster, and T. M. Jackson, assistant postmaster at Vincennes, Ind., for the prompt and efficient handling of the great number of first-day Clark covers on Feb. 25, 1929.

I fully agree with you and I think all other first day cover enthusiasts feel very thankful for the good work done.

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ATTENTION is called to the notable Plumridge sale of the Errington and Martin stock. Particulars will be found in the advertisement in this issue.

THE writer of the article "Ile de France Provisionals" on page 195, March 18, is incorrectly informed when he says "The 10fr stamps were all used, and none were left when the vessel reached port." I know that letters entrusted with the purser for mailing on this trip (Aug. 23, to Paris) came through franked with ordinary French 10fr stamps, and I know that on the afternoon she sailed from New York a fellow collector had no difficulty obtaining some from the postal clerk aboard the ship. See American Airmail catalog 1929, page 67, Listing No. 207a.—HENRY C. DEWITT, JR.

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WE are advised of the organization of the American Flying Air Mail Association, under date of Feb. 7. A bulletin is at hand from Henry O. Meisel, Sec.-Treas., Clintonville, Wis., and we suggest that air mail cover collectors communicate with Mr. Meisel for detailed information regarding this new organization. Bulletins will be issued as often as necessary.

WE have received a very attractive price list from J. Rosenberg, Steglitzerstr. 53, Berlin, W35, Germany. All dealers will find it very much to their advantage to possess a copy for reference. A wide range of offerings is presented and the prices are very reasonable. Mr. Rosenberg is using our columns regularly, and comes to us with excellent recommendations. We bespeak for him a share of the patronage of our dealer advertisers.

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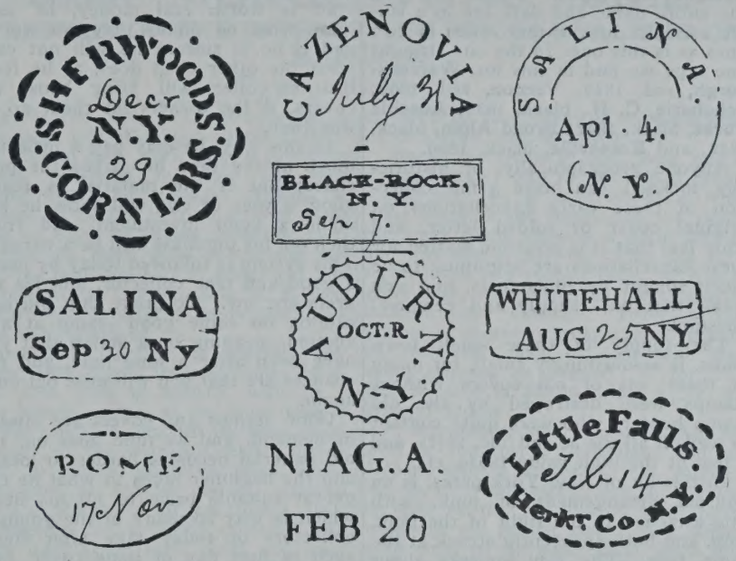

From Mr. T. L. Watkins comes a very happily selected lot of cancellations, all from New York State, and dating from 1806 till just before 1847. These are being shown in a single group, as they portray such varied styles of cancellation from a single state, New York.

Auburn, with its tiny scallops for an edge, is a pretty pmk. This was the regular 18¾c rate to Albany, Oct 1, 1821, the postmaster evidently forgetting to enter the mss. "1" in the pmk. Note the odd abbreviation for October. Along with this cover is a similar one, struck in red and dated Dec. 14, 1839.

Rome is a very crude pmk. to judge from appearance of the letters as hit on the cover, for the letters show only in part, yet being in a bright red it is rather pretty. 12½c rate to Albany, in 1809. There are other elliptical pmks. in this selection of some 50 various covers. **Chittenango,** in black, had a double ring, and handstamped date in 1831. Rome used black in 1828 with a handstamped date, and Kingston same type in red in 1806.

Cazenovia, black, 12½c to Albany in 1809. Some of this old type was most carefully manufactured, and it is really difficult to draw the small sharp serifs with justice at this small scale, for these cancellations are all drawn and presented at their natural size. There are several of this form of pmk. which is the top half of a circle. **Cazenovia** in 1804, had a similar pmk. with a very small letter, and the month and day handstamped. Lansingburg, Seneca Falls, and Ithaca had the half circle type of pmk. also.

Little Falls, dark red, 10c rate to Albany in 1830. I have seen another of this type of pmk., and for brevity, will refer to these as the "Stencil" pmks.

Sherwood's Corners, pale brown, 5c to Albany in 1846. Note the "N. Y." centrally spaced as the letters needed all the room in the circle. This is an odd stencil pmk., and I have no doubt that this is among the really scarce pmks., as I have never seen another from the town at this period. The stencils are very scarce types.

Salina in a rectangle, red, 12½c to Albany in 1829. These straight line types in little rectangles with single or double frame lines make clever little pmks., the kind you like to get in an accumulation of old pre-stamp covers. The other **Salina** with the thin type in a circle is very odd. Hit in red, 12½c to Albany in 1824. Note the delicate letters and the figure, and that there is almost too much room in the pmk. for such small lettering, though it is quaint and very attractive. It takes all styles of pmks. to make an interesting collection, and this is an odd type surely.

Whitehall, red, 18¾c to Albany in 1829, much like the Salina, except that in this one all of the letters are in capitals. These two pmks. are now a hundred years old! In some ways many of these old cancellations have more artistic merit than our present day cancellations. Other towns in the

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Black Rock, black, 18¾c to Albany, 1826, is another rectangle pmk., in this one the letters are of a far different type than that used in most early cancels, note the heavy serifs. Another Black Rock is in the lot, hit in red, stamped "FREE" 1831, with name of postmaster, E. H. Burnham.

Niagara, brown, 20c to Albany in 1806. This is one of the much liked straight line pmks. Often, however, the entire name and date are in a single straight line, rather than in two lines as is this one. In the one straight line type we find in this lot, **Warrensburgh,** red, 1849; **Vernon,** red, 1830; **Schoharie, C. H.,** black, 1838; **Ausable Forks,** black, 1842; **Broad Alpin,** black, 1832; and **Keeseville,** black, 1830.

Anyone geographically, or historically, inclined, can make a fine collection of these early cancellations on original cover or folded letter, and truly feel that it is not time wasted for these cancellations are beginning to be much sought by philatelists, and you recall that old "supply and demand" question.

The supply of these small town pmks. is astonishingly small, for many of these lots of old covers without stamps were destroyed by the old stamp hunters who were quite content to tear off all the 5c and 10c, 1847s, and a few of the high value 1851s, etc.

In this lot of New York pmks. is an unusual arrangement of pmk. with rate attached to the right of the pmk. ring, and both apparently struck at the same time. The rate appears about 3mm to right of the ring. The following rates are shown in this printed form, and from various towns, 5, 10, 12½, 25 and 56¼c; also FREE, this letter signed by the postmaster, Asa Phillips, and franking the letter from Dryden to Albany in 1833. The 56¼c rate carries the letter from **Port Byron** to Albany in 1835.

Other towns using the pmk. and rate banded together, are, **Vernon, Salina, Syracuse** and **Camillus.** I have seen only a few of this type used outside of New York state, and think that they may be rather scarce. The pre-stamp cancellation collecting is in its infancy, and you are liable to run into something where you live, which would be very welcome to a collector who lives far away, and he in turn might have what would appeal to you, so when you hit some old covers before stamps, don't throw them away, for if they are pretty, there is sure to be come collector who will want them for his collection.

In the above listed lot of covers the word "PAID" is generally used; while in some cases it is in mss., it is handstamped for the greater part of the correspondence.

Some collectors write me that they always have "no luck at all" in rounding up accumulations of old covers with stamps on them. They even seem to think that they are personally imposed upon by the fates of Philately. Then there are collectors who sometimes get word that someone has an accumulation of old covers. That is the time they should crank up the car and go right after them. Yet they argue that if this is done, the owner will have an idea they are of value, so they sit and wait till the "opportune time arrives."

And while this time is arriving, some real collector who does make "finds" goes out and tells the folks that their stuff is worth real money, he tells them what he thinks they are worth, and if he is sincere he will not care what the other chap does, as he feels that his offer will bring home the covers, if the owners let them go at this time.

In this way, he may pay a little too much at the time he makes the purchase; but if the material is really good, a year or two will show he has made a good investment, and from then on, his purchase will be a bargain. This system is followed today by many a good and true collector, and his regrets are few. To prove this, bid half catalog on some good stamp at any auction, meaning on a stamp that you have been after a long time, and the chances are that you will miss out once again.

Good stamps and covers are always in demand, and as time goes on, the old material becomes harder to locate, and the beginner takes to what he can get at suitable price to fill his need, which is why so many of the younger collectors of today take after items such as first day of issue cover, first flights, and such things. They are wise, for after the event is over, the supply is ended, and they become a means of barter and exchange, and the value is there before them, as they are displayed on the album pages.

As one old stamp man told me, there is always someone who wants the item you have been wondering what to do with, for collectors are collectors, and they want something to keep them busy. Every stamp in good condition will find an ultimate purchaser. Sounds incorrect; but you hold the undesirable thing a while, and you will be surprised to find how collector's desires change. You may be able to sell your Seebecks, Cubiertas, Colombian Republics, foreign revenues, postmarks, and everything that you possess of any philatelic nature whatsoever, and if two or three say they want it, then you may decide that you want to keep it yourself!

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re we have a No. 1 of a weekly, ps, published by Smile Publishing any, Toledo, Ohio, at ten cents a or 25c for six issues. Warren is the editor and George Carle, ant editor, and they are leaders in a of students of the Scott High l, Toledo, who are members of the is philatelic society of the school. ublishers receive no help from the y adviser, and they seem to have a or newspaper work. *Stamps* is mul-hed and numbers twelve pages; and of them are illustrated. The boys freshness and frivolity to the paper, they produce a sheet that must heavily in a local sense, and no outside the school sphere will go ep over it. The Stamp Club Su-or, Pierre Q. Pasquier, says that amp club was founded five years nd is going strong. He adds: "We ble every day and everything con-g philately is discussed. Sales are over the desk of the undersigned, rading, auctions, etc., are daily oc-ices. Our airmail group receives nteresting first flights that some of der enthusiasts might envy."

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266th MORGENTHAU SALE

A RESUME OF THE INTERESTING PRICES REALIZED ON MARCH 26

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On March 26th, J. C. Morgenthau & Company, sold at auction at the Collectors Club in New York City, a small but choice collection including not only United States, but Foreign. Among the former, an 1851 5c vertical strip of three used on cover to France with fine margins at the right, good at the top and left, but with the bottom stamp cut into slightly at the bottom, sold at $126.00. Departments brought in the neighborhood of a half catalogue.

Among the Foreign, an Argentine Republic, 1899, 1 peso inverted center, mint, No. 133a, sold at $230.00, while a 5 peso inverted center of the same issue in similar condition, reached the same price. A copy of the British Central Africa, 1897, 10 pounds lightly cancelled, which catalogues at $150.00 unused, changed hands at $92.50. A British Guiana, 1852, 1c magenta, No. 6, lightly cancelled with large margins on three sides and good on the fourth side, sold at $102.50. A Colombian Republic, Antioquia, 1868, 2½c, No. 1, lightly pen-cancelled, found a new owner at $37.50. A mint block of four of France, 1849, 40c, No. 7, sold at $52.00, while a horizontal strip of three of the one franc, No. 9, one stamp tete beche, lightly cancelled with the outer line partly cut away at top and bottom, reached $100.00. A horizontal strip of five of the 1870, 30c brown, No. 45, used with a block of ten of the same stamp, sold at $45.00, the 1870, 20c blue tete beche, vertical pair, No. 57b, at $27.00, and a similar 25c pair, No. 58b, off at one side at $25.00. A France, 20c blue, No. 71, o.g., slightly soiled and somewhat off at the top and described as a great rarity in any condition, sold at $86.00. A Postage Due, 1871, 60c yellow, No. 609, in block of four, brought three-quarters of catalogue, that is $30.00.

Among the Great Britain, there was a choice block of four of the 1840, 1 penny black, No. 400, in mint condition with sheet margins and imprint at the right, the lower stamp showing a slight crease, and this sold at $230.00. This was formerly listed as a regular issue, but a few years back, was moved by the catalogue makers to the "Officials." Errors of the Offices in Morocco brought good prices, an 1898, 10c block of four with one stamp showing an inverted "V" for "A" No. 2a, sold at $22.50, while a No. 6a brought $16.50.

A Martinique, 1888, 15c on 4c, No. 10, with a few perfs. irregular, sold at $155.00, while a Mauritius, 1848, 2p blue, No. 2b, early impression, brought $555.00, in spite of the fact that a small piece was torn out at the right. A 1 penny orange-red of the same issue, worn impression, No. 6, reached $32.50.

One stamp sold, which is not catalogued by Scott, was a Mexico, 1861, 1r gray-black in the color of the 2r, Gibbons' No. 40a, lightly cancelled, with certificate of the Royal Society, sold at $20.50, whereas a copy of the 2r gray-black, No. 8, printed on both sides, Gibbons' No. 41a, sold at $16.50.

A New South Wales, 1850, 3c pea-green on laid paper, No. 9b, in vertical pair used on the original cover with the upper stamp slightly cut into at top and the lower stamp at left, brought $52.50. One of the scarcest twentieth century Nicaragua of the normal varieties 1901, 2c on 1c, No. 133a, sold at $21.00.

A Paraguay of 1878, showing a horizontal pair and single of No. 4, also a blue surcharge inverted No. 5g, all on cover to the Argentine, sold at $161.00.

British Occupation of Bushire issue of 1915, Scott's Nos. 1215 to 1229 sold at prices ranging from a third catalogue to less, No. 1220 selling at $60, No. 1221 at $120, No. 1222 at $135, No. 1224 and No. 1225 at $45.50 each, No. 1226, No. 1227, No. 1228 at $52.50 each, and the scarce variety No. 1229, of which only forty-eight were issued, at $150.00.

A copy of the Trinidad, 1847, Lady McLeod on original cover, pen-cancelled as usual with a part of the stamp torn away, sold at $87.00. The Two Sicilies Savoy Cross, No. 9, lightly cancelled with fine margins on all four sides, sold at $50.00, while copies of the same stamp on the original newspaper in very fine condition brought $76.00 and $91.00, respectively.

The total sale reached, $6,703.45.

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‡55	5/- MCA	1.60	
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‡31a-37	½d-1/-	2.50	
‡38	2/-, good item	1.75	
‡39	2/6	1.75	
‡40	5/- Edward	7.50	
‡41	5/- George, 1913, scarcest 20th century Montserrat stamp	12.50	
‡42	3d white back	1.75	
‡43-49	½d-1/-	1.40	
‡50	2/- MCA, 1916	1.20	
‡51	2/6 MCA	1.50	
‡52	5/- MCA, scarce	4.50	
‡53-56	¼d-2½d scripts	.35	
‡57	5d scarce script	2.00	
‡58	2/-, withdrawn	1.00	
‡59	3/-, withdrawn	1.25	
‡60	4/-, withdrawn	1.75	
‡61	4d white back	.75	
‡65	2½d orange	.75	
‡66	3d ultramarine	.30	
‡67	4d, withdrawn	.20	
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GRENADA DISCARDS, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Another Colony in the British West Indies to discard denominations for which the demand has lessened, or disappeared, with the reduction in postage and parcel rates, is Grenada, where, towards the end of 1928, it was decided that when present stocks exhaust, the 4d, 5d, 9d, 2s, 3s Postage and Revenue stamps will not be reprinted. However, need has arisen for a stamp of 2/6 denomination, which will be added to the series during 1929.

DLR-1912-Postage & Revenue Keyplate Design

The DLR-1912, King George V, Postage and Revenue keyplate design adopted by Grenada, for the series issued Jan. 3, 1913, consists of a large head of King George V, facing left, on a horizontally lined ground, within a pearled oval. At the sides is conventional foliate ornamentation, and at the foot of the oval, on either side, in small horizontal labels, in colorless lettering, "Postage" and "Revenue", respectively. By means of duty plates, the denomination (colored numerals and letters) is added in the upper corners, and "GRENADA" (colored block caps, on a straight label) at the bottom.

The stamps were typographically printed in sheets of 120, 2 panes of 60 each, side by side, separated by a narrow gutter, with a marginal line broken at the line of perforation, surrounding each pane. These sheets of 120 are usually cut into P. O. sheets of 60 before dispatch to the Colony.

The series as issued Jan. 3, 1913, comprised denominations of ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, in this, following the King Edward VII series in the DLR-1888, Postage and Revenue keyplate design (single CA watermarked, 1902; and multiple, 1904-06), and the Colonial Seal series of 1906-11.

On stamps from DLR-1912 keyplates No. 1 (1912-1916), and 2 (1917-21), the numeral 1 or 2 is in the upper margin above the 2nd stamp of the left pane, and 5th stamp of the right pane, and in corresponding positions in the lower margin. However, on stamps from keyplate No. 3 (1921-date), the numeral is in the lower margin only, the upper being devoid of plate number marking.

Plate 1 stamps were printed only on Roman CA watermarked paper; plate 2 on Roman CA (all denominations), and script CA (white paper only); and plate 3 on Roman CA blue (2s), yellow (5s), and green (1s and 10s), as well as script CA (all denominations).

A 1½d stamp, for foreign postcards, was issued June 1, 1922; and for increased postage and parcel rates, 5d, 9d and 3s on December 27, 1922. The 5d represented the combined letter (2d) and registration rate (3d), to the British Empire, and the U. S. A. (effective Jan. 1, 1922). On Jan. 1, 1926, the letter rate to the British Empire, and the U. S. A. was reduced to 1d—and the combined rate then became 4d—a stamp of this denomination was issued March 1, 1926.

Although four of the denominations being dispensed with are comparatively recent additions to the series, the 2s dates back to 1902. On script CA blue paper it was first issued July 12, 1922.

The marginal line is double on sheets of the 1½d and 4d, but single only on the others; the second line, of course, is part of the duty plate impression.

Destruction of Roman CA Watermarked Stamps, 1925

On Sept. 29, 1925, 118,941 stamps (valued at £23140.6.7) Roman CA watermarked, were burned at St. George's, by a Board of two officers appointed by the Governor.

New Design Wanted

Grenada is one of the very few islands in the Caribbean where no design change has been made during the 15 years of the Georgian reign. (There were two in the Edwardian reign, in the DLR-1888 keyplate type, and the more distinctive Colonial Seal.) This is not because of any desire on the part of the Colonial authorities to retain the present design, as several times permission has been sought from the Colonial Office in London, and refused.

Surcharge Postage and Postage Due Stamps

In December, 1921, Postage Due stamps, 1d, 2d and 3d script CA watermarked, replaced those in similar design, but lettered "Surcharge Postage". On December 15, 1922, a new duty, 1½d, was added to the Postage Due series.

Surcharge Postage stamps, 1d, 2d and 3d, were in good supply at St. George's, on April 9, 1925, but not long aft remainders were destroyed. It ported that the 1½d Postage Due will be discontinued when present exhaust.

The Windward Islands Colonies

The change in Grenadian p stamps will probably not affect the issues of St. Lucia and St. Vince although these three islands are g for administrative purposes unde Governor, who resides at St. Ge Grenada, they do not comprise a Fe Colony (such as the Leeward Isl on the contrary, each island reta own institutions. There is no co legislature, laws, revenue or tari there is a common Court of Appea the Colonies unite for certain othe mon purposes. The total area three Colonies is 524 square mile a population of 171,326.

Grenada, the most southerly Windward group, is about 21 mile 12 miles wide, and contains abo square miles. It is 68 miles S. of St. Vincent, and about 90 miles of Trinidad, and between it and t mer island, are certain small called the Grenadines, attached p the government of St. Vincent, an ly to that of Grenada. The lar the latter is Carriacou, which has of 8,467 acres, and a population o (census of 1921). The estimated lation of Grenada, including Ca on December 31, 1925, was 70,184.

The G. P. O. of Grenada is George's, with sub-offices at each principal towns, and postal throughout the Colony. There a phone exchanges in all the prin towns, and 533 instruments were at the end of 1924.

Rare Confederate States

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10c blue, framed (209) superb horizontal strip of four with gum, left stamp slightly clipped but frame line shows to left. (Only two other unused strips are known to me)	700.00
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he air mail service in Persia began on 8, 1927, between Teheran and Pah- (a northern Persian port) once a from each side. At the same time ial air mail stamps were issued for purpose. These stamps were the old ian stamps of lion and the sun surged with the figure of an aeroplane the words: "Poste Aerienne" in ch and Persian. The set consisted of tamps, from one shahi to 30 krans. three highest values, being in very numbers, were finished in a short

ter about four months another air line began between Teheran-Karine (near Baghdad at the frontier). line passed through three large of Persia, namely: Hamadan, Kerirah and Karr.

n Feb. 12, 1928, the northern line, ran-Pahlevi, was stretched to Bacou a contract with the Russian govent, from where it was connected e European lines going as far as s and London, and all other capitals Europe; making this line an interal line. In this way the Port Ofused to accept air mail letters with rtax for all the countries of Europe, even for America, going with air to London.

gain on April 20, 1928, another line inaugurated between Teheran-Bou- passing through the great cities of an and Chiraz. Still other lines are iew and I will write about them

the first air mail stamps were exted another set has been issued. This consists of fiscal stamps surcharged air plane, and the words, "Poste enne" and the value in French and ian, and consist of 10 values: 1, 2, 3, ahis, 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 krans. Other es will appear later.

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A STUDY OF THE CLARK PLATES

A TIMELY TREATMENT OF THE POPULAR CURRENT 2c COMMEMORATIVE

By JOHN J. SPENCER.

(Mss. sent in by R. A. Bryant, Editor of "U. S. Plates and Plate Markings.")

As many members of our philatelic fraternity are becoming more and more interested in our U. S. plates and plate markings, it seems apropos that some comments on the findings after a study of the latest addition to our U. S. Commemoratives, would be in order. As most of our U. S. collectors no doubt now know, stamps from the flat press are now printed from large plates of generally 100, 200 or 400 subjects. For the benefit of the uninitiated more details of their preparation may be desired and advisable. These printed sheets for the purpose of division, have continuous lines running at right angles through the center, being of the same color as the stamp. The sheets upon being cut along these guide lines afford the panes as we find them on sale at the post office. Part of the panes will bear these guide lines upon one or both of the straight edge margins in case of the 400 subject plates, and a few emissions of the 200 subject plates. However, most of the sheets from the 100 and 200 subject plates are cut along but one of these guide lines, in most cases along the vertical line, the other line showing the perforations.

A study of the Clark Memorial stamp shows that this was printed from an 100 subject plate, with a red guide line through the center, both vertically and horizontally, a short black guide line appearing only on the top margin. The sheet was cut into two panes of 50 stamps each through the vertical guide line only, the horizontal guide line showing in the perforations between the fifth and sixth horizontal rows of stamps. It will readily be observed that but a part, less than one-half, of these panes will show a preserved vertical guide line, and while all panes show the horizontal guide, but a small portion of them upon being divided on the perforation will reward one with a good guide line specimen.

Where the two guide lines meet at the side of the pane is where we have to look for our "corner" stamp, that is the one showing the guide line on the straight edge side and the perforated top or bottom of the stamp. It will be found that some little selection is required as the perforation has been so well centered that many sheets have been practically robbed of this horizontal guide line. Perseverance should reward one with the four corner stamps, and the securing of copies showing a guide line on each of the sides, top, and bottom, will more easily follow. Eight distinct guide line varieties are now at hand, and when arranged in a square with a nice block of four as a center piece, all varieties that exist of the perforated stamp are in evidence.

The markings that are to be found on the sheet outside the perforated stamp is entirely another subject for discussion. Again returning to the division of the original sheet, it will be found that a right and left pane different in some respects has resulted. As is known these stamps were printed from two plates, the red border or frame probably first, and then the black center. These plates each bore a different number, so that the printed sheet shows two numbers differing in both color and numeral. As no particular attention was given to their arrangement at the time of the second printing, many combinations of numbers are to be found, a great field for the plate number collector. As there are twelve plates of each color, there is practically certain to be 144 different plate number combinations. Some will no doubt be quite rarely found.

On the top of the left hand pane over the second stamp from the left, will first be found the red plate number, over the next stamp the black plate number, and over the fourth stamp the red TOP. The short stubbed black guide line and the top end of the red guide line will be found at the extreme right next to the margin on this pane, or at the extreme left on the other, or right hand pane next to the margin. On the top of the right hand pane over the second stamp from the left will first be found the black TOP, over the next stamp the black F plate number, followed by the red F plate number over the fourth stamp. No other markings, not even the usual engraver's initials, are to be found on any of the rest of the marginal paper of sheets so far examined.

As received at the post offices these stamps are in panes of 50 subjects, five stamps wide and ten stamps long, making an unusual, long, ungainly sheet to handle, and is about the only uncomplimentary criticism that has so far been or can be offered. This, however, will be no drawback to their use or popularity, as the stamps have been going like the proverbial hot cakes.

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As stamps were urgently needed, F. Tilgman and Co., of Helsingfors, were given the order to supply plates and cliches of the design sent down from St. Petersburg. These, with the exception of the 5 pennia, were useless, and so fresh plates were ordered from H. Berthold, of Berlin.

While these were being prepared, F. Tilgman and Co. were asked to print a supply of stamps by lithography. The 5 pennia plate had been put into use by the Finland Stamping Department, and these olive-green stamps were perforated 14½ by 15.

Tilgman's lithographs are perforated 14 by 14½, and being printed on chalky paper are easily distinguishable from later issues. By January 14, 1901, Tilgman and Co. had printed 590,000 of 2 pennia; 3,088,000 of 5 pennia; 1,194,000 of 10 pennia; 3,365,000 of 20 pennia; and 156,000 of 1 mark. They had also made an approved plate of the 10 marks from cliches, and from this, 13,500 impressions were pulled.

About the middle of the year the new plates from Berlin were received, and prints were made by the Government on ordinary paper. These surface-printed stamps are very clear, the lines being much finer than those that were lithographed. Much care must be used in floating the lithographed issue from paper as the colours run, especially those of the 10 and 20 pennia. A new perforation was introduced in 1906, namely 14, and the 5, 10, 20 pennia and 1 mark may be found separated thus. In 1907, new plates of the 10 and 20 pennia, and 10 mark were made by Messrs. Lilius and Hertzberg, of Helsingfors, but the printing was carried out at the Stamping Department. The chief differences in this printing lie in the heads of the crossed arrows which are shorter, and the serifs of the letters of the inscription are very insignificant.

The "Mourning Stamp."—When the next issue of stamps came out, they were in the same design as that used for Russia, with the exception of the inscription of value.

The Finns were very disappointed that they showed their sorrow by bringing out a larger square stamp, all black, with the exception of the portion occupied by the Arms of Finland, to be stuck by the side of the ordinary postage stamp. This label had no franking power and was soon prohibited by the officials. Russian stamps were now used solely for foreign correspondence, the 1911 issue being only allowed on internal letters.

The 10 pennia of this issue is interesting as there are three varieties to search for:—

(1)—Double frame-lines close. Five lines of shading below left side of scroll at the top.

(2)—Double frame-lines wider apart. Three lines of shading on left side of scroll.

(3)—Frame-lines wide, but not cutting the circles of value. Five lines of shading at left.

Republic of Finland.—Finland, resulting from the revolution in Russia, proclaimed its independence in 1917, and was soon recognised by the Allies.

It was on June 5, 1917, that the Senate determined to issue postage stamps for use on local and foreign correspondence, and towards the end of the year a 5 pennia green came out, to be followed a little later by the 10 and 25 pennia, in Postal Union colours, red and blue, respectively.

The design was the Finnish lion salient on an uncoloured background and enclosed in an oval frame of wavy lines. Above is SUOMI and 5 FINLAND 5 (or other value) below. Although a republic, the lion is crowned, but it has been pointed out that the crown is a Grand Ducal one, having three florets and pearls. Round the lion are nine heraldic roses.

This design was made by the pro- nent Finnish architect, Professor E Saarinen, and the dies engraved by Li and Hertzberg, of Helsingfors. Pho- graphic transfers were then made o brass plate for the lowest value, 5 pen and on copper plates for the other val

The stamps were printed on w wove paper having no watermark perforated 14. Other stamps came till the set reached from 5 pennia to marks. Stamps of the old type w allowed to be used up to April 1, 1 after which date they were demoneti

The Wasa Issue.—When the C War broke out in 1918, the Presi established himself at Vasa, or Wasa, none of the regular issue put out by Republican Government could be obta from Helsingfors. A series of stamp a modified form of the original de was prepared and placed on sale at W The lion in this issue is on a panel ha straight sides, and the figures of v are ringed. M. Bjorklund was the signer, and the stamps were lithogra at Bjorkell's Stentryckerie, at Wasa. following particulars are of importanc

Value.	Date of issue.	No. Printed.	Rema
5p green	5-3-18	3,000,000	750
10p carmine	5-3-18	6,000,000	3,220
30p grey-blue	7-3-18	1,022,000	—
40p lilac	29-4-18	2,000,000	1,740
50p brown	8-5-18	1,000,000	870
70p grey-brown	8-5-18	421,000	150
1m black and carmine	27-3-18	700,000	52
5m black and lilac	31-5-18	30,000	—

On 31st May, 1918, the remain were handed over to the postal autl ties at Helsingfors, but the printing entrusted with the work had pri 23,000 of the 30 pennia, and 22,000 o 70 pennia in excess of the quantity dered. These were not sent in until 27th. These stamps when first is were available for both inland and eign correspondence, but this was celled on June 25th, after which date were not used for foreign postage, were they even sold to the public, were affixed by the postal officials t land correspondence only.

By November 8th, their general us inland postage was once more perm and they were allowed to be sold t public. The remainders were then out to the post offices with the exce of the 30 pennia and 5 mark values v had been sold out.

Mr. Wilson reported to *Stamp Co ing* that he had seen one sheet of t pennia with one row of stamps d perforated.

Imperforate stamps leaked out fro printing works by the connivance o workmen, and any postmarked A 5, 1918, were done by favour of Office officials.

Stamps of the Helsingfors type stolen in great quantities by the Ru Army.

Finland's First Provisionals.— ing to changes in the postal rates, an upward direction, new values needed, and while these were being pared, the gap was filled by four p sionals. The 75 pennia was wante the parcel post.

Postal Circular No. XXXVII, of vember 14, 1919, gave notice of appearance, and the numbers surch were:—

10 on 5p green	12,000,00
20 on 10p carmine	8,500,00
50 on 25p indigo	5,000,00
75 on 20p orange	8,000,00

The postal authorities could have themselves much trouble, as they us the 10 pennia and 20 pennia in m other values, and then they had to these values by surcharging two o The only difference would be that were not in the right colours, but would have made very little odds a issue was of a provisional nature.

An official notice published in the nish newspapers of May 16th, 1920, that the 5 pennia green, 10 pennia re pennia yellow, and 50 pennia blu

(*Continued on page 259*)

Stop Press News

THE PANAMA 25c AIR MAIL

tus of the Provisional Surcharge on the 10c Special Delivery

uch interest has been aroused as to number issued of the Panama pro- nal 25c air mail surcharged on the yet unissued) 10c special delivery. . Ohlson of Ancon, Canal Zone in a r states that he purchased the first t discovered at the General Post Of- at Panama City. Shortly after- ds he learned that there were at least additional sheets. Eighty of Mr. son's sheets were used on first day stered first flight covers, one hundred he second sheet were similarly used, seventy-five of the third sheet. As as it is known two hundred and -five were used on cover, and there forty-five unused consisting of one k of twenty mint, and one other lot twenty-five in mint condition. Mr. son adds that thus far no Canal Zone mail have been found with the sur- ge inverted.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

CANAL ZONE PROVISIONAL

Green Gorgas Surcharged 15c for Air Mail Purposes

provisional 15c air mail stamp has issued for use in the Canal Zone. made by surcharging the 1c green gas with the words: AIR MAIL 15 CENTS 15, at the top and bot- respectively. This stamp is de- ed for the air service between the al Zone and Colombia and Ecuador. to Peru with the rate 30c, and to i 45c. It is expected that the air service will begin early in April, a special cachet will be used on the flight showing a map of the west t of South America. The Central South American countries will soon ied up with a regular and efficient mail service.

EMILE MIZRAHI.

CANAL ZONE FLIGHT SOUTH

he postponed first flight from Canal south may come most any time at t notice. Semi-official announcement he rates set them at 25c per ½ oz. to Zone, thence an additional 15c to mbia and Ecuador, 30c to Peru, and to Chili. Direct mail from Miami d thus require 40c, 55c and 70c, re- ively. The Pan-American-Grace ays, Inc. has given permission for rs to be addressed in care of their esentatives at the various points, with tion to return to New York, and be back to you from there. Covers he return flights may be sent to the ts, with money orders for postage he above schedule. Stops are to be aventura and Tumaco, Colombia, eraldas and Guayaquil, Ecuador, ra, Truxillo, Lima, Lomas, and Mol- , Peru, and Arica, Iquique, Anto- sta, Caldera, Coquimbo, and Santi- Chile.

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LATEST IN AIRMAIL

The *Postal Bulletin* of April 4th an- ces a lot of changes and new ser- over several airmail routes, all ef- ve May 1, CAM 28, from St. Louis maha, with a stop at Kansas City, will provide special cachets for cities.

CAM 11 adds an additional night trip, serving Cleveland, McKees- and Pittsburgh. The contractor this route has announced a special et for this additional service if cov- re sent to Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 ugene Ave., Homestead, Pa.

Pasco, Wash., on April 6, observed hird anniversary of its airport dedi- n. A superb cachet was used to rate the event, with the following n: "Keep your eye on Pasco, the City." Thanks to Geo. Kreyling irst day cover.

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VATICAN CITY STAMPS

A New Set of Stamps Is Promised For the Near Future

Theodore Champion in his *Monthly Bulletin* quotes from a Swiss paper some additional facts in relation to stamps for the Vatican City. The writer states that the information is communicated by a person very near the Vatican, and he has every reason to believe that it is accurate. The stamps of the Vatican City will not bear the picture of the Pope as was predicted by some philatelists. On the contrary the central design will represent the mitre with crowns reposing on the two symbolical keys. The inscription "Citta del Vaticano" will appear above the papal tiara, and the value of the stamp in "centesimi" and "lire" will appear at the bottom. The paper used will be that used on the Italian stamps, and it is probable that in order to save time the crown watermark will be used in the new set. Twenty values are promised: 5, 7½, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75 centesime, 1, 1.25, 1.75, 1.85, 2, 2.55, 2.65, 5 and 10 lire. A set of parcel post stamps may also be issued.

PERCY C. SMITH.

DEATH OF COL. J. P. BENKARD

For Many Years a Philatelist and Active in the Collectors Club

I send you a clipping from the N. Y. *Times* announcing the death of Col. J. Philip Benkard, a collector of many years, and especially interested in U. S. stamps. In 1926, J. C. Morgenthau & Co. sold his very fine U. S. at auction when it brought about $25,000. Since that time he has been working on a new collection. He was one of the directors of the Collectors Club. I quote in part from the *Times*:—

J. Philip Benkard, wealthy broker and lieutenant colonel in the World War, died yesterday afternoon (Apr. 6) after being stricken by a heart attack while his unit in the Army Day parade was halted before the reviewing stand at Fifth Avenue and Sixty-fifth Street.

Colonel Benkard became faint as the order to halt was given. He walked to the street curbing and sat down. A moment later his men marched on without him as he slumped back against the massed crowd at the curb.

Policemen forced a way through the crowd, found that he was unconscious and summoned an ambulance. He died while he was being taken to Flower Hospital.

Colonel Benkard served as a captain on the staff of General Pershing in France, during the World War, and as liaison officer on the staff of General LeConte of the French Government with the order of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

TWO IRISH COMMEMORATIVES

Stamp Collecting quotes the *Limerick Star* as follows: "In connection with the coming series to celebrate the centenary of Catholic emancipation, that there will be at least two stamps. It is, apparently, not the intention of the postal authorities to multiply designs but rather to secure that those adopted shall be of the highest artistic merit and in every way appropriate to the historic event which they will commemorate."

NEWS FLASHES

—We are advised by J. M. Bartels that Henry L. Dean, who has contributed several fine revenue articles to the WEEKLY, is seriously ill, and unable to attend to correspondence. It is with great regret that we make this announcement, and we join with his many friends in the hope for a speedy recovery.

—Through the courtesy of W. G. Fountaine, we have been shown a clipping of the stamp department that is now being conducted in the Toledo, Ohio, *News-Bee*. It is becoming quite the thing for Metropolitan papers to take up with departments of this kind.

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31	1.25	.65
32	5.00	2.50
33	2.00	1.00
34	2.50	1.25
35	4.00	2.00
39	1.25	.65
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53	1.00	.50
54	2.00	1.00
68	1.00	.60
71	2.50	1.25
72	1.00	.50
87	5.00	2.50

ST. HELENA

88	5.00	3.20
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100	2.50	1.60

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70	9.00	5.00
74	1.50	.75
75	1.00	.50
76	2.50	1.25
77	4.00	2.25
78	5.00	2.75
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92	1.50	.75
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TREASURE HUNTING

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

Recently, during a chat with the editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, he invited the writer to contribute some reminiscences, and the offer was eagerly accepted. Looking over an old scrapbook preserved thru my wanderings, I find that it has been 30 years since my last contribution to MEKEEL'S. A lot of water has flowed under the bridges since then, and memory is vague, so I propose to just ramble around, telling of experiences as they recur to me.

There are others, and many of them, who could tell tales of much greater doings and finds, but no one seems to have done it, and anyhow the general idea is to provide a little amusing reading—possibly stimulating others to tell their stories of much greater finds of treasure-trove—and particularly to show the younger generation that treasure still exists and can be found by earnest digging. To prove that at once I will simply say that just this month the writer dug up on the original covers two 10c, 1847; a 12c, 1851; a number of 1c, 1851 and 1857; and some 300 3c, 1851 to 1867, including a number of covers with pictures and advertising such as some are so fond of, and one SOLDIER'S VOTE envelope of the Civil War, which appears to be unique, and which is described in the WEEKLY, so I can assure you that there is still "gold in them thar hills."

I started collecting as a lad of about 12, and for 2 years the fever raged in the Omaha High School. It has occurred to me many times that with sufficient foresight I could have been a millionaire with little effort, just by keeping what came to my hands, my only consolation being that apparently no one else had that foresight. Department stamps were still in use at that time, but went out about a year after I started collecting. I used to go down to my father's office and dig a lot of War Dept. stamps from his waste basket. I remember very distinctly the "kicking mule" cancellation. I had some in my collection and traded many to other boys.

When father told me the Depts. were to soon be abolished, if I had had the sense to save every envelope from his waste basket, and put them away "not to be touched until I am 50," what a fortune they would be worth today! As it was, all I saved was a sheet of 90c ones, which father gave me before he sent the stock in to Washington—and those were stolen from me by a packer when father was ordered to Washington a year later. While I made the War Depts. very common in Washington, all other Dept. stamps were very scarce, and it never occurred to me, or anyone else, to go to the U. S. Attorney's office for some Dept. of Justice stamps, or to the branch office of the Dept. of Agriculture and get some of those treasures! And I never thought of using some of father's official stationery and writing to the President's Secretary for a set of Executives, which would certainly have been received.

When father was ordered to Washington, I had got quite a collection together, but had done no real hunting. My only find was some of the K-corner first issue 3c envelopes on white paper. My chum and I got his mother to look up old letters, and we got several copies of that stamp (Listed at $40 today), which we at once cut square with no margin, kept a copy of each and traded the others.

In new surroundings in Washington, my interest died for a year or two, and then suddenly revived when a friend told me he was going to make the rounds of the Departments on Saturday afternoon for stamps, and asked me to go along. What a mine he opened up for me, and how little I knew its value! Again wealth lay in my hands and I didn't recognize it.

He took me first to a room in the Interior Dept., where he asked a kindly, bearded gentleman for "some stamps." He gave each of us a little pay envelope, and outside the room mine was found to contain an unused set of Interiors through the 15c. My friend said he had got a number of these sets and that if I would tackle the gentleman alone some day and "talk pretty to him" about being a new collector, I could get the 24, 30 and 90c, which I did, as well as a number more of the broken sets from time to time.

We went to the Treasury Dept., and from a man there got a number of high value foreign stamps. Why the Treasury Dept. had so much heavy foreign mail I never knew, but from that man in the next year or two I got a great many good stamps. For instance, I got at least 200 of the 1 Peso Uruguay of 1877, many of them in pairs and blocks, and a quantity of the rare 700 Reis Brazil of 1879.

My friend took me to several other places, and I went home with a quantity of treasure, and with my collecting fever high again. After that I began to go on these hunts regularly, and a bit later located a mine of my own, from which I dug a lot of treasure. That will be told about next time.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL

IN our issue of January 21, 1929, we told of how the *Waterways Journal* of St. Louis was advocating an issue of stamps to celebrate the completion of that huge undertaking, the "canalization" of the Ohio River. The suggestion was made that the Ohio River Valley Improvement Association promote a movement that would culminate in the issue of stamps to celebrate the achievement of the Engineer Corps of the United States Army. We are told that a decision has been reached to issue stamps in commemoration of the new system of dams and locks later in the year.

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CAPTAIN A. C. TOWNSEND'S most interesting "Soldier's Vote" envelope is described as follows: The envelope is extra official size and postmarked Washington, with the date blurred. Across the top, at the right, in large letters are the words, SOLDIER'S VOTE, the "vote" being partly covered by a pair of 3c of 1861. In a double line frame at the left end is the following notice, in well-selected type: "Duties of Elector receiving a Soldier's Vote. Extract from Section 5 of Chapter 253, laws of 1864. Section 5. Such elector, upon receiving such letter from such absent elector, may open the outer envelope thereof, but he shall not open the inner envelope thereof. On the day of such election, and between the opening and close of the polls thereof, he shall deliver such inner envelope to the inspectors of elections of the proper election district, and at the polls thereof." We do not remember ever having seen an envelope of this kind, which is a memento of Civil War days, carrying the highest degree of interest, we should say.

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IT is said that differences of opinion make the world go round, and differences of opinion make a man sometimes go round the world. An inconsequential little item causes this gem of logic to be released for the benefit of mankind. We read that Mr. Jose Topacio, director of posts of the Philippines, has sailed from Manila to London to attend the postal convention there, despite the endeavors of the auditor of the islands to restrain his departure on the score of a legal exaction. Our interest in Mr. Topacio is a natural one since he has been courteous enough in the past to send in bits of postal information from his desk. We should not take it amiss if he would send us his impressions of the postal convention in its stamp aspects.

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IN the March number of the *Bowdoin Alumnus*, there is an excellent likeness, we should say, of Frederick W. Pickard, who was a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1894, at Brunswick, Maine. In the text that accompanies the picture, the following words caught our eye: "Mr. Pickard has always shown an interest in collecting, and while in college, accumulated a notable stock of rare stamps and coins. He has continued this, and his stamp collection now ranks high among the philatelists of the country." Mr. Pickard was elected a trustee of Bowdoin College in June, 1928, and he has just made a gift of $5,000 to be used for the continuation of work on the Pickard Field. The name of Mr. Pickard as a philatelist is recognized, and we find that he is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

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THE following little contribution comes from Mr. Morris Schmidt of New York: "Having recently acquired an old collection from a friend who formed it as a youth, in which, alas, many of the scarce stamps were in a condition to render them of small value in the critical estimate of the present day collector, I found on a page with a Shanghai, first issue, 1 candareen, a following newspaper clipping which may be forty years old. Inasmuch as I am always fascinated by the Cantor-like eyes of the dragon, which is the central design of the first Shanghai stamps, and as the clipping tells of the origin of the fabled creature in question, I am copying the words for you: 'The Chinese and the Japanese have a strange superstition in regard to the dragon. If a serpent lives 1,000 years on the land, and another 1,000 in the water, then he ascends to heaven and changes his name to a dragon. The superstitious people believe that it was this dragon that sends down the torrents of rain. The picture on the stamp represents the serpent which had passed 2,000 years on the land and in the sea, and which is now ascending the sky through mist and clouds to be made a dragon, and to be glorified'." While Mr. Schmidt is somewhat personal in speaking of an optical resemblance between Eddie Cantor and the dragon, the assurance that the monster is on his way to the celestial blue takes away the sting, and anyway, Eddie is not apt to read the paragraph.

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MANY of the older readers will recall the name of William B. Hale, which we now find as the subject of a newspaper despatch, under the head: "Philatelist is Held on Stamp-Cleaning Charge," and dated March 28th. He is described as an "elderly philatelist of Hubbardstown, Mass.," who has been arrested by the federal authorities on the charge of violating a section of the code prohibiting the restoration of cancelled postage stamps for use or sale. Although claiming that he was innocent, he was held for trial in default of $2,000 bond. years ago, Mr. Hale was much o wing, and as a "philatelic drumme visited Europe, as well as many se of our own country; and occasional has been the recipient of publicity kind that was not exactly pure an adulterated. We remember Hale's as a dealer in those formal days philatelic advertising as a rule was s and all of it seemed to come out o same spiggot. As showing how Mr. had imagination and strivings to be inal, we shall hark back a mere years and append one of his adve ments from the *American Philat* 1889: "Died Yesterday—A prom collector whose collection contained that was unique and rare. I hav collection on my sheets, and I guar unusual stamps at unusually low Write to me. I will answer you. liam B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass. different today. Tomorrow some w gone. Send early."

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SENATORS, congressmen, keep fences in repair! Philatelists tain no lobby at Washington, bu sovereign rights of a million fre collectors (as estimated by vera statisticians) may not be outraged impunity. When their invested priv are trampled upon, philatelists ar one man in their wrath, which is o devastating brand that annihilates a position. Our cause is just, and w tide the legislator who disdains it shriveled soul of the one who does fate will be dried to dust and blown to political oblivion by the ballo philatelists. To make contented p lists, congress merely has to place postage stamps on the free list by a ing Paragraph 1671 of the Tariff A 1922, Schedule 15, Free List. No await the receipt of a newspaper ping such as was sent us from C nia, from a paper there, saying stamp collectors threatened their gressmen at Washington with p reprisals, if they did not do their b on philatelic measures. The remar

Thanks To Bidders Of No. 300

While I did not reach the 500, I did receive 449, beating the former high record of 413. There were 30 present at the sale, making a total of 479, just 21 short of the 500. I appreciate greatly the many fine letters and kind words expressed by my old-time bidders and many new ones. Catalog of Sale 301 was mailed on March 25th, date of sale April 24th.

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is, whose connection with the Ericsstamp brought him to philatelic atn, has written a friendly note on
ubject of the proposed change.

VIS EXHIBIT AT NEW YORK

the meeting of the Collectors Club
ded by a delegation of Providence
telists, a fine exhibit was made by
ph W. Lewis of Providence. Among
est items was a strip of seven Wm.
in 8c orange imperforate, on watered paper. It lacks one stamp of be- the whole left pane of a sheet of en stamps, which was the size of the . The lower stamp had been cut off. plate was made by the National Bank Co., but this particular sheet was ed by the Bureau, as shown by the nt which apears on the left and top ins in manuscript. This strip is the st piece known and is believed to been the property of Mr. Deats.
r. Lewis values highly three blocks our of the Perry Davis & Son "Pain-r." They are the 1c blue, 2c violet, the 4c brown on silk paper, in imorate mint blocks. So far as Mr. is able to find out, there are no blocks in existence and few if any . He prizes them particularly be- they were obtained from a Provie firm and cost him nothing. Other s were shown of more than ordinary est.

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Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
Wooster, Ohio

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Here's a new one to me. P. R. Hudson sends a cover with the typed inscription, "Via seaplane Pensacola to Mobile," postmarked Pensacola, Fla., U. S. N. Air Sta., 9.30 A. M. March 25th, and back-stamped Montgomery, Ala., 6 P. M., the same day. It looks interesting, all right, but tell us more about it, Mr. Hudson. * * * The covers carried by Sir Hubert Wilkins on his south polar expedition are at hand. The special cachet reads, "Wilkins Antarctic Expedition—Deception Island," and the covers are back-stamped at Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 15th.

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Seems to be somewhat of a scramble on for the covers carried on the recent Mexico City-Brownsville route. Brownsville northbound covers seem thick enough, but southbound are another thing again. Covers from the various Mexican cities are being offered as high as $2.00 and $2.50 apiece already. I'd be interested in the figures of actual mail carried, if anyone knows them.

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And speaking of Mexico, the revolutionary activities have held up the dedication of the new international airport at Douglas, Ariz., which has been indefinitely postponed. They can't even get Mexican stamps at Agua Prieta. * * * Burlington, Iowa, also, reports their dedication some time in the future yet. Covers are being held, however. Ditto for Mobile, Ala. * * * Effective April 2nd (instead of the 1st, as previously reported), service on the Miami-Cristobal route changed from every other week to three times a week, leaving each terminal Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 6 A. M., arriving the third day at 4 P. M.

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George Kreyling tells me that Ft. Worth skipped Sunday, March 10th, in mailing covers from the Southwestern Aeronautical Exhibition, so that date will be lacking in the set of covers from this event.

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From Bellows Falls, Vt., came through covers dated March 28th, with a cachet in blue on the reverse consisting of "Bellows Falls," with arrows at top and bottom pointing in opposite directions. I take it that this was for their airport dedication, which has been scheduled for about this time.

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The Newark Chamber of Commerce announces the first annual Newark aircraft show, May 23rd to June 1. * * * The Argentine-Paraguay mail service was inaugurated with the flight of Mar. 22nd, from Buenos Aires to Asuncion. * * * The Chamber of Commerce of New Castle, Pa., is receiving covers for the first stop at New Castle on the Cleveland-Pittsburgh route.

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P. R. Crooker sends a photostat of the Park City, Utah, wreck letter reported last week, together with the letter from Asst. Supt. of Air Mail Service, B. F. Myers, giving the details. The plane was flying in a heavy snowstorm, and crashed at Park City, pilot and passenger being slightly injured. The mail was somewhat fire-damaged, but very little was entirely destroyed.

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Now here's something interesting. A boy here in town whom I'm trying to get started on airmail sent one letter in to Brownsville for the first northbound flight. It is postmarked Mar. 9, 12.30 P. M., and reached Wooster the 15th, and bore the cachet in magenta when received. All my covers were back-stamped Cleveland, 8.30 P. M., the 11th, and reached here the next morning, and not a one had the cachet. I sent them in to Washington, and all came back cacheted in black. Looks to me as if the one cover might have been held over a couple of days awaiting the arrival of the cachet, and then postmarked as of the 9th, considering its arrival three days after the others. Were there any more like this, and if so, were they in magenta? And were all

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#12, used 5d	1.50	.70
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#79 used	3.50	2.00
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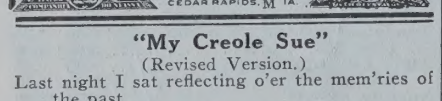
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(Revised Version.)

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My thoughts turned back to you—my three cent blue;
The attic stairs, the dusty floor, the nook beneath the eaves,
'Twas there in grandpa's trunk my eyes met you.

Chorus.

My three cent blue, how I loved you!
I love you still, and always will.
I sigh for you, I do, I do;
And to you I'll e'er be true,
My three cent blue.

The hair cloth trunk is now no more; the letters thrown away.
What would I give to have them here with you!
Most loved of all the stamps that take me back to childhood days,
The square one with an engine—three cent blue.—(Chorus.)

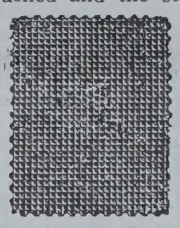
—COTTON C. DOYLE.

Grills

By A. C. LEDUC.

Every time I see a grill on a stamp it makes me think of waffles; how useless the grill and how delightful waffles are with syrup or with chicken gravy.

From 1867 to 1870 the United States used stamps bearing pattern work of embossed dots. These were so arranged as to cover a part or the entire stamp. A grill on a stamp can usually be best seen from the back, in the form of a roughened surface to the paper. This was made by putting the sheets of stamps through a machine that partially cut the paper, the idea being that the paper would be partly crushed and the stamp would



absorb the cancelling ink better and therefore could not be cleaned.

This method was not in use long, as it was found to be impractical. Sometimes the grills are hard to see in a stamp, and in the case of the 1869 issue, the novice often mistakes a faint grill for no grill at all, and thinks he has one of the scarce "no grill" varieties.

The commonest example of a United States stamp with grill is the 3c blue stamp of 1869, showing a picture of a locomotive.

Peru, also made use of the grill for regular postage and postage due stamps for a short period, 1874-80.

Rothschild on WOR

By SID BERNSTEIN.

I would just like to let you know that I was very pleasantly surprised when I attended a talk on the value of the postage stamp by Sig. V. Rothschild. It was held at Gimbel's Dept. Store, N. Y. City. He held everyone's interest with his talk. He showed us his marvelous collection of stamps arranged according to a new idea of his. I think that I will make a collection accordingly. From a brief talk with him and his assistant I learned more than I have from many books. Mr. Rothschild talks over WOR every Saturday morning. He is starting a National Stamp Club (no dues). One can get more particulars by writing him in care of WOR.

Why I Am a Collector

By PERCY A. HILL.

In a circular received from a stamp firm in Spain, I saw the above question and its answer, which I have translated literally, and which may be of interest, inasmuch as it shows an angle of the philatelist and philately not often remarked upon:—

Why am I a collector?—Many of our clients often have this question put to them by persons ignorant of philately, and consequently of narrow views. Reflections over the question have brought us to the conclusion that it is a manifestation of a high spiritual culture. We will repeat here the authorized opinion of one of the most cultured and intelligent collectors of Barcelona:—

"I have been a collector since my earliest years. During both school and college, my fellow-students, as well as professors, were amazed at my wide knowledge of geography as well as the general intelligence brought fourth by being a collector of stamps. Philately, then, has been for me a wide field of study. On many occasions the catalogs have solved questions of chronology for me. It has caused me to become a historian, a paleontologist, an ethnographer, a student of foreign exchange, a student of commercial principles, an economist, and a polygot, in fine, an individual of a vast and profound culture.

Stating it in another way, philately is for me a high and agreeable distraction of the spirit. While I study a stamp or its design, my abstraction lifts me above the world of common things, consequently, I expect to be a collector as long as I live."

The above explanation is, I think, very well put, most especially in these days when a search for knowledge, as to "why I am a collector" prevails. It is both concise and illuminating.

The New Scott Book Praised

By BARNUM B. WIXOM.

I have just finished reading the book issued by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., "Stamp Collecting, Why and How." I think that this book is the best thing out in late years in telling how to collect stamps. It is a book of 185 pages, written in a compact and to the point way. Mr. Thorp did something that the stamp collecting world may be proud of in this book. It is composed of 17 chapters. They cover the entire problem that faces every junior collector that starts this intensely interesting hobby. It tells why you should collect, and it also contains interesting stories of how it is we have some of the most interesting and "expensive" rarities. So I conclude this letter with this statement, that every collector, whether starting or advanced, should have this book in his philatelic library.

Handsome Airmail Stamps

Congo, 1920, 50c

Costa Rica's "Lindbergh"

Albania, 1925, 5 qind

"Those I Do and Them I Don't"

By GEO. W. HAWSE.

Not so long ago, there was published on this page a request for readers to send in their likes and dislikes. Well, here's mine. First of all the likes:—

(1.) The most entertaining feature is the "Precancel Review." I like this especially, because I am keenly interested in precancels, and because it is written in such an entertaining manner.

(2.) Sevard's "Twinkles" is another interesting department since it deals with a very interesting phase of stamps—cancellations. I like "Sevard's" humorous way of telling. By the way, what is "Sevard's" real name?

(3.) Another good regular feature is Mr. Ward's "Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties." Mr. Ward surely gives up to the minute news concerning Uncle Sam's issues in a clear way.

(4.) What promises to be good also is "Farr's Filatelic Fun Forum," for what person doesn't enjoy humor?

My dislikes are very few, the main and only one is the frequent revenue stamp articles. Of course many people enjoy them, but I can't get a kick out of these articles. Most are written in a "too-deep-for-me" style.

However, regardless of this dislike, I think MEKEEL'S is a dandy all-round paper, and I always welcome it every week.

Junior Dictionary

Postmarke.—This word, meaning "Postage Stamps", is shown on the 4/4ggr stamp of Brunswick.

Postmasters' Stamps.—A term applied to certain provisional postage stamps issued by the authority of the local postmasters in various cities of the United States and in Bermuda prior to the appearance of the regular governmental issues.

Post Office.—The chief inscription on the famous 1d and 2d stamps of Mauritius issued in 1847, and it also appears upon the Annapolis, Millbury, New Haven, New York, Providence and St. Louis "postmasters' stamps" of the United States.

Post Office Dept.—Found on the U. S. official stamps used by the government department dealing with postal affairs prior to the introduction of the "penalty envelopes".

Filatelic Fun Foru

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ar

(Contributions are solicited either or verse. You may sign them or not, a please. Address the editor as above.)

THE FORUM PRIMER

See the man prance.
Has he lost a rich aunt?
No, the rich aunt will live always.
Is he to be married?
Scarcely. His wife will not let h
Is she not mean?
Perhaps the man is lit up.
No. His nose is too pale.
Why is he gay?
His favorite stamp has advanced cents in the new catalog.

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A STABLE OF HORSES BELONGING TO PRINCE OF WALES HAS BEEN SOLD. WERE THE MOUNTS, NO DOUBT, FROM W THE PRINCE WAS SO OFTEN PEELED.

* * *

Hubby: "Darling, have you s valuable imperforate stamp while were sweeping?"

Wifey: "No. I found an old s but it was a straight edge on all sides, so I burned it."

* * *

I've heard Patti's voice,
I've heard Schumann-Heink,
And also Caruso the late.
But they can't hold a light
To the mail carrier's voice
When he yodels loud and clea
"Some stamps" at our gate.

* * *

From Akron, O., C. A. Tow sends us a block of Hungarian po dues with the town cancellation, "PA He writes that he is now looking th his stock to locate a "MAMA "PAPA" will have company. many Forum readers have a "PAPA" in their collection?

* * *

No, Daisy, Santa Claus, Ind., do lie adjacent to Christmas Island.

* * *

Mary had a billy goat;
It snorted and it snickered,
Until it ate some album weeds,
And now the goat has flicker

* * *

ADD HORRORS OF WAR—SURCH OVERPRINTS, PROVISIONALS.

* * *

"Without a little leavening of no it is quite possible for a philatelic to be dull."—*Stamp Collecting.*

* * *

Spasm No. 8

Advice for the Beginner:
Stamps printed with fugitive ink
Should never be soaked in a sink.
You never could guess
What a horrible mess
Green makes of the color called Pi
—By "

* * *

Aunty: "How would you like t lect stamps?"

Small Nephew: "With a shovel.'

* * *

For the present, Great Britain's Empire Air Route to India ends at chi. It is just the opposite wit which begins with the sneeze.

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A PRISONER SENTENCED FOR FO WAS ASKED WHAT TRADE HE DESIR LEARN WHILE SERVING HIS TERM CHOSE ENGRAVING. "AND", ADDS A WI IN "THE POSTAGE STAMP," "HE WA TUALLY TAUGHT ENGRAVING."

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Good stamps are like diamonds,
In adversity you can pawn them
In prosperity you can redeem the
—"Pacific Stamp Ne

EN AND HEARD—

IAS. G. RIESS, Treas., of the Fort Orange Stamp Club, Albany, N. Y., opened a stamp department in the day issue of the Albany *Times-Union*. a promising feature in this publica- and shows what can be done in be- of philately when a real interest is ifested. The Albany Club should be ratulated upon having so active a ber.

LETTER, which traveled around the world, has just been added to the ction of Chas. G. Riess of Albany. actual transit time in making the 9 mile orbit was 95 days. It was ied 5,250 miles by plane, 17,009 miles oat, and 1,350 miles by train. The est flight, 3,300 miles, was from Al- to San Francisco.

O. T. BUSH, of Bellefonte, Pa., wishes to get in touch with anyone in east who is going to the A. P. S. eapolis convention. Mr. Bush has ind the use of a fine lake boat from oit to Duluth if sufficient interest is n. There will be a reduced boat for a party of ten or more.

VERAL clippings have been received elling of benefactions made to differ- eats of learning by that ardent phi- st, Charles Lathrop Pack, who is ersally known as president of the rican Tree Association of Washing- D. C.

E firm of E. & A. C. Paimann will ereafter be known under the name . C. Paimann, and attention is called e change in address as given else- e in this issue. The firm will be arly represented in our paper, and espeak for it a goodly measure of nage.

E March meeting of the West Ches- r County Chapter of the A. P. S. held March 22, at Towers Hotel, ers. Some 18 members and guests present.

R thanks are extended Albert E. Gorham for covers of first flights CAM 27, April 1, Toledo-Bay City- go, and Cleveland-Bay City-Chi-

E Allentown (Pa.) High School hilatelic Society will hold a free ex- on of stamps, coins, relics, etc., in ibrary of the High School, April , from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Thurs- and Friday, and from 12 noon to 4 ., Saturday. Everyone interested is d.

E Tompkins Sq. branch of the N. Y. ublic Library can boast of a junior club called the Library Stamp with twenty eager young members, ttending school. The meetings are every Friday, at 8.00 P. M., in one e spacious rooms of the library. g these periods discussions, speech- l interesting contests take place. Mr. p, of the Scott Stamp Co., has as- a great deal in bringing about the ss of the club.—IRVING GOLDKLANG.

NLAND AND HER STAMPS

(*Continued from page 254*)

type, were to be recalled from all offices on June 1st, after which date were not available for postage. 1919 there were many changes in rs, and new values were added, the st being the 25 mark, but they were inted on plain paper.

ce 1925 a new kind of paper has used and is gradually taking the of the old as the stock of plain stamps gives out. It is water- ed with the cross device known as Swastika."

nus Provisionals.—In the sum- of 1919, the district of Olonetz h stretches from Lake Ladoga al- to the White Sea, and has an area to that of England) was the scene rce fighting between the Finns and olsheviks. The chief town, Olonetz, ut 120 miles northeast of Petrograd, n the advance of the Finns towards y overprinted the 5, 10, 20, 40 and nnia, and the 1, 5 and 10 marks ingfors type) with the word AUNUS, innish equivalent for Olonetz, for n the occupied zone. Later the town was re-occupied by the Bolsheviks. 40,000 each of the pennia values were overprinted, together with 4,000 of 1 mark, 1,500 of 5 marks, and 12,000 of 10 marks.

More Provisionals.—Four more provisionals were made in 1920 by surcharging the old values with new ones in black type.

There are two types of the 1½ mark on 50 pennia. Type 1 has a small top to the figure 2 of the fraction and the down stroke is heavy and straight. In Type 2 the down stroke is thinner and curved.

The Red Cross stamp issued in 1922 had a postal value of 1 mark, but a premium of 50 pennia was added in aid of the Red Cross.

The stamp was of large size and showed the Finnish lion before a large cross upon a solid oval of colour. Above is SUOMI and below is FINLAND 1M+50P. There was no outer frame, and design shows up well in red, black, and grey. This stamp, of which 2,000,000 were printed, was valid for inland postage in Finland only.

First Commemorative.—Finland last year commemorated the tenth anniversary of her independence by an issue of stamps, which, to judge by the number in the set, will give little cause for grumbling.

The main idea of the design was again the National Arms, with the name of the country at the top and bottom. At the left is the date, 19-VI, XII-17, the birth of the new Finland, and on the right is 19-VI, XII-27, the date of the issue of the stamps. Their sale was restricted from December 19, 1927, to March 19, 1928.—*Postage Stamp.*

PRECANCELLED ENVELOPES

By C. A. CARROLL.

There are 168 varieties reported to date. This does not cover all that are now in existence, by any means. I have been advised of quite a number of others, but they have not been submitted for inspection, and until this is done, they cannot be included in this check list.

Collectors are warned to look carefully at the manner in which the state name is abbreviated or spelled out. The contract printers are using a wide latitude in this regard. New York City has the state both abbreviated and spelled out. The same applies to Oakland, Santa Ana, Duluth, Kansas City, and others. Both large and small type are beginning to appear on the same city, as for instance, Tacoma. With these variations, added to color, size and watermark, the specialist will soon be building a new wing on to his home to house his accumulations—*Precancel Bee.*

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REARGUARD OF THE PIONEERS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The passing of the Rev. Robert Brisco Earee, at the age of eighty-two is a fresh reminder of the longevity of many of the philatelic pioneers. Mr. Earee, who was collecting stamps about 1861-62, and was prominent in expert work and in contributions to the philatelic press from 1872, practically concluded his philatelic labours with the monumental third edition of "Album Weeds," which was completed in 1907, just twenty-one years ago. Apart from an occasional lecture, he did little in stamps after that, and indeed he was something of a martyr to Philately, his intensive labours on "Album Weeds" having developed a cataract, and left him nearly blind.

So when he came out of his retirement to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at Harrogate in 1921, there were few collectors of the period who had known him, though all have known, and future generations will know, his work.

Even the "old stagers" of today are prone to think that the pioneers have all passed to the great beyond. Mr. Earee's death reminds us that here was one still with us until November 12th of this year. Happily even Mr. Earee cannot be designated the last. There is still left a little group of pioneers, some at least having been earlier in stamp-collecting, though none greater in philatelic achievement, than the late Rector of Miserden.

Who are there still remaining? We may not know them all, but it would be of great interest to have a complete register of them.

There is, we believe, one of the very earliest English collectors and dealers living in Mr. James Robinson, who entered upon his apprenticeship to a merchant's firm in Liverpool in September, 1857, and his first job brought him in touch with other boys who had to hang around the G. P. O. for the arrivals of mails. The waiting youths were the pioneer stamp exchangers, and a little later on James Robinson was the first (as he is also doubtless the last) of the famous little group of Liverpool stamp dealers in the early sixties. Though lost to Liverpool, Mr. Robinson is not lost to Philately. When we last heard from him he was "busily climbing the eighties, with good health and perfect eyesight, and they (stamps) are still my chief delight."

Then there is Alwin Zschiesche, eighty-five last June, one of the partners in the early German firm of Zschiesche and Koeder. He was dealing in stamps in 1862, and produced what is generally recognised as the first practicable German stamp album in 1864. He also published the "Magazin für Briefmarkensammler, 1863-67."

In the United States are several very early collectors and dealers still living. Most prominent, and still in a measure philatelically active is Mr. William P. Brown, in his eighty-sixth year. He was dealing in coins in 1860, and stamps were added as a result of the boom which

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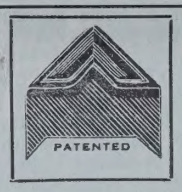

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spread through America as in Europe in 1862.

Although we have not heard from him lately we believe Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, whom we used to know in Boston, Mass., and whose long and honorable association with stamps dates from 1859-1860, is still enjoying his well-earned retirement in California.

Yet another whose claims to be a pioneer collector we have not been able to confirm is Mons. Gustav de Lachasse, of Avignon, now in his eighty-second year, and who claims to have been collecting since 1858. For about half-a-century he was resident in the United States.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

JAMAICAN 9d, 1929

By Harry E. Huber.

In a notice of Feb. 22, 1929, in the *Jamaica Gazette* of Feb. 28, 1929, the 9d King George V Postage and Revenue stamp (after the Cayman Islands design of 1921), advised in the Crown Agent's Bulletin for the fourth quarter of 1928, as on order, was announced for issue on March 5, 1929.

"Stamp Office, Kingston,
22nd February, 1929.

"The following is a description of a Ninepenny Postage and Revenue stamp, which will be put into circulation on the 5th March, 1929.

"The design of the stamp is denoted by a profile of King George the Fifth, on a ground of horizontal lines, in an oval frame. The top of the frame is supported by columns, in the center of which is a Crown. The denomination 9d is shown (in circles) on each side of the Crown. On the left column, the word 'Postage' is printed, and on the right column, 'Revenue.'

"The word 'Jamaica' is shown at the bottom of the stamp between two squares, which are directly under the columns.

"The colour of the stamp is purple, printed on white script watermarked paper.

Signed, C. C. Manton,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The stamps were line engraved and recess printed in dull violet, by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London, on multiple Crown and script CA watermarked paper, comb perforated 14, in sheets of 120, divided into two panes of 60 each (6x10), with a narrow margin between the panes. There are "T" marks in all four margins, the same as on sheets of the 1½d brown issued Jan. 18, 1929, for aid in perforating.

The design measures 18x22mm, and the head of King George V facing left, is on a partially cross hatched and horizontally lined ground. The vignette opening, arched at the top, is surmounted by the Imperial Crown, and in the upper corners, circles enclose "9d" in colorless. At the bottom is "Jamaica" in colorless sans serif caps (not so bold as on the 1½d), and scroll topped pillars at the sides, are inscribed "Postage" and "Revenue," respectively.

The choice of color was not a very wise one, as a letter mailed to me from the Kingston G. P. O. on the first day of issue, March 5, 1929, was rated by the clerk there as short paid 1d, and 4 cents were collected on delivery. The 9d stamp was evidently mistaken for the 1½d brown, in the same type, issued on Jan. 18, 1929.

This is the first 9d stamp issued by Jamaica in its postal history of almost 70 years (distinctive Jamaican postage stamps were first placed on sale Nov. 24, 1860); in fact, very few British Colonies have found it necessary to include this denomination in their Postage and Revenue series. Grenada in the Windwards issued on December 27, 1922, a 9d violet and black, Postage and Revenue stamp, DLR-1912 keyplate design, along with the 5d and 3s, as the result increased postage and parcel rates. However, this 9d denomination was dropped, in 1928, from the Grenada series, along with the 4d, 5d, 2s and 3s, as stamps for which the demand has lessened, or disappeared. They will not be reordered when present stocks exhaust.

The probability is that the 9d of Jamaica will not be seen much on the mails leaving the island, as it was issued primarily for use on telegrams. Ninepence is the charge throughout the island for any number of words up to twelve (the address and signature are both counted), and ½d for every additional word. If the addressee resides more than one mile from the terminal office, a porterage fee of 6d per mile is charged; or if a horse messenger is required, the fee is 1s per mile. The charge for transmission, and for porterage of telegrams, must be prepaid by means of adhesive stamps.

The Jamaican Government telegraphs are under the control of the Postmaster for Jamaica, and on December 31, 1927, 60 telegraph offices were in operation. Of this number four were railway stations, in direct communication with the Telegraph Dept.; in addition there were 39 railway stations where messages were accepted.

The total number of telegrams sent during 1927 was 334,818, as against 315,549 in 1926, and the revenue was £19,584 and £18,007, respectively. Official telegrams handled by the Department numbered 27,416 (29,544 in 1926), which if charged for at regular rates, would have increased the receipts by £1,360.

During 1927, £773,15.0 was spent in telegraph maintenance by the Telegraph Dept., and £4,552 by the Public Works Dept., for line construction and maintenance.

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C. F. MANN

Charles F. Mann, assistant local treasurer, entered the service of the Illinois Central System August 16, 1891, as elevator boy and telephone operator in the general office building, 78 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, near the present Randolph Street Suburban Station. September 4, 1891, he became a messenger and guard the treasurer's office under Henry De Wolfe, who was treasurer at that time, and held various positions in that office until November 12, 1906, when he was made cashier, which position he held until August 1, 1926, when he was appointed assistant local treasurer. Mr. Mann was born in Chicago, July 11, 1872, and received his education in the schools of Chicago. He is one of the best known stamp collectors in Chicago, and has for years held various offices in the Chicago Philatelic Society and is at present treasurer of that society. He also served several terms as treasurer of the American Philatelic Society.—*Illinois Central Magazine,* March, 192

BULLY FOR BUSH

In the *Centre Democrat,* special edition, of Bellefonte, Pa., dated March 23, 1929, we find one of the best philatelic interviews of the day. The account is headed: "Stamp Collecting Valuable Hobby. Interview With George T. Bush, of Bellefonte, Reveals Surprising Facts," and occupies nearly two columns of page on the front page. Its readable vein high and its philatelic content solid. The reporter begins by saying that his discient eye espied "some gayly colored velopes" in the hand of Mr. Bush, then follows this lead down through Clark memorial stamps and some general observations on philately. The envelopes were air mail from Mexico, and Mr. Bush, after introducing them, tells Lindbergh covers, first flights and similar things. Mr. Bush, whose guess about as good as the next man's, is that an estimate of three million collectors in the world, "from crowned heads to the ordinary citizen," is justified. He gives the Philatelic Agency a well praise and tells of finds that have riched fortunate hunters and say that many a rare item is blushing unseen solitary state waiting to be recovered the philatelic world. We select a paragraph from the interview which have a tendency to liven collecting neighborhood of Bellefonte:

"We asked him how long he had collecting and he stated that in 18 he had traded a jack-knife with for a small notebook pasted with a collection of stamps and from that never lost his interest, though at periods of years it had become quiescent and then would flare up again. He one of the first members of the American Philatelic Society, the premier society the world with about four thousand lectors and of which he is now member. He said that many of the dailies of the U. S. devote a column sometimes a page to stamp collecting which is rated as the most extensively by today, from the hundred of millions of dollars invested in it."

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Today, he was prowling around the corridors of the 7th Ave. Post Office, partly for warmth and partly because people sometimes dropped stamps or coins, or he might run across an easy pocket or handbag to pick.

He happened to be on the third floor, near the cashier's office, when there was a sudden explosion, short but sharp, and a burst of flame, and everyone in the room made a rush for the hall. He caught a glimpse through one of the counter windows of the open vault door in the rear room, and an idea came into his mind instantly.

There were thousands of dollars worth of stamps in there, many thousands. Stamps were as good as money; he could work them off in small quantities readily. He took the easy chance offered by the confusion, was into the room, around the edge out of sight and into the vault in a second. There he grabbed the first package of stamps his hand could reach, put it under his coat, and was out again almost instantly.

Met at the outer room door by the gaping crowd, he said in apparent excitement, "I tried to stamp it out, but it's too big. Call the engines. Where is a box?" And without waiting for a reply he pushed his way through the crowd, looking down the hall for a supposed fire alarm box, reached the stairs and was gone.

The package bulged alarmingly under his coat. Anyone with half an eye could see he was concealing something, so a few feet down the street he picked up a discarded newspaper, spread it, slipped the package in and folded it hastily, and then carrying it boldly under his arm, made for his room. The package was heavy, and he gloated over it, trying to estimate the value of the stamps, figuring on ways of disposing of them in large or small quantities, and visioning food, warm clothes and drink in plenty. Perhaps a trip south until the weather warmed up!!

He reached his room in safety, locked the door and proceeded eagerly to unwrap his plunder. It was an unbroken package, with big red seals. He turned to the end of it and his heart jumped as he read "50,000." "What a killing!" His mind rose to figure the value of 50,000 two-cent stamps, but instantly his heart flopped as he read the balance of the inscription—"$5.00 Stamps." He took in the wording in full, "50,000 $5.00 Stamps."

He stared at the printing, unable to believe his eyes. After a minute of this, with thoughts racing through his brain, he feverishly tore off the wrapper and exposed the stamps, but there was no mistake. They were Five Dollar stamps, red with a blue head of a woman in some sort of monkey getup.

He tried to figure it in his head, but gave up and took a pencil to the newspaper edge, and then stared at the result. He had $250,000 worth of stamps looking him in the face; a fortune—and what could he do with it. Who would buy Five Dollar stamps from him?

No bartender, no restaurant, no fence, nobody! Nobody, for nobody could use 'em. What in thunder did they make such stamps for, anyway? Who would ship anything by mail that was big enough or heavy enough to need a Five Dollar stamp? He had no idea.

A fortune in his hands! A quarter of a million dollars!! And not worth a plugged nickel to him!!! Suddenly he jumped and a smile of relief came to his face. He remembered that around Times Square he had seen several places where there were frames of funny looking stamps for sale. He had stopped once or twice to apparently study them, in order to avoid facing a cop, and had wondered why anyone would want to buy them.

He could sell his stamps, a few at a time, to some of those goofs. He sat up excitedly. He would have to sell at a discount of course, but he could sell half a dozen to one fellow, say at four dollars each, half a dozen to another, and so on. He saw visions of money. Every day he could sell a few and he could play the races, do anything he wanted to with the money.

Then his face fell again. How many would those guys buy from him? Not many, because there couldn't be much chance for them to sell 'em again. And suppose they asked him where he got them, what would he say?

He *couldn't* get rid of many, except very slowly. What he would do, he'd take a strip of five to one of those fellows and say he found 'em, and get what he could for them, and do the same thing with each of those whose signs he could find, and so get a pretty good stake.

But suppose those muts stood in with each other and told? Right away they would be onto him. Perhaps by the time he offered them to some guy he had already been phoned to, and then he would be grabbed for the police!

Well, the only thing to do was to work fast; beat 'em to it. Sell a lot quick and get a stake. Then maybe he could go somewhere else and sell more. Maybe he could go to Europe and there get rid of the lot. He would carelessly ask one of those stamp birds if people in Europe sold stamps, and where. Then, if he had sold enough for a stake, he would go over there and unload the entire lot on some guy for what he could get. That was it! That was the solution. Be a wise guy and beat 'em to it. Pump them for information and then unload.

A grin spread over his face. Maybe they sold stamps in Paris! If he could sell enough to get over there and then unload on some bird, what a time he would have.

He would get busy at once. He tore off two rows from the top sheet and made four strips of five. He could tell each man that he found that many. That would give him a start anyhow. Hold on; he might find more than four guys selling stamps, or he might hit one he felt he could do business with, so he folded up the balance of the sheet and put it in his pocket, packing up the balance in his trunk.

He started out for 42nd Street. At a corner newsstand a heading caught his eye. He hadn't a cent, but waiting a chance he swiped the paper and went up to the next corner to read it unobserved. He read it.

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He sneaked back to his room and slumped down on the bed. It was true! Not worth a nickel!! He couldn't sell one of them. He had a fortune and was busted. He pulled the stamps from his pocket and tore them to bits. He spat viciously at the trunk where the package was hidden. He cursed wildly, and spent the balance of the afternoon and evening trying without success to think up some way of selling at least a few.

Early the next morning, hungry and shivering, he carried the package down to the river, walked out to the end of a pier, and hurled it as far as he could into the water.

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I have just acquired a further original find, containing not only a good number of the 1851 3c orange-brown in singles, pairs, and strips with the "Express Mail" cancellation, but in addition a fair quantity of Prestamp covers from numerous cities. As I make no effort to stock these Prestamp covers, they are offered, like in former cases, at prices which should move them without delay.

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New "Dam" Stamps

The Department has decided to issue a stamp or stamps in connection with the completion of the engineering feats on the Ohio River, and the issue may be expected in the early fall. A definite design has not been decided upon, and while tentative approval has been given by the Postmaster General, details are not as yet definitely known.

Right at the present time, it is thought that there will be one single stamp of 2c denomination, but as the Postmaster General is from Ohio, when the issue finally appears, it may have grown from one to two or three denominations.

2c "Clark" Inverted Center

While the heading might lead one to believe that such a variety is now in the hands of the collector, nevertheless, this is not the case insofar as we know at the present time.

The Bureau, however, recently through error, printed four sheets with inverted center, and I learned from one of the employees that these were immediately destroyed, in fact the four sheets did not go further than the press that printed them, for they were neither gummed nor perforated, but were destroyed in their first stage.

While the issue has been watched closely, there is still the possibility of an actual error with inverted center being finally located, although we are frank in stating that the location of such a variety is not expected.

One kind soul in Des Moines mailed a cover on April first, from his city, with the center neatly cut out and inverted in relation to its frame. The variety really looks attractive with the center in this condition and here's hoping that someone will be so fortunate as to locate a sheet.

"State" Stamps

The new stamps with "State" overprints, have been completed, and the issue is ready to go forward to Kansas and Nebraska. The matter is being given the further approval of the new Postmaster General; and it is believed that the issue will be available shortly after these notes appear. It is now expected that arrangements will be made whereby they will be obtainable at the Philatelic Agency, so that it will not be necessary for the collector to write to the two States in order to obtain their supply, as we had at first expected.

1873, 6c Double Transfer

Mr. Charles J. Phillips has shown me a most interesting variety that I have not noted before, namely—the 1873 Continental printing, 6c dull pink, with a very distinct double transfer. Several of the letters of "POSTAGE" are doubled, the "O" and "S" being especially noticeable, and may be seen with the naked eye.

1869 Issue, Japanese Use

We had the pleasure of describing in this column, several months back, a very unusual cover which had been shown us with certain denominations of our 1869 issue used from "Hiogo" to "Yokohoma." The cover was carried via American steamship, hence, had the American stamps.

The question was raised by one of our readers who took the trouble to write to several to whom he imagined the cover might belong, questioning the use of such a cover, and indicating that no such place as "Hiogo" existed. While stamps of the 1869 issue have been known and recognized for many years, the question coming up as it did, made a further investigation advisable.

The Japanese Embassy at Washington writes that "Hiogo" is the name of a district in Kobe, Japan, so that there is no question about the letter being carried via American steamship from Hiogo to Yokohoma. As stamps bearing the Hiogo postmark are in many collections, it was thought advisable to definitely settle the question.

Registered Mail Cancellation

The Third Assistant Postmaster General in the *Postal Bulletin* for March 28th, calls attention of postmasters to the fact that stamps on registered letters are not being effectively defaced, in many cases. He states that extreme care should be exercised in seeing that cancelling devices are kept clean and that stamps should be cancelled in such a manner, as to prevent the re-use of postage stamps.

Mr. R. S. Regar, however, remembers the postage stamp collector and further states:

"Postage stamps may be properly cancelled without disfiguring the stamps. Care should be exercised not to cause disfigurement of postage stamps having philatelic value. A composition stamp, containing two elliptical lines, without the name of post office and State (item 681 under the heading Rubber Stamps and Supplies of the List of Postal Supplies furnished post offices of the first and second classes) has proven satisfactory for the cancellation of postage stamps having philatelic value, affixed to registered mail."

The postmark that he describes is being used in New York City, and makes quite a neat cancellation, which recalls the grid postmarks of the 1847 period.

Australian Commonwealth. — The *Philatelic Magazine* in a recent issue reports that despite the official deni the effect that no Centenary Comm rative stamp was contemplated for Australia they have received from of their correspondents a reproducti a design by G. Pett Morison with a ting stating that the Australian P. M has agreed to an issue of this desig

Guatemala.—The 2 pesos orange the 5 pesos claret have been surch "1928 ½ CENTAVO DE QUETZAL" in lines in black, and copies have been mitted by Whitfield King & Co.

Irish Free State.—According t *Irish Times* semi-official informati to hand that the Free State Governm has decided to make a special issu postage stamps to commemorate the tenary of the Roman Catholic Emanc tion next June. It has not been defi decided whether more than one nomination will be issued, but it i pected that all the denominations w used. A head of the "Liberator" (D iel O'Connell) will doubtless be the ture of any design accepted by Ministry.

Panama. — The *Economist Bu* states that a hurried provisional ai stamp was recently issued to frank l carried by Colonel Lindbergh on h cent flight to Miami. A new and s unused special delivery stamp show post office clerk riding a bicycle, used for this purpose. 10c orange charged in blue "CORREO AEREO" at monoplane in centre with numerals at each side, and "VEINTICINCO CEN MOS" at bottom.

Salvador.—According to the *Ec mist Bulletin* an entirely new and pected provisional has appeared wit numerals "1" in upper corners, and CENTAVO" at lower centre, and the o al numerals and value barred out.

Spain.—The series of Seville-Bar lona Exhibition stamps which have rumored for nearly a year and offi announced last October, are now according to the *Philatelic Mag* The exhibition was fixed for last au and has twice been postponed, but i fixed. Spain has its own set, whil for Tangier, Cape Juby, Fernando Spanish Sahara and Spanish Guinea have the same stamps appropriately printed. In addition there is a s air stamps and an express letter s which is for Spain only. 1c bright (Peasant), 2c dull green (Peasant lake red (View through Archways blue-green (King Alphonso in med with view each side), 15c blue, 20c (both same as 10c), 25c carmine-re sepia, 40c bright blue, 50c vermili slate, 4p carmine, 10p brown (Pict a sailing ship). Air stamps 5c b 10c carmine, 15c bright blue, 50c 1p yellow-green, and 4p black (e plane in flight). Express Letter s 20c orange-red (Leaping Antelo These several series are the work Spanish National Mint, and all be inscription "Exposicion Gral Sevilla celona 1929".

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Collector's Contest Concluded

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CLARENCE NYHLEN, secretary, says that a neighborhood stamp club has been organized on the far south side, Chicago; his address is: 8580 Euclid Avenue.

WE are anxious to furnish Miss Harriette Blanchard, Boston, with desired information. She would like to find out about the issue of Turkey, No. 634 to No. 636, showing the legendary blacksmith, Boscourt and his pet wolf, on the stamps. We cannot place our finger on the story wanted.

MR. T. C. E. HUNTER, Akron, Ohio, recently president of the Chicago Philatelic Society before his removal from the city, spoke on "Hobbies" before the Rotary Club at Ravenna, Ohio, March 25th, and showed stamps from May 6, 1840, to the issue of February 25, 1929, including the "broken line" stamp, Clark issue; and also, his Irish. At the same time, Mr. Harry Lyons of Ravenna exhibited stampless covers, and the '47 series.

THE HUMBOLDT STAMP CLUB of St. Paul, at a recent meeting, elected Harry Belinsky, president; Irving Waldman, vice-president; and Melvin Abromovitch, secretary-treasurer. Postmaster Moos of St. Paul was said to have accepted an invitation to speak before the student body of the Humboldt High School.

THERE were 449 bidders at P. M. Wolsieffer's 300th anniversary sale, plus 30 from out-of-town, who attended the Philadelphia sale, with the local buyers.

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the Washington-applied cachets in black? How about it, Mr. Gatchell?

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Night flying on the Cleveland-Pittsburgh route has been postponed from April 1st, owing to incomplete work on the route. * * * The first membership list of the A. P. S. Air Mail Unit shows 43 names. This unit is featuring the A. P. S. Sales Dept., an exchange dept., and new issue service at cost on airmail stamps. John Hartwig, Arcade, Box 1100, Los Angeles, is the manager. * * * Service for Worcester, Mass., announced to begin with the opening of Airport Newark has been held up, and the starting date is still uncertain. It is hoped to begin this pickup not later than early summer. * * * Newspapers report that service between Calgary, Great Falls, and Salt Lake City is to start in the near future. Nothing official on this yet, however. * * * The National Air Mail Society headquarters at Chicago, is issuing a snappy news bulletin to members monthly.

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Newton, Iowa, plans to dedicate a new airport about May 1st; Florence, Ariz., within the next six or eight weeks. This word is from the Chambers of Commerce in these cities. I have a questionnaire letter which I send to all cities who are listed as planning new airports, and any that are listed in this department are definitely checked up. Fully 90% of those to whom I write are planning nothing definite at all soon, so it would be foolish to publish a list of all such prospects.

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Several folks have written aggrieved letters bewailing the downright carelessness of collectors sending in covers to some collector who has kindly agreed to handle letters for a certain event. Here are the points as one man lists them. (1.) 25% addressed him wrong. (2.) 5% were postage due, and he had to pay it. (3.) 3% sent letters with only 2c postage, when nothing but airmail was being sent. (4.) 40% sent empty and unsealed covers. (5.) 8% sent special delivery letters, which saved very little time, and got the handler up out of bed about a dozen times in the night to receipt for them. (6.) 20% wrote all over the envelope, leaving no decent space for the cachet. How about it? Aren't we all a bit thoughtless sometimes? Think it over the next time you fix up a bunch of covers.

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Several weeks ago we quoted Mr. C. J. McAhon, Tom's River, N. J., as offering to handle covers for Lakehurst, for the next Zeppelin flight. He and I have both had a lot of questions on this, which I'll try to answer here. Mr. McAhon makes no charge for his help. Covers will be mailed at Lakehurst, and must be addressed to some point in Germany, or beyond. The U. S. Consul in Berlin kindly received and returned covers from the last flight. Postage rates will be announced later. Write in advance to whomever you address your letters, enclosing a money order for the return postage. Covers will not be round trip, but will be returned under separate cover. If you want to get in early, send your covers to Mr. McAhon unstamped, but with remittance at the rate of $1.05 for letters, and 53c for cards, which were the rates last time. If they are reduced, he'll refund the difference. And remember, these good fellows who offer their services are doing lots of work for nothing. Stick in an extra cover or stamp for them when you send in your lot.

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These coöperators are inspiring me with some real enthusiasm! Another big list this week. And that's where the news comes from. They are:—Joseph Goldberg, ***P. R. Hudson, Carter Glass, Jr., Geo. Kreyling, Lieut. Charles R. Smith, Thomas E. Cable, Jr., Smith D. Arnett, Anna M. Schafer, Harold R. Blackstone, P. R. Crooker, *Charles A. Forster, F. D. Markee, Wm. J. Barron, Maurice S. Petty, C. J. McAhon, *Donald C. Holmes, *O. H. Phinney, *Bradie Buchanan, James C. Maher, **Frank Herget, Jno. K. Howe, Geo. T. Street, L. S. Kauffman, J. P. Penning, Norman Tulp, and R. L. Eberhard.

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The British 6-day service to India started March 30th. The first big 20-passenger plane carried 346 bags of mail for Egypt, Palestine, and India. * * * Otis, Colorado, postponed its dedication from Mar. 16, to Mar. 30. The Commercial Club printed a special cachet in red on all airmail sent out. Covers sent in early have the printed date "16" crossed out, and "30" stamped over it. Later covers are printed "30". Mail was carried in the regular contractor's plane to Denver, where it was postmarked and sent on its way. * * * The same mail brought in the covers from Palestine, Texas, which also dedicated on the 30th. Cachet "Dedication Howard Gardner Municipal Airport Palestine Texas March 30 1929" in magenta.

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The last airmail from Detroit over Route 17, left there on the evening plane, March 30. The route slip with my covers shows they went to Newark, N. J., from where they came to Wooster by train. * * * Frank Herget sent through several covers from Buffalo, March 31st, with a private cachet in honor of Capt. Lundborg's visit there.

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News clippings state the Graf Zeppelin will make a double round trip across the Atlantic, leaving Germany the first time about May 10th, stopping at each terminal only long enough to refuel. Makes some interesting possibilities for round trip covers that I did not know of when making previous mention of this. Better get your covers for the first trip from Germany off to the postmasters at Berlin or Friedrichshafen, with money orders for 50c for each cover, and 25c for each card.

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Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugen Homestead, Pa., makes this offic nouncement for CAM 11. A spec ond anniversary cachet will be use Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Young and Cleveland, April 21st. All p covers sent to Mr. Penning will the cachet. In addition, for 50c of 4, including envelopes, postag addressing, Mr. Penning has a for pilot-signed covers. Excess o of covers will go to the pilots' fu not send envelopes for this—j money, and the rest will be taken

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Roswell, N. Mex., will dedicate airport by June. The Lions C backing this and promise a cach Chamber of Commerce does too. L. Eberhard, Box 454, Roswell, offers to look after any covers th be sent to him, getting all the that may be provided. Now do get what I just said.

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Joseph Goldberg sends an odd It bears the regular Mar. 9, firs cachet of Mexico City, but is post the 19th! The letter is backs Chicago, Mar. 29th. Anybody on this one? * * * The Portland Chamber of Commerce plans a cachet on mail leaving Portland first flight of the Pasco extensio 1st, and are receiving covers now. land-Vancouver route may open same date, also.

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"Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that arrangements have been completed to begin the issuance of special overprinted postage stamps in sheet form in denominations of 1 to 10 cents, inclusive, to post offices in Kansas and Nebraska, for placing on sale to the public. So far as practicable, all requisitions for these denominations now on hand in the department from direct-accounting postmasters will be filled with the overprinted stamps. The surcharge, representing the respective State abbreviations, will appear in black ink across the lower half of the stamps.

The overprinted-style stamps will be issued to all post offices in the above-named States, with the exception of Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita, Kans., Omaha and Lincoln, Nebr., where ordinary postage stamps will be continued on sale for local use.

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3310	15c Red Brown	.07	
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3475	Blue	.60	..
3476	Carmine	2.20	..
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3492	15c Black	1.90	..
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3501	1c Black	1.00	..
3502	1c Slate	..	.04
3503	5c on Buff	.12	.10
3504	10c on Green	.05	.05
3505	25c on Salmon	..	.10
	1885. Postal Telegraph Company		
3510	10c Green	.65	.07
3511	15c Red	.65	.12
3512	25c Blue	.65	.05
3513	50c Brown	.65	.25
3514	Blue-Gray (1892)	.15	..
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3529	Chocolate (1902)	.05	.03
3530	Blue (1903)	.07	..
3531	Blue on Blue (1904)	.20	..
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3671	Blue (1882)	1.25	..
3672	Yellow Brown (1883)	1.00	..
3673	Gray Violet (1884)	.05	..
3678	Olive Green (1889)	.08	..
3679	Purple (1890)	.06	..
3680	Brown (1891)	.12	..
3681	Vermilion (1892)	.15	..
3682	Blue (1893)	.15	..
3683	Green (1894)	.12	..
3688	Olive Green (1899)	.02	..
3689	Red Violet (1900)	.03	..
3693	Green (1903)	.09	..
3695	Carmine Rose (1905)	.06	..
3701	Green (1911)	.50	..
3702	Violet (1912)	.90	..
3704	5c Brown (1914)	.15	..
3705	25c Slate (1914)	.30	..
3706	5c Orange (1915)	.15	..
3707	25c Olive Green (1915)	.35	..
3708	5c Light Blue (1916)	.10	..
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3712	5c Olive Green (1918)	.10	..
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3714	5c Brown (1919)	.10	..
3715	25c Blue (1919)	.25	..
3716	5c Dark Green (1920)	.08	..
3717	25c Olive Green (1920)	.18	..
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3719	25c Deep Blue (1921)	.10	..
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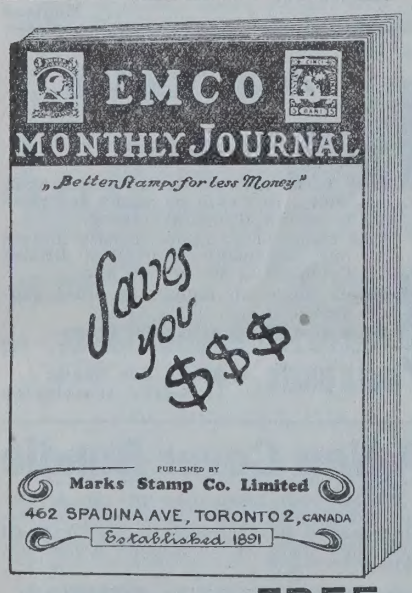

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The agency supply is likely to be similar to the general run of rotary stamps, that is—a large percentage off-centered, and these are going to be distributed rather than be destroyed as heretofore, for the supply has been taken from the relatively small number prepared for the states, and there will be no further supply at the Bureau to draw upon so that the agency will distribute their entire supply just as they run. They also wish to announce that orders for plate number blocks will not be honored, but that those seeking such blocks must purchase entire sheets. They also request that orders calling for these stamps should call for no other issues. If other issues are called for, there is likely to be a longer delay in receiving a reply.

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At last some news from this far-off country to revive the interest of the collector of its once so much coveted philatelic treasures.

Some time last year I received from an Australian dealer the 1½d stamp, Scott's No. 84, with the error POSTACE, for which he asked a price of 9/-, or $2.25 net, and presuming that this error was to be found on a complete sheet of a face value of only 5/- I wrote out to the Postmaster at Daru, ordering amongst other current stamps a sheet of this value with full margins.

That was on July 3d, but no reply was received within the usual period of from five to six months, and as my letter was sent by registered mail, I wrote again in February to enquire about its fate; after another six weeks, and no reply having come forward I sent out a tracer through the N. Y. Post Office, and as it happens so often, a few days later the letter from Daru arrived with an apology for the delay, caused by a temporary shortness of the particular 1½d value.

Well, I have been fully rewarded for the long wait, because the sheet which I received is a distinct novelty, the stamps being no longer printed or lithographed by T. S. Harrison, but by A. J. Mullett, Australian Note and Stamp Printer, as it appears on the lower margin, and as might be expected, the stamp proper is a decided change from the original issue of 1925. The color of the margin is a light yellow-brown as against the former deep red-brown, and the centre a greyish violet-blue as against the former pale ultramarine.

The frame appears to be the same, but the centre gives the appearance of having been retouched, particularly the background showing the Hanuabada village and a chain of hills, and for anybody wishing to hunt for varieties, the sheet certainly offers a wonderful field.

Stamp No. 1 has the above mentioned error POSTACE at right, catalogued by Stanley Gibbons, as No. 113a-b at 10/-.

Stamp No. 2 has the foot of P in Postage at right broken off, so that the word reads DOSTAGE, besides this stamp has a beautiful rift in the clouds, beginning at the base of the second A of Papua, running diagonally downward towards the top of the first sail to a length of 6mm, and from there horizontally to the left to a total length of fully 10mm.

Stamp No. 37, that is the second one of the last row, has a broken T in Postage at right, so that the word reads clearly, POSIAGE.

There are also untold numbers of misformed leaves at the sides and the bottom of the stamps, the most conspicuous one being No. 12, where one of the leaves at right has a horizontal white line attached, making it look like a bent-over leaf. There is also quite a variety of the numbers indicating the value, and several stamps have two, and in one case, three dots under the d (for pence); the rope connecting the upper and lower end of the sail aft is often colorless, but this may be due to insufficient inking of the plate.

Across the entire first vertical row of eight there runs a number of very fine lines, like so-called hair-lines through the margins of the stamps, similar to the same peculiarity found on the 1d stamp of the first issue for British New Guinea, with the difference that lines are white instead of black.

The watermark is the same as before, Crown over A sideways, but heading to the left, instead of the right, but this may be a peculiarity of my specific sheet, as it occurs occasionally with the previous issue, though it is not often found thus, and is generally called inverted. The new stamps are unquestionably a major variety and should be recorded as such.

As to the other stamps received I have to state that the lot contains again the 6d, Scott's No. 83, though in a much lighter shade, also with the wmk. inverted, but as the block has no lower margin, I cannot give the name of the printer. The 3d is of the Harrison print, but in a sort of bluish-green shade and a brownish-black centre, quite different from the two shades recorded by Stanley Gibbons. The 2½d Scott's No. 79 could not be supplied because it is "no longer in issue."

All other values received show no marked difference from those in my collection. To make my report complete, I will state that Daru has a new postmark, with the name in much larger letters than formerly and minus the W. D. to designate the Western Division of the Territory, of which it is the principal town with the seat of the Administration.

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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Response from readers sending Vincennes plate combinations has become so large that the sum total of these lists amounted to several hundred entries since our last appearance and we are able to present fifty-six additional combinations for chronicle, as follows: Border 19720, Center 19733; Border 19721, Center 19732; Border 19722, Center 19733-39; Border 19723, Center 19733; Border 19724, Center 19734-35-36; Border 19726, Center 19733-35; Border 19727, Center 19728-34; Border 19740, Center 19728-29-30-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39; Border 19741, Center 19729-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39; Border 19742, Center 19728-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39; Border 19743, Center 19728-29-30-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39. The first group of ninety-six combinations are now reported 100%, and all but eight of these combinations average up. 19722-39 and 19727-34 have been reported twice, and 19722-28, 19723-26, 19724-28-38, 19725-39, and 19727-28 but three times. This seems strange when we consider the large number of times the others were reported.

Lack of space forbids more than brief mention, but it is very interesting to compare reports from all sections of the country, some of them containing over fifty entries. It is remarkable to note, that with one exception, no variations have been found. Contributors this week are: John W. Spencer (2), G. S. Dills, Joseph Wood, Earl C. Taylor, Dr. Herbert B. Priest, Samuel Rosenberg, C. Robert Bressler, A. T. Brown, Samuel C. Prescott, E. de Haas, Walter P. Yarnell, Hon. Warren H. Orr, Henry C. Davis, Roy A. Barton, R. F. Morean (3), J. M. Bramann, Burton N. Gates (2); C. A. F., Charles H. Swale, James Farish, Frederick Krueger, Arthur Schinckler, A. J. Trythall, Arthur W. Line (2), A. W. Mead, John Phillips, Jr., Daniel J. Kaib, Arthur R. Davis, Charles M. Hall, and B. S. Brumley. A splendid list of coöperators!

Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly sends the latest information pertaining to booklets and writes in part: "Watch for numbers in the 73c combinations booklets, and the 97c 1c books. There are a number of 1c and 2c book numbers that I have not heard of being found, but which doubtless have gone to press. 1c 15968 and 16276-79 and 2c 18384-18401-08-09 are worth looking for. These were used last year I expect in combination books as the 1c rotary book plate was not made and flat plate 2c stock had to be used with the 1c sheets. There is a long list of certified 2c book plates that have not been cancelled, but likewise not put to press, and never will be probably. As long as they remain in the plate vault they are available for use. This in general covers all book plates, 1c from 16310 to 16612, and 2c from 18410 to 18512, except 18521. Some of these never have been certified, but many are ready for use, but have lost their job on account of the rotary press beating them out on cost of production."

A New York correspondent submits for inspection a plate strip of ten of the 5c air mail, plates 19615-608, showing something of an error. The word TOP (red) is almost eliminated, being but faintly perceptible. He has two other blocks of like appearance.

No. 19071, 2c current issue. Mr. James Hollywood sends for examination two copies from this plate showing an irregular red spot on the border of the right circle around the numeral "2". On one copy streaks reached to the numeral. This was caused no doubt by some foreign substance adhering to the plate at the time of printing, and is not, therefore, a true plate variety. The position of the stamp was not given.

Mr. Roy A. Barton sends for inspection a block of twelve of the Vincennes issue on which there occurs two creases in the paper extending over several stamps in the form of an irregular "V". Examination shows that the paper was creased after printing was completed.

Mr. R. W. Becker, treasurer of the Philatelic Plate Number Association, sends the list of errors on the 5c air mail stamp reported to him by members. These include the double TOP in both red and blue, printed on the left and the blank TOP on the right. All combinations have the same plate, 19597, and will be included in list of air mail combinations, to be presented later.

Mr. R. F. Morean kindly forwards first day cover from Vincennes on which he discovered the heavy red over the right ribbon, as reported in column last issue. Mr. Morean's specimen is very plain, and in addition the line has a streak curving from the over the numeral "2" and running through the numeral "9", almost touching the right edge of the ribbon at the top. No doubt this is an early printing and later specimens may not show the spot. The line itself, however, is very prominent. Mr. Damon, who was first to discover this oddity, did not send his specimens for examination, and therefore am unable to compare with his or copies.

Readers having any of the following missing plate numbers are requested to report: 15300-301-315-346-353-360.

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460	10c yellow	.12	.06
461	15c brown	.20	.15
462	20c bistre brown	.25	.18
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The last of the trio of Jamaican Postage and Revenue stamps (1½d, 9d and 1d) in the Cayman Islands type of 1921, announced by the Crown Agents in their Bulletin of October-December, 1928, as in preparation, was advised by a notice of 7th March, in the *Jamaica Gazette* of 14th March, for issue on 15th March, 1929.

"Stamp Office, KINGSTON,
7th March, 1929.

The following is a description of a penny Postage and Revenue stamp which will be put into circulation on 15th March, 1929.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a profile of King George the Fifth, on a ground of horizontal lines, in a circular frame, on the top of which is a Crown.

The denomination 1d is shown on labels on each side of the Crown.

To the left and right of the circle, the words "Postage" and "Revenue" are printed on labels between horizontal lines, and "Jamaica" is shown at the bottom of the stamp between parallel lines.

The colour of the stamp is red, printed on white script watermarked paper.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
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These stamps, like the 1½d and 9d, issued Jan. 18th and March 5th respectively, were line engraved and recess printed, by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London, on multiple Crown and script CA watermarked paper, comb perforated 14. But, unlike the 1½d and 9d, the 1d has the appearance of being printed from a plate of 240 subjects, i.e., four panes of 60 each, and dispatched in sheets of 120, 2 panes of 60. "T" marks are in the right, left and lower margins of the lower half sheet of the 1d which I have seen, but is absent from the upper margin, over the 3rd and 4th stamps of each pane, although it is in the usual position above the narrow gutter. Since such large quantities of the 1d stamp are needed, as compared with the 1½d and 9d, considerable saving would be effected by having it printed from a 240-subject plate rather than from one of 120.

Along the lower edge of the sheet of the 1d there is a band of engine turning, much the same as found on some sheets (not properly trimmed) of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Postage and Revenue series of 1928.

The stamp design measures 18x22mm (as in the case of the 1½d and 9d), and the head of King George V, facing the left, appears on a partially cross hatched and horizontally lined circular medallion, surmounted by the Imperial Crown. The denomination, 1d, colorless, is on horizontally lined octagons in squares in the upper corners; "Postage" and "Revenue" are on labels at the sides, and at the bottom, is "Jamaica", in color, outlined in colorless, on a horizontally lined label.

Although the designs of all three denominations in the Cayman Islands type are in good appearance, that of the 1d seems much better balanced than the 1½d and 9d on which the side ornamentation crowds in on the central medallion. The color too, of the 1d, a rich carmine, brings out the details of the design to better advantage than the sombre brown and violet of the 1½d and 9d. The brown used for the 1½d approaches that of the 1d of the Turks and Caicos Islands Postage and Revenue series of 1928, rather than the chestnut brown of the 1½d Cayman Islands, 1921.

March 15, 1929. King George V (Cayman Islands design). Line engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perforated comb 14.

1d carmine.

1d, King George V, Nyasaland Type, December 5, 1912

In 1912, Jamaica adopted the Nyasaland keyplate design and used it for all denominations of the series (introduced with the 3d on Mar. 6, 1912), 1d to 5s, excepting the ½d, which continued in the Arms type of Nov. 8, 1906. The 1d Nyasaland type first appeared in booklets (18—1d and 12—½d Arms type) on December 5, 1912, being gazetted on December 12, 1912. Printed in sheets of 240, from plate 1, it was not placed on sale until February of the following year. The first invoice covering 1d stamps is dated November 4, 1912—7,137 sheets of 240.

During 1913 no less than 76,963½ sheets of the 1d carmine were dispatched to Jamaica; in 1914, 1,030½ sheets; in 1915, 27,366 sheets; in 1916, 5,014; none at all during the years 1917, 1918 and 1919; the final printing of 750 sheets, was invoiced by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., on Oct. 7, 1920. Subsequent to 1916 the stamp was printed in scarlet instead of carmine.

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	10	20.00
	11, dgd.	5.00
	14	8.50
	18	7.50
	20	3.00
	22	12.50
	33	12.50
	34	3.00
	37	3.00
	42	7.50
	43	10.00
	45-47 (2 used)	5.00
	49-50	4.25
	52	2.00
	55 and 55a	5.50
4.	**Egypt** #15	6.50
	108 stamps, $20.00	4.00
5.	**Falkland Isds.** (30, $19)	6.00
6.	**Fiji** (45, $25)	6.25
7.	**Gambia** 9 & 10	6.00
	28 stamps, $30	9.00
8.	**Gibraltar** 1, 2, 3	4.25
	6	6.00
	8-11*, inc.	2.25
	12*	3.75
	15-21*, inc.	6.50
	Gibraltar 22-29*, inc. (10)	$4.50
	30-36* (10)	4.75
	37-43*	3.50
	48-53*	3.50
	54* or o	4.00
	58-62*	2.50
	73*	2.00
9.	**Heligoland** 1*	4.25
	1a*	8.50
	3-20 (no 8, 9, 11)	9.00
10.	**Ionian Isds.**, set *	6.00
11.	**Great Britain**, penny blacks	1.00
12.	**Gold Coast** 4-8	3.50
	6, two shades	2.00
	10-11	6.50
	27 stps., $11.50	3.00
	20a*	2.00
	22-23	3.00
	47 stps., $15.00	3.00
13.	**Hong Kong** (136, $60)	11.50
14.	**Lagos**, 16 stps., $12.50	2.50
15.	**Malta**, 55 stps., $20.00	6.50
16.	**Mauritius** 6	20.00
	10	5.00
	18	3.00
	19	4.25
	20*	1.50
	21	6.50
	21a	5.00
	22 (B 53)	3.50
	24*	3.50
	27, clipped	2.00
	28-29	2.50
	31	6.00
17.	**Natal**, 82 stps., cat. $52	12.00
18.	**Orange River** 138, $30	6.00
19.	**Papua** 16, $9.00	2.25

SPECIALS

A. United States #31, a good unused strip of 6 ..... $47.50
B. Confederate 208, fine 25.00
C. India and States, a nice collection 250 India and 330 States, some quite rare and fine items, cat. about $300 for only 60.00

ANDREW SLEDD, DECATUR, GA.

from issue for over a year to exhaust the 1d Nyasaland type. In the *Gazette* of Sept. 29, 1921, the new stamp was announced for issue on Oct. 3, 1921. It was typographically printed in orange and carmine, on chalk surfaced multiple Crown and Roman CA watermarked paper, in sheets of 160, 2 panes of 80 stamps each.

Shields in the upper corners of the frame design contain the denomination in colored figures and letters, with "Jamaica" between, colorless. At the sides and bottom are Arawak implements, weapons and pottery. The vignette shows an Arawak woman, seated on the ground, in front of her hut, making cassava. The inscription, "Arawak making Cassava," just below the vignette, is part of the frame design.

1d, Postage and Revenue, Script CA, December 5, 1922

Through an oversight, "Postage and Revenue" was omitted from the design of the 1d Arawak making Cassava, and in their December, 1921, communique, the Crown Agents advised that "A new border duty plate with the additional wording 'Postage and Revenue' has been put in hand for the 1d duty."

A supply of the 1d from the corrected frame plate was notified by the Crown Agents in June, 1922, as on order, and in September, 1922, as dispatched. This first printing was of 10,000 sheets (1,600,000 stamps), on script CA watermarked paper. The *Gazette* of Nov. 23, 1922, announced it for issue on December 5, 1922. In the frame design "Postage and Revenue," colorless, on a plain horizontal tablet, is substituted for the Arawak ornamentation at the foot of the frame of the Oct. 3, 1921 design.

With the reduction of the inland letter rate on August 2, 1923, from 1½d (effective since 1st April, 1916) to 1d, the demand for the 1d increased in the same proportion as that for the 1½d decreased.

Jamaica is one of the very few countries of the Western Hemisphere which has not yet accepted the proposal of the U. S. Post Office Dept. for the reciprocal exchange of letters at the domestic letter rate. However, since Jan. 1, 1922, the domestic letter rate of 2c applies to "letters mailed in the U. S. destined for Jamaica." Turks and Caicos Islands, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, and the far off Falklands also still charge 2½d on letters to the United States.

WESTERN FRANK "DOPE"

By HERMAN TOASPERN, F.H.S.L.

In preparing my auction sale of Western Franks, I found the following extract from the report of the Postmaster General for the year 1861, so far as I recollect this has never been published before.

OVERLAND CALIFORNIA MAIL

By the 9th section of an act of Congress approved March 2, 1861, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1862," authority is given to the Postmaster General to discontinue the mail service on the southern overland route (known as the "Butterfield" route) between St. Louis and Memphis and San Francisco, and to provide for the conveyance, by the same parties, of a six-times-a-week mail by the "central route"; that is, "from some point on the Missouri river, connecting with the east, to Placerville, California." In pursuance of this act, and the acceptance of its terms by the mail company, an order was made on the 12th of March, 1861, to modify the present contract, so as to discontinue service on the southern route, and to provide for the transportation of the entire letter mail six times a week on the central route, to be carried through in twenty days, eight months in the year, and in twenty-three days, four months in the year, from St. Joseph, Missouri (or Atchison, Kansas), to Placerville, and also to convey the entire mail three times a week to Denver City and Salt Lake; the entire letter mail to California to be carried, whatever may be its weight, and in case it should not amount to 600 pounds, then sufficient of other mail to be carried each trip to make up that weight, the residue of all mail matter to be conveyed in thirty-five days, with the privilege of sending it from New York to San Francisco in twenty-five days by sea, and the public documents in thirty-five days; a pony express to be run twice a week until the completion of the overland telegraph, through in ten days, eight months, and twelve days, four months, in the year, conveying for the government, free of charge, five pounds of mail matter; the compensation for the whole service to be one million of dollars per annum, payable from the general treasury, as provided by the act; the service to commence July 1, 1861, and terminate July 1, 1864. The transfer of stock from the southern to the central route was commenced about the 1st of April, and was completed so that the first mail was started from St. Joseph on the day prescribed by the order, July 1, 1861. While the carriages have, it is believed, departed regularly since that time, the mail service has not been entirely satisfactory to the department. The causes of complaint, however, it is hoped will be removed by the measures now in progress.

The route selected is that by Salt Lake City, so that that office has now the advantage of a daily mail, and Denver City is supplied three times a week. The overland telegraph having been completed, the running of the pony express was discontinued October 26, 1861. By the terms of the law the contractors were required to convey only the California letter mail on each trip by the short schedule, and this they were to do whatever might be its weight; but by voluntary agreement they stipulated that in case it should fall short of 600 pounds on any occasion they would take other mails so as to make that weight. As the letter mails are seldom or never equal to 600 pounds in weight, some papers are conveyed in connexion with the letter mails each trip by the short schedule, while others are necessarily delayed. This has occasioned complaint, and complaints have also been made of other delays, and that bags of printed matter have been thrown off en route for the admission of passengers and express matter. These charges are denied by the contractors; but while the conditions of the contract, fixed by law, allow a longer time for the transit of some mails than others, complaint and disappointment must of necessity occur.

At the commencement of threatening disturbances in Missouri, in order to secure this great daily route from interruption I ordered the increase of the weekly and tri-weekly service then existing between Omaha and Fort Kearney to daily, and an increase of pay thereon of $14,000 per annum. By that means an alternative and certain daily route between the east and California was obtained through Iowa, by which the overland mails have been transported when they became unsafe on the railroad route in Missouri.

In sending them from Davenport, through the State of Iowa, joining the main route at Fort Kearney, in Kansas, the only inconvenience experienced was a slight delay, no mails being lost so far as known.

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The second clipping is from the report of the Postmaster General for the year 1862.

CALIFORNIA OVERLAND MAIL

I regret to state that the overland mail service has not been satisfactory. It was assumed by Congress that this company could procure the transportation of much of the heavy matter by water, but no arrangement to effect this object was made till about the first day of July, 1862.

To this cause of failure must be added the unprecedented floods of last winter and spring, and Indian depredations.

Arrangements having now been made by the company for the water carriage of periodicals, &c., and a new and more direct route having been started, less liable to interruption by the Indians, I hope for greater success than has yet been achieved. With a good road and over a route which the special agents of the department, who have recently inspected it, think is now very safe, and can be made perfectly secure with a very slight increase of force upon it, future failures will be inexcusable. There have been irregularities on this line not excusable on any of the grounds above referred to, due measurably to mismanagement, and partly to the difficulties of the undertaking; but I am disposed to believe that those now in charge of this great national undertaking are intent on making it successful.

Its importance, indeed, is becoming more and more manifest. Every brings intelligence of the discover new mines of gold and silver in th gion traversed by this mail route, gives assurance that it will not be years before it will be protected supported throughout the greater pa the route by a civilized population.

As an agency in developing thes sources for the government the line is indispensable, and every ne protection and support should be to the company, and some allow made for failures in the beginnin the undertaking.

SURRENDER OF POST CENNES

By MELVILLE J. BOYER.

"*To the Inhabitants of Post Vincen*

Gentlemen: Being now within miles of your village, with my arm termined to take your fort this nigh not being willing to surprise you, I this method to request such of you a true citizens and willing to enjo liberty I bring you to remain still in houses; and those, if any there be are friends to the king will instant pair to the fort, and join the hair- general, and fight like men. And, i such as do not go to the fort sha discovered afterward, they may d on severe punishment. On the con those who are true friends to liberty depend on being well treated; and I more request them to keep out o streets. For everyone I find in ar my arrival I shall treat him as an e (Signed), G. R. CLA

Among many other interesting of the account of the attack and s der from Clark's "Memoirs" we sele following: "Thus the attack con until about 9 o'clock on the morni the 24th I sent a flag (with a lette manding the garrison. . . .

We met at the church, about yards from the fort, Lieutenant Go Hamilton, Major Hay, superintend Indian affairs, Captain Helm, their oner, Major Bowman, and myself. conference began. Hamilton pr terms of capitulation, signed, tha tained various articles, one of whic that the garrison should be surre on their being permitted to go to sacola on parole. After deliberati every article, I rejected the whol then wished that I would make proposition. I told him that I h other to make than what I had a made—that of his surrendering a oners at discretion. . . .

We took our leave, and parted few steps, when Hamilton stopt, a litely asked me if I would be so k to give him my reasons for refusi garrison any other terms than t had offered. I told him I had jections in giving him my real r which were simply these: that I kn greater part of the principal Indian sans of Detroit were with him; wanted an excuse to put them to or otherwise treat them as I t proper; that the cries of the widov the fatherless on the frontiers, whic had occasioned, now required their from my hand, and that I did not to be so timorous as to disobey th lute commands of their authority, I looked upon to be next to divin I would rather lose fifty men th to empower myself to execute thi of business with propriety; that, chose to risk the massacre of his g for their sakes, it was his own pl and that I might, perhaps, take my head to send for some of widows to see it executed. . . ."

The true collector requires more copy of a stamp but interests with the history of the occasion Clark Commemorative immortali may be seen from the above more minor episode. The account of th sode is not any too popular. Rogers Clark appears to have master strategist. One hundred a enty men bluffed "upward of six dred men," including Indians. the siege, I got only one man wou

Stop Press News

IECHTENSTEINS DESTROYED

nainders of the Prince John 1928 Jubilee Stamps Burned

ESSEN, GERMANY, Apr. 6.

n March 11, 1929, under the super- on of representatives of the princely ernment and the Swiss chief post of- of St. Gallen, the following remain- of the Prince John jubilee stamps ed Nov. 12, 1928, were destroyed by in the government building at Va- —10rp, 344,000; 20rp, 53,058; 30rp, 12; 60rp, 71,027; 1.20fr, 33,392; fr, 35,108; 2.00fr, 34,907; 5.00fr, 8.

will be remembered that the veteran ice John died a short while ago. ether the principality will continue ng stamps of its own, as heretofore, ains to be seen. At all events, col- rs interested in Liechtenstein postage ps should not hesitate to fill the va- spaces in their albums. In conjunc- with the above Mr. Charles S. mpson's instructive articles on the ps of Liechtenstein, which com- ced to appear in No. 1952 of the KLY, should be carefully read again.

A. WAGNER.

NEWS FLASHES

Effective May 1, Springfield, Ohio, become a regular stop on CAM 16.—ALD E. DICKASON.

I have an airmail cover which I to Seattle, Wash. It came back to badly charred, with a notice on the reading: "Seattle, Wash., March 1, damaged in Mail airplane wreck in ora, Neb., Feb. 26—C. M. Perkins, master." It is the only one I have d of yet from that wreck.—GLEN E. ARS.

Wm. Van informs us that he has re- blished himself in the stamp business 38 Fort St., Winnipeg, Canada. It be remembered that Mr. Van suf- severely recently from a disastrous He is doing business under the e of the Van-Cleland Book and Art e.

Philately is prospering greatly in aster, Pa., due largely to the splen- work of Rev. Martin J. Hoeppner, or of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. ddition to the Lancaster Stamp Club, is a Junior club, one of the largest most active in the country. Louis is Pres., but Mr. Hoeppner has the eral oversight and meets with the and girls every week. Will some ur dealers send Mr. Hoeppner some mens of perforation gauges for use e members of the club. It will be ly appreciated.

We have received from the Chalmers ishing Co., Miami, Fla., a neat little let, "The Easy Index of Stamps." s name indicates it offers a handy e to the placing of stamps where the iptions are not easily understood. It prove particularly valuable to the or as an aid in the locating of strange ps. We have no hesitation in rec- ending this little booklet to all who e better acquaintance with their p possessions. Price, 25c.

The exhibition held under the aus- of the Tacoma Philatelic Society a marked success due to the coöpera- of collectors, merchants, newspapers, The local press gave complete de- of the exhibition displaying the upon the front page both days. The its by prominent philatelists previ- announced in the WEEKLY won the ration and praise of hundreds of at- nts. We are proud of the record philately is making on the Pacific t.—CECIL F. BLOGG.

R. L. Bell advises us that a new air service will be opened May 1, serving Louis-Kansas City-Omaha. It is able that first day mail will receive ings that would make first day pat- ge advisable. No official informa- is at hand.

THE PRECANCEL STAMP SOCIETY

The Annual Convention to be Held at Kansas City, Sept. 4-6

The seventh annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society will be held at the Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 4-6. At the same time and place the Second Annual Precancel Exhibition will be held, directed by the Midwest Philatelic Society of Kansas City. This exhibition will consist of ten classes.

Certificates of Merit will be given to the winners in each class. The judges will be well-known precancelites. The President is one of the best hotels in Kansas City, and is located in the heart of the down town district. For information about the exhibition classes, write L. E. Oberholtz, 935 W. 33rd Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

ART BLEDSOE.

MARKS BUYS FROM KOSLOWSKI

The Marks Stamp Co. has acquired the bulk of the collections formed by Karl Koslowski of Detroit, a prominent philatelist of that city. The Marks firm will give a detailed announcement in the next issue of our publication. It will be decidedly attractive.

TENNESSEE STATE REVENUES

Warren T. Ware calls our attention to the fact that some new revenue stamps are to be issued by the state of Tennessee. The following official notice is being posted and indicates three new stamps, values 5c, 15c and $2.50. This is the text of the announcement:—

"House Bill No. 338, which act imposes a special privilege tax upon sales and distribution in this State of "Malt" or "Malt Extract" becomes effective April 12, 1929. This act imposes a tax of 5c on each pound of sixteen ounces or fraction thereof, of all such malt extract, derivatives or combinations thereof sold or distributed by sale or gift by any dealer in this state. Payment of this tax shall be evidenced by privilege tax stamps affixed to container of "Malt" or "Malt Extract" after same has come to rest in this state and intended to be sold or distributed by sale or gift in this state.

Privilege tax stamps are available in the following denominations, 5c, 15c and $2.50"

RELIANT BUYS ZISSLER STOCK

The Reliant Stamp Company of New York has purchased the personal collection and stock of the late Ludwig Zissler of Philadelphia. The transaction is one of the largest that has occurred in stamp circles recently. The purchase will be duly announced in our advertising columns next week without a doubt. Mr. Anderson of the Reliant Co., states that it will be many weeks before he can get the stock into salable shape.

NEW BUREAU PRINTS SHORTLY

Five new towns have placed orders for Bureau Print Precancels, and collectors may shortly expect to see Government issues from Holland, Mich., Jamestown, N. Y., Jackson, Mich., Manchester, Mass., and San Antonio, Tex. Holland, Manchester and San Antonio, will receive only one cent coils; while Jamestown has ordered the one cent ordinary and Jackson the one, one and a half and three cents ordinaries.

Jamestown, N. Y., placed an order with the Bureau in the summer of 1926 for coils, but this order was later cancelled. The present order is for ordinaries and not coils.

New values ordered by cities already in the Bureau Print catalog include Albany, N. Y., all ordinaries; Indianapolis, Ind., 3c, 4c and 10c coils; Lansing, Mich., 1c ordinary; Paterson, N. J., 1c coil; Rochester, N. Y., 4c, 6c, 8c ordinaries; Minneapolis, Minn., 8c ordinary; St. Louis, Mo., 7c ordinary; Syracuse, N. Y., 3c, 6c, 8c, 10c ordinaries; Trenton, N. J., 1c ordinary.

C. A. CARROLL.

FINE MINT COLONIALS

GOLD COAST

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
18	$1.00	$ .50
20	1.50	.85
22	3.00	1.80
25	12.00	7.50
31	2.50	1.25
33	6.00	3.25
34	10.00	6.00
41	1.75	.85
42	1.50	.75
43	1.50	.75
44	1.25	.65
45	4.50	2.50
46	5.00	3.00
47	7.00	4.00
48	17.50	11.00
52	2.50	1.25
53	1.00	.50
54	2.00	1.00
55	8.00	5.00
62	1.25	.65
63	1.50	.90
65	12.00	7.50
76	2.00	1.10
77	2.00	1.20
77a	3.00	1.75
78	3.50	2.10
78a	9.00	5.25
79	7.50	4.25
79a	6.00	3.90
80	9.00	6.40
82	4.00	2.10
93	2.50	1.60

MALTA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
13	$2.50	$1.25
16	1.25	.70
17	3.00	1.75
18	15.00	8.50
20c	Pair .. 3.60	2.50
23	1.75	.90
24	1.75	.90
47	1.25	.65
52	1.00	.50
54	1.00	..
58	1.25	.65
59	2.00	1.10
59a	4.00	2.25
60	5.00	3.00
61	25.00	15.00
62	1.50	.75
63	1.50	.75
64	15.00	9.00
73	1.25	.65
78	1.50	.75

MALTA

Cat. No.	Cat. Price.	Net
79	1.00	.50
80	1.25	.65
81	2.00	1.00
83	5.00	3.00
84	12.50	7.50
92	1.00	.50
94	6.00	3.50
103	1.25	.65
105	1.00	.60
106	5.00	3.00
108	5.00	3.00
109	9.00	5.00
127	12.00	7.00
128	5.00	3.00
129	7.00	4.20
163	..	1.60
164	..	3.20

COMPLETE MINT SETS

Belgium 1928 Charity	$ .70
Egypt 278 to 85	1.70
Egypt Geographical Congress	2.25
Egypt Agricultural Issue	6.50
France Decorative Arts 1925	.33
Germany 1924 Charity	2.50
Italy Second National Defense	1.00
Latvia Libau Commemoratives	1.50
Netherlands Olympic Games 1928	.60
Saar Madonna Issue	1.10
Saar 1927 Charity	.60
Saar 1928 Charity	.50
Sweden King Gustav Issue	.45
Tripolitania First Agricultural	1.25
Tunis Child Welfare	1.75
Uruguay Olympic Games	1.60
Uruguay 1925 Commemoratives	1.00

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MELANGE—

THERE is a letter at this office for Mr. W. A. MacCart. Who can furnish us with his address?

THE Bloomfield (N. J.) Stamp Club meets every Thursday night at "The Study," Free Public Library, Broad St. Plenty of interesting topics, lectures, exhibits, circuits from the United Stamp Societies and the Rutherford Stamp Club.

THE newly elected officers of the Michigan Stamp Club announced in the WEEKLY were installed at the last club meeting. Herman W. Boers was again made Publicity Manager of this club, and is now entering in upon his eighth year. He is no doubt the dean of club correspondents.

WE are indebted to Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman for a copy of the official circular dealing with the Kansas and Nebraska "state" stamps.

KARL KOSLOWSKI sends us the particulars of his experience with the Vincennes P. O., Feb. 25, and his complaint seems to be well grounded. We quote from his letter: "I submitted self-addressed envelopes, and plainly marked with pencil the exact shape of blocks wanted on each and every piece of mail, and great was my surprise to see this out-of-proportion, or rather top-heavy article arriving in a crazy quilt shape. Out of thirty blocks, four only were blocks at all. Could you imagine anyone making up a block of ten stamps for registration with a strip of three singles and three pairs, and all with straight edges. A block of four was made up of a pair and singles." Mr. Koslowski was unable to find words in the English language to describe his disgust.

W. T. WILSON sends us his Bi-Monthly List containing many timely offers, also the announcement of the Odjfell auction sale advertised elsewhere in this issue.

THERE are twenty-five exhibitors in the annual exhibition of the Junior Museum Stamp Club, which has just opened in the special exhibits rooms of the Newark (N. J.) Museum. Senior and Junior groups of the stamp club are both exhibiting, and a few adult collectors have lent stamps for the occasion.

"REGULAR meetings of the Metropolitan Philatelic Society of Boston, are held on the *second* Thursday of the month at 8.00 P. M., in Room 18 of the Quincy House. The membership is composed of both sexes, and visitors are always welcome. Membership dues are only one dollar per year."

ERWIN STRASSER has changed his address to 317 Superior Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. Correspondents will take due notice.

TWO SPECIAL CACHETS

Colonial Western Airways, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., will handle air mail sent to their office for dispatch on May 1, when new CAM 20 schedule goes into effect. A special cachet will be applied.

A special cachet will be applied to all mail from Cape Henry, Va., April 26. It will commemorate the landing of Capt. Newport on April 26, 1607. Lieut. J. J. Johnson, Cape Henry, Va., will care for covers sent him.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

U. S. COVERS

3c 1861, tied with Fort Smith, Ark., in straight line	$ 5.00
3c 1861, Army Post Straight Line canc.	5.00
3c 1861, tied with Chattanooga, Tenn., December 25, 1863, in two str. lines	20.00
3c 1861, with Hanover, Mass., "Paid 3" in circle	.50
3c 1857, on Brookland, Va., school cover, nice	1.00
2c 1867, Ashland House, Hotel Cover ..	1.00
2c 1869, Unique Machine Shop Adv. Cover	2.00
3c 1861, REAL PINK, very slight tear	7.50
3c 1857, 1857 year date, nice cover, Type I	1.50
3c 1857, another type I, 1859 year date	.85
1c, 2c 1869, on neat small cover, town cancel.	7.50
1873, 3c 10c, red cancel., Council Bluffs adv. cover	1.50
3c green, tied with Farmington, Ill., PAID in black	.75
No. 2310, 3c ENV. with Leavenworth City, K. T.	.25
10c 1847, FINE, on small cover	30.00
5c 1847, FINE, red cancel.	8.50
1c 1857, Type V, Val. Cover, tied with PAID, FINE	5.00
1c 1857, Type IIIa, FINE, tied with Va. town	12.00
1c 1857, PAIR TYPE I, FINE, sm. cover	20.00
Folded Packet Boat Letter, large 5 and picture of packet boat, black	2.50

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EDITORIAL

THE following letter is not philately, we admit, but it is Lincoln; and we think that readers will be as much impressed by it as we are. Recently, we showed a Chicago educator several Lincoln pictorial war envelopes, in which he was much interested, and later he sent us a book, "Six Months in the Federal States," by Edward Dicey, and published by Macmillan and Co., London and Cambridge, 1863. He said: "I want you to have this book, in which I have marked a passage that gives an intimate sketch of Lincoln in the dark days when his greatness was obscured by the fogs of military and political strife. The author was a special correspondent of *Macmillan's Magazine* and the *Spectator* newspaper, and was favorable rather than otherwise to the federal cause." We quote: "Personally his aspect is one which, once seen, cannot easily be forgotten. If you take the stock English caricature of the typical Yankee, you have the likeness of the President. To say that he is ugly is nothing; to add that his figure is grotesque is to convey no adequate impression. Fancy a man six-foot high and thin *out of* proportion, with long bony legs and arms, which, somehow seem to be always in the way, with large rugged hands which grasp you like a vise when grasping yours, with a long scraggy neck, with a chest too narrow for the great arms hanging by its side; add to this figure a head cocoa-nut shaped and somewhat too small for such a stature, covered with rough, uncombed hair, and uncombable lank dark hair, that stands out in every direction at once; a face furrowed, wrinkled and indented, as though it had been scarred by vitriol; a high narrow forehead; and sunk deep beneath bushy eyebrows, two bright, somewhat dreamy eyes, that seemed to gaze through you without looking at you; a few irregular blotches of black bristly hair in the place where beard and whiskers ought to grow; a close-set, thin-lipped, stern mouth, with two rows of large white teeth; and a nose and ears, which have been taken by mistake from a head of twice the size. Clothe this figure, then, in a long, tight, badly-fitting suit of black, creased, soiled, and puckered up at every salient point of this figure—and every point of this figure is salient—put on large, ill-fitting boots, gloves too long for the long bony fingers, and a fluffy hat, covered to the top with dusty, stuffy crape; and then add to this an air of strength, physical as well as moral, and a strange look of dignity coupled with all this grotesqueness, and you have the impression made upon me by Abraham Lincoln. You would never say that he was not a gentleman: you would still less say that he was not one. There is about him a complete absence of pretension, and an evident desire to be courteous to everybody, which is the essence, if not the outward form of high-breeding. There is a softness, too, about his smile which redeems the expression of his face, and reminds me more of the late Dr. Arnold, as a child's recollection recalls him to me, than any other face that I can call to memory. On the occasion when I had the honour of passing some hours in the company of the President, the gathering was a small one, and consisted of persons with all of whom, except myself, he was personally acquainted." Surely, he was a man for the ages from Dicey to Drinkwater.

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MR. THEODORE SIDDALL, Shanghai, China, addresses us as follows: "While the newspapers here report that a new issue for China is impending, I have direct information that nothing has been decided so far. The daily papers here say: 'The Ministry of Communications proposes to cast a number of new molds (sic) for stamps. The new molds are to be engraved with the images of various meritorious and nationally-prominent men. They are distributed as follows: 2-cent, 4-cent, 10-cent, $1, $2 and $5 pieces together with four kinds of postal cards, to bear the image of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen; the ½-cent and 5-cent pieces, Teng Keng; the 6-cent and 7-cent, Liao Chunkkai; the 8-cent and 12-cent pieces, Chu Che-sing; the 15-cent and 16-cent pieces, Sung Teng-chu; 25-cent piece, Huang Ke-chang; and the 30-cent and 50-cent pieces, Cheng Yingshi'." Mr. Siddall observes: "This is to be the regular issue, to take the place of the junk and reaper issue; and you will see two new values and will miss the 1½-, 3-, 13- and 20-cent. Nobody but stamp collectors knows that there is a 1½-cent stamp now, and very few collectors use them; they can't get them, as not many offices stock this value. The Shanghai office has not sold out its stock of the 1914 type yet, after six years, so you may realize that the 1½-cent is rather difficult to get; the fact is that it is the hardest stamp of the set, which ends with the $5 value." Mr. Siddall is returning to the United States after spending many years in the Orient, and will be established in Washington in a few months, we understand. He has sent his stamp stock here, and the inference is that he will continue as a dealer or specialist in Chinese issues.

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FROM Mr. Julius Loeffler, Chicago, we learn that San Marino is to have a new set "of entirely new design," ranging from the 5c to 5l, inclusive; and that for the Italian colonies, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland, Tripolitania and Cirenaica, the Fascist stamps of Italy, a be overprinted with colony names. T supposition is that about forty lire cover the cost of the sets of the charged Fascist issue, which witho overprint is catalogued almost a dol

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A CORRESPONDENT says: "I a seen at different times referenc the practice of philatelists using able stamps, such as commemora odd values, etc., when corresponding one another. In your desire to enco the habit, you have told of the be of coöperation and of the fine sav service; and being of a somewhat ceptible nature, I was impressed wit idea, as a good one and sought to f it literally. I used many stamps gether, from the 1893 Columbians, where the prices for used stamps about the same as those of unuse to mention recent commemoratives apple green, 14c current, etc., and my expectations were reasonable wh came to favors returned, they were appointed. It seems that while c spondents did use the unusual st yet something was the matter with everyone that came to me, such straight edge, centering, thin spot It seemed as though the senders comed a chance to work off their stuff, while I was simple enough to good specimens only." Our re words are founded on fact; we they are, because we have slipped a few fast ones on collecting fr when such stamps should have bee to our enemies.

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otogravure of a man who is holding seems to be sheets in coils in his s. The text reads: "750 Revenue ps to Pay Tax on One Telegram in lad. Stamps of large denomination not obtainable." Even in the Civil period, sheets of the lower denomi-ns of the revenue issues of the time used to pay the tax on various in-ments, and we remember having seen eet of 2c yellow, U. S. Internal Rev-with each stamp cancelled with the 's initials and date. However, post-stamps, when employed in lavish ber have a stronger appeal than rev-stamps do; and some time ago, Mr. oe B. Martin, Forestville, N. Y., in the following item, from a paper ished in August, 1861: "Heavy Post-A package destined for Hartford, necticut, arrived at the New York Office by the last European Steam-the postage on which amounted to nty-four dollars and four cents. It prepaid by English postage stamps." Martin mentions Elliott Perry's cov-with fifty-six of the 30c, 1857, and two of the 10c to make a rate of but this early package from Eng-in 1861 seems to establish a record heavy postage payment, for that od.

Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
Wooster, Ohio

(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

Several folks promptly took issue with my somewhat unkind remarks about the Miami, Fla., postmaster, in connection with his refusing to backstamp mail originating on the CAM 25 extension. My attention is called to the fact that Miami was not on the list of offices who would backstamp this mail. I was under the impression that all offices were supposed to backstamp first flight mail under the ruling in effect at that time, but I seem to have been mistaken. My apologies to Postmaster Pittman, whom local collectors say has always gone out of his way to help them.

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Here's a bunch of interesting information on the recent flights out of Brownsville, north on CAM 22, south to Mexico City, sent in by Major Pascual Lopez. Covers to Mexico were cancelled at Brownsville, March 10; northbound mail was cancelled the 9th. There's a joker in the letters addressed from Brownsville to Matamoras, Mexico. Matamoras is the Mexican half of the city, just over the river. It has no airport, and all mail from there southbound *and* northbound was trucked to Brownsville over the bridge, and flown from there. The Brownsville-Matamoras addressed covers simply made the return trip in the truck, and are backstamped just an hour after the mailing cancellation! Some such covers have been reported cancelled the 9th, but the 10th is the proper date as of the southbound trip. Only a very small mail went from Matamoras south. Tuxpan covers also are quite scarce items. Some northbound covers have turned up with the Brownsville cancellation of the 10th, backstamped San Antonio, the 9th! It seems, also, that the official CAM 22 cachet did arrive the day of the flight, only in time to be applied to a small amount of last minute mail. If it turns out, as indicated last week, that magenta was used at Brownsville, and black at Washington, there'll be a run on the magentas.

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The new night-flying service on the Bay City branch of route 27, with its extension to Toledo and Cleveland got off a day late, owing to the gale that was blowing over this part of the country April 1st. Covers bear the cancellation of the 1st, but did not actually go till the 2nd. It would be interesting to know if anyone has them dated the 2nd, which might have happened on mail received at the last minute.

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Collectors who didn't limit themselves to the two cities announced for official cachets, Cleveland and Toledo, received a pleasant surprise when their covers came back. Saginaw used a winged cachet of the San Jose and Laredo types, beautifully applied in blue, purple, magenta, and compounds. Flint, South Bend, and Lansing, used a box enclosed cachet reading, for *all* cities, "First Flight Air Mail Bay City-Cleveland from *Flint*, Mich., April 1, 1929, T.A.C." I believe the contractors were responsible for both these cachets. The Jr. Chamber of Commerce at Bay City had an attractive cachet in purple or green. The official cachet used at Cleveland and Toledo was the regular CAM 27 type, somewhat reduced in size, and with the new part of the route shown on the map. I have seen both in black, and one cover from Cleveland in black and magenta compound. Early covers received colored stamping, but an order from Washington soon limited all cachets thereafter to black.

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A recent *Postal Bulletin* authorizes the Bay City and Flint postmasters to forward airmail to the Saginaw and Pontiac flying fields, respectively, as long as their own fields are in poor condition.

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How's the no backstamp rule going to effect the point-to-point collector? Of course there are ways of getting the backstamp-special delivery and registered mail, and sometimes a general delivery receiving cancellation, but is it worth it? Seems to me we'd better accept the inevitable, and consider a non-backstamped cover as in A No. 1 condition from now on.

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Just a suggestion—You folks who collect airmail stamps better join up with the A. P. S. Airmail Stamp Unit (Arcade Box 1100, Los Angeles). Just received my first new issue consignment, and the prices! No more details here—look into it for yourself.

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Not official, but certainly AIR mail. Charles Urnick, Jr., has a letter carried by Martin Jensen on his record solo flight of 35 hours, 33 minutes, 20 seconds, and so attested and autographed by Mr. Jensen.

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Waitress: "Hawaii, gentlemen; youse must be Hungary to eat in a dump like this."

First Man: "Yes Siam; and we can't Rumania long either. Venice lunch ready?"

Waitress: "I'll Russia to a table. Will you Havana?"

F. M.: "Nome, you can wait on us."

Waitress: "Good. Japan the menu yet? The Turkey is Nice."

F. M.: "Anything at all. But can't Jamaica little speed?"

Waitress: "I don't think we can Fiji that fast, but Alaska."

F. M.: "Never mind asking anyone. Just put a Cuba sugar in our Java."

Waitress: "Sweden it yourself I'm only here to Servia."

F. M.: "Denmark our bill and call the Bosphorus. He'll probably Kenya. I don't Bolivia know who I am."

Waitress: "No, and I don't Carribean. Youse guys Armenia."

Boss: "Somoa your wise cracks, is it? Don't Genoa customer is always right? What's got India? You think maybe this argument Alps business?"

Customer: "Canada racket. Spain in the neck."—West Seneca *Herald* (ARMAND CREED).

Handsome Airmail Stamps

Denmark, 1925, 10, 15, 25 ore

Argentine, 1928, 15c brown

Mint and O. G.

K. E. Smith asks for an explanation of the word "mint"—a philatelic term very frequently met with. A stamp is said to be mint or in mint condition when it is in precisely the same state as a specimen newly issued from a stamp-manufacturer's premises. That is it must be unused, perfectly clean and fresh looking, without defects of any sort, and with full gum if originally issued in that state. Some stamps, like many Portuguese Colonies, early Sarawak, etc., were sold to the public without gum and these must, of course, also be considered mint.

In connection with this definition I can also deal with a question propounded by another correspondent — the meaning of the letters *"o. g."* These letters often follow the description of an unused stamp and mean that the stamp has *original gum*, that is, the gum with which it was furnished when it was issued by a postoffice.

Junior Society

The Junior Philatelic Society of America, now in its third year, is progressing rapidly and is engaged in forming branch societies in various schools and communities throughout the United States and Canada. A nation-wide contest is planned for this coming November, with a possibility of New York City being chosen as a show center. A Loving Cup has already been promised for the grand Club prize, besides valuable prizes and medals for the individual exhibitors and essayists. Any information desired about the benefits and activities of the Society should be addressed to the Secretary, David Van Voorhis, Jr., 161 Brook Street, Dunmore, Penna.

Junior Dictionary

Post Office Telegraphs.—The series of stamps issued in Great Britain for use on telegrams in 1876 and used for a few years until postage stamps for this purpose were authorised.

Post Stamp.—The only English inscription, except that relating to the facial value, shown on many of the stamps of the Indian native state of Hyderabad.

Post Tenebras Lux.—The motto shown above the Arms on the first stamps issued in the Swiss Canton of Geneva. It means "After darkness, light".

Postzegel.—Found on the early stamps of Holland and those for the South African Republic. It is the Dutch equivalent for "postage stamp".

Pound.—The £1 stamps of Great Britain and Victoria have the value expressed as "one pound", but the stamps of similar denominations in other parts of the British Empire using the same currency as the motherland are usually expressed as "£1" or "20s". In normal times the pound has a value of $4.87 in United States money.

Prekomurje—(Transmuria).—A surcharge on certain Hungarian stamps used by the Jugo-Slavs during the occupancy of a district on the left bank of the Mur River in the World War.

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Collector having traded stamp c lection for chicken farm now desi to trade chicken farm for sta collection. Address F. A. N., F Forum.

—BIG BILL

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DEFINITIONS

A "Generalist"
collects something of every
A "Specialist"
collects everything of somet
—"The Stamp Lov

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"Gossip" recently featured an articl titled, "The Romance of the Po Stamp," and our guess is that this i kind of romance that will neve wrecked by "Gossip."

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It's a wonder that any Irish sta stays on the envelope after be smacked in the face by a cancell machine.

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ARE U. S. STAMPS POPULAR? WEL IS REPORTED THAT THE PHILATELIC A CY WAS RECENTLY TWO MONTHS BE WITH ORDERS. WISH WE OWNED S IN THAT THING.

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HUNTING SONG

Clarice likes diamonds,
Rozelle wants a palace,
While togs from Pa-ree
Intrigue Sarah Alice.

Lucille craves a baron,
A count or a prince,
And all that Belle wants:—
The world under a fence.

They pass me right by,
These sly little vamps;
I'm out hunting, too,
But I'm hunting for stamps.

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It sounds paradoxical, but Commander Byrd seems to be writing permanently on the ice.

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A "MERRY" POET

The following limerick was sent recently to a British newspaper by a cl man named "Merry."

"In the States," said a man of Wycombe,
They pin on their stamps—don't stick 'e
The reason for why
Is, the country's so dry
That no one has moisture to lick 'em."
—"Stamp Lov

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AIR MAIL NEWS

I am informed that an unofficial f will be held soon at Despair, Islan by the recently developed U. S. helic "Interrogation Point." This fligh scheduled to go straight up and re and it is officially announced that no a will be carried. A special investig however, informs me that there ar already 347 tons of mail at each term with a request to the postmaster that piece receive a special cachet tog with signature of the aviator.

—BIG BIL

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Sign in a Hot Springs pawnshop window:

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PE SET FIJI POSTAGE DUES

By A. J. DERRICK.

An article published by Mr. R. Rob-s, of London, in his circular of Jan-y last, is interesting, especially in ation to his purchase of so remarkable parcel of these stamps and the illus-tion of the blocks of stamps he has ured, for their sale to the public was ressly forbidden. His deductions m them are, on the other hand, not vincing, as I hope to show.

His chief contention is that a vertical r of the combined sheets was set up three electros made from it, that setting was then successively altered produce the other values, and that tros were made from each in turn, as to produce a forme from which the ble sheet was printed in one process. After my first article (*Australian Philatelist*, August 8, 1921) Mr. John N. ff, of New York, sent me a copy of *tt's Monthly Journal*, in which he , on other grounds, argued in favour electros. I expressed my disagree-nt with this in the *Australian Philat-t* of January 5, 1922, and sent Mr. f the facts of the subjoined corre-ndence, which he accepted as a settle-nt of that particular point. After ding Mr. Luff's article, I wrote to J. J. McHugh, who was in charge the Government Printing Office at a, under Mr. S. Bach (the then Gov-ment Printer), and asked him cate-ically concerning this and other points ch I was then discussing with Mr. f. After explaining to Mr. McHugh r I wanted the information, I asked:

Were any electrotypes used at all he production of these stamps?

If not, were the mitred rules from ordinary font, or were they cut spe-ly for the job?

he reply, which came from Sydney, dated 27/6/22. Mr. McHugh says:

Dear Mr. Derrick,—I have been on ation here since February 27th. Mr. h sent on your letter to me, which I eived last mail from Fiji. In reply your queries:

1. No electrotypes or stereos were d.

2. The rules (double medium) were m a font. The mitred rules used were plied with the font. The sheets were ted a row at a time. Perhaps the tleman thought that the whole sheet printed with one impression.

"Yours sincerely,
"J. J. McHUGH."

s to whether a horizontal or vertical r was set up, Mr. Roberts says that has "based his theories on the funda-ntal axiom that no printer is going to e the longest and most tedious way to a job"; yet he argues for 36 succes-alterations in the vertical row set when by using the shorter horizontal ing no alterations were required.

he practice of printing successive im-ssions of the same subject by "shift-the lay" is not unusual, and would very much preferable to making suc-sive alterations in the type setting.

f the joins in the rules which form frames are uniform in the horizontal s, and not regular in the vertical s, it would certainly be an argument favour of the primary setting of a tical row, but I am not satisfied that is so, and will produce evidence to contrary in a later issue. Mr. Mc-gh states that the rules were not cially cut for the job, but were taken m an ordinary font (which included mitred rules) and consequently the e stock rules for the first frame uld naturally be used in the same way the next, and so on. The only differ-e I can see in the stamps at my dis-al is the occasional reversal of a rule ording to what mitre it had to join.

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Mr. Roberts' illustration does not help in this connection, as the joins only show occasionally.

It seems to me that his plan of measuring the stamps from perf. to perf. proves nothing at all, for the perforations were done with an ordinary guillotine single-line cutter, with nothing to guide the lines but the eye of the operator.

The size of the stamps were the same in all cases, for the simple reason that the sizes of the rules were uniform and the same setting of the type was used. I do not therefore see how any identification of the second printing of the penny is possible. The numbers are available because of the known quantities of the first combined sheets, and also the aggregate. In fixing the numbers issued, he says "we read that in addition to the sheets, several odd pieces of the 4d were also destroyed, and if of the 4d, why not of the first ½d, too", and he guesses a reduction of the numbers issued, on this score.

I saw the certificate of the stamps destroyed, and saw also that, allowing for the sales, this balanced the issue. Where then do the odd pieces come in?

With the respect to the contention that in the separate printings of the ½d, 1d and 2d the sheets contained 96 stamps (12 rows of 8) as in the combined sheets. This is completely disposed of by the book entries of the Government Printer, Colonial Postmaster and Receiver General, all of which I saw, copied, and will reproduce later. But if this information were not available, it is proved, by the facts, that the sheets contained less stamps than those of the first printing. To put 8 rows on a sheet measuring 8 inches wide, left margins on the sides of an average of only 2½mm, too narrow for the perforating machine that was used to be operated, unless the whole sheet was reversed each time. Hence, as this was immaterial, the sheets were left without marginal perforations, excepting in a few cases where the top or bottom margin was wide enough for the machine to operate.

In the three other printings (½d, 1d and 2d), which only had seven vertical rows, the margins were wide enough to perforate, and were so perforated. Mr. Roberts admits this, and as he measures from perf. to perf. and argues on the result that the stamps of the single printings were smaller, the side margins would be increased by even more than one row of stamps.

Mr. Roberts is surely very unfair in his argument that because I gave, at first, the wrong composition and numbers of the combined sheets, therefore I may have made a mistake in stating that the face value of the twopenny sheets was 14/-, for he knew from the articles in the *Australian Philatelist* (which he quotes) that I had myself made the correction and given the exact numbers, and that this was partly done in the same issue in which my mistake appeared, and completed in the issue of January 5, 1922.

This mistake after all was a very natural one. I had not seen nor heard of any but single copies. The Government Printer spoke from a 4½ years' memory of what to him was nothing more than an ordinary printing job. His memory was that the sheets contained all the same number, and it was evident that there was no other combination than what I gave, that would make the aggregate value of 16/6 in a sheet of 84 stamps. It was easy to be wise when a horizontal strip appeared, not so easy to arrive at the right conclusion by deduction from incorrect data.

A somewhat remarkable fact—yet unexplained—is that the threepenny values on Mr. Luff's horizontal strip show a distinct mitre mark in the top left hand angle of each. This supported his thought of electros, but on a similar strip now in the possession of Mr. Albert Church, a Melbourne collector, these marks are not present, neither do they show on those illustrated by Mr. Roberts.

I am of the opinion that these three mitres had some irregularity or dirt upon the face that held the ink long enough to reproduce it on the next sheets, but that it was soon noticed and removed.

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Mr. Mal Ganser sent us a machine cancel from Cresskill, New Jersey, a rather odd bit with a 24mm townmark and a seven straight line auxiliary, which has the year date set into the middle line. Who recalls the congressional investigations of 1912, the swash buckling talk of machine cancels, types of machines, contracts for machines, and facing tables? Who recalls how many letters were faced per hour by one man at that time? Who recalls the Time Marking Company machines, the Hey-Dolphins, the Americans, the Doremus machines? By chance, you may have a stack of covers of the period 1909 to 1913? What machine cancel suddenly appears in 1909 and rapidly disappears in 1913? Was the congressional investigation responsible for the increase of the Hey-Dolphin or International machines? We do not here intend to reprint a House document of 1913, but we have analyzed its effects. In 1912, the Cummins machine cancel bid well to become our one and only machine cancel. By 1914, it was well on its way to oblivion. Except for Mr. Ganser's keen eyes, we should have forgotten it—olav hasholem and peace to its ashes. But philatelic history is closely knit to governmental history. This machine cancel bursts forth with Napoleonic transcendency, reaches the summit of its trajectory, and then—falls away with but a whistling stick of charred rubbish. It's all a memory, of course. Those days of street car circuits, the flappy mail bag, the two wheeler collecting gig, the side slot mail box, the meager parcels post, the enormous money orders, the postman's helmet, the unsolicited stamp approvals.

COME, FRIENDS, LET US GO BACK—BACK—BACK—TO THE CUMMINS MACHINE CANCEL. LET US DRIVE TO UNION SQUARE AND TAKE A HORSE CAR THERE. WE'LL DROP OFF AT THE HOFFMANN HOUSE FOR A BOUQUET. OR A BOCK, A SHORT BOCK ON A SAUCER? MAYBE STACKS OF SAUCERS FOR YOU AND ME. AND THEN ON TO HAMMERSTEIN'S—THE GAUMONT PALACE—OR THE FOLLIES? JACK NORWORTH AND NORA BAYES ARE THERE, SINGING, IN THEIR OWN PECULIAR WAY, "OH, SHINE ON, SHINE ON, HARVEST MOON," OR BETTER STILL, "HONEY BOY." PERHAPS. BUT WE MUSTN'T FORGET THAT IT WAS ONLY OUR "SONNY BOY"—YEARS AGO.

And we read by the papers that the word "Military" in our "Let's Go" slogan is causing a great deal of misunderstanding abroad, a great loss of trade. Our stamps are cancelled with a word bristling from armed camps. Have you ever been to one? You have a terrible Badger Fight, bloody and gory, or you join the local Turn-Verein, or ask the general for your muff brush? You go to target practice and shoot a traitorous bovine, or you set your deflection at least 3,200 miles off until you spot a farmhouse where some gay Asphodel is laving unadorned normality. You realize that a horse's withers should be changed by law to a safety razor principle, or that your closing angle in topography must not be greater than 180 degrees. You try the new semi-automatic and wonder who shot you. The word Military causes more confusion here in our own country than it ever did abroad. If it ever lost business, it lost it for reclining chairs here in our own domicile. And even so, anyone collecting slogan cancels on stamps will find it hard to get them with the word "Military" on the stamp itself. The crux of the whole matter lies in those Dempsey mitts they engrave on the stamps. They're the mailed fists.

OFF-SIDE—

THE Philatelic Club of Los Angeles celebrated its biggest night of the year by a dinner-dance, an annual event, April 8th, at the Commercial Club, where entertainment of most *recherche* kind was offered.

OSCAR LOTHHOLZ asks in the Chicago *Tribune:* "The United States stamps which I have bought lately do not stick. Why is the government using such poor mucilage?" We wonder if "poor mucilage" is to blame for stamps missing on mail sent to us prepaid by special issues. It must be said, however, that complaints based on the theft of stamps from letters received from foreign countries and from letters sent with special U. S. issues are not being received by us with the frequency with which they once came.

WE regret to learn of the death of the father of Michael Miller, Baltimore, Md.; and his friends in the field of philately extend their sympathy to Mr. Miller.

ALREADY the proposed commemoratives to celebrate the Ohio River System of Dams and Locks are being called Dam Stamps.

MR. CLARENDON BANGS, Atlanta, Georgia, sails for Norway on April 20th, whence he will proceed southward through Europe. He will be absent for an indefinite time, but will make his headquarters in Brussels.

WE have received a card from Constantinople, from Mr. C. F. Adams of Chicago, who is one of the most traveled of philatelists. A series of postal cards has been received from Mr. J. S. Hardy as he saunters through the south.

THE following clipping is from the Vincennes, Indiana, *Commercial* of March 23, 1929: "Max Golding, president of the Chicago Aero Philatelic Society, and internationally known stamp collector, arrived by airplane Thursday night. He made the trip to Evansville, from Chicago, in record time. The flight altitude at Terre Haute had to be increased by the pilot due to the heavy rain. The rain beneath the fliers had the appearance of a great crystal cascade, he reported. Mr. Golding landed at Evansville, and motored to Vincennes to call on Dr. Hammon." The same newspaper a month before had an interview with Mr. Golding, headed: "Philatelist Predicts Flying But Air Mail," five years being the time alloted for this revolutionary development.

PUNCTURED OFFICIALS

By B. S. M. CLARK.

Before proceeding with my subject, I must ask the reader to erase from his mind the picture of a row of Government officers being punched by a pin in the hands of a higher authority and exploding like toy balloons. The title might possibly call up such a scene, but it refers to philately.

There exists in many quarters a prejudice against punctured officials, which, encouraged by the fact that many philatelogues do not list them, presumably because they are not in great demand, rests with the individual, of course, to choose for himself what stamps he will collect, and there are some who exclude all officials from their collections, but I hope to make it clear to those who do collect officials that the punctured variety is as worthy of collection as the overprinted brother. Certainly no specialized collection of a country is complete such stamps would be complete without them.

The use of official stamps is probably designed to prevent the abuses to which the free franking system is open, and may be also, to assist the Accountant Department of the Post Office to arrive at the true revenue earned. Such stamps are sometimes of distinctive design, as in Costa Rica, Egypt, etc., but are usually the ordinary type overprinted, or with initials punctured therein. One of the chief advantages of the latter type is the cheapness of production as compared with the more costly overprint, or the expense of separate plates, but the purpose it serves is exactly the same, which to my mind makes it equally collectable.

I believe that the privately punctured stamp which one so often finds in firms using is the chief reason for the black eye given to punctured officials. A little consideration will show that the two are on a vastly different footing, the former being merely the work of a firm or individual who hopes thereby to prevent pilfering from the stamp box. Whether or not this purpose is served seems open to question, the practice is undoubtedly annoying from the philatelist's point of view.

Among countries which issue or have issued punctured officials are:
Australian Commonwealth, "O.S."
New South Wales, "O.S., N.S.W."
the main State Departments, "G.R."
(Government Railways), "G.B."
(Government Savings Bank).
Queensland and Victoria, "O.S."
South Australia, "S.A."
Tasmania, "T."
West Australia, "W.A."
Papua, "O.S."
Sudan, "S.G." (Sudan Government)
"A.S." (Army Service).

It is interesting to note that two of these "S.G." varieties issued in 1901 are listed Gibbons Nos. 101 and 102 but those issued from 1913 onward are not stocked.

The above does not pretend to be an exhaustive list, and there are probably other countries as well as other types of punctures.

I have seen the ratio of puncture to ordinary given as 1 to 15 for Australian Commonwealth "O.S." and 1 to 75 for New South Wales "O.S. N.S.W." It is likely that all the varieties mentioned are much scarcer than the ordinary issues and that should be a further argument in their favour. In any event it would be advisable for collectors who come across any to hang on to them and not consign them to the waste-basket as trash. The time may come when they will be in fashionable, and the collector with foresight will reap a reward, especially if he is lucky enough to pick up some with errors. which I may say abound in the Australian Commonwealth issues.—*Jamaica Philatelist.*

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(Continued from page 273)

win Strasser shows me a cover pre- with 27c in Canadian stamps, post- ed Windsor, Ont., which went via rst Miami-Cristobal flight, and bears pecial cachet and backstamp.

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is Brownsville business still turns e varieties. This time it is a set of s to Brownsville from cities on 22, all with the Brownsville ma- cachet on the face. Another in- ing item is a Brownsville-Waco bearing the FAM 8 cachet, sup- ly applied only on mail for Mexico. informed that 17,776 letters were southbound mail.

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coöperators this week—the record r for this administration! H. C. nter, L. B. Wood, Charles de Lag- C. E. Nickles, Walter Tasker, J. B. on, W. J. Chamberlin, M. James, rn Air Express, *Judson M. Knap- *Major Pascual Lopez, Pitcairn ion Co., *Dr. F. Whitney Davis, J. Maye, H. A. Hankinson, J. C. e, Alex La Roche, *P. R. Hudson, . Penning, *Kenneth Tallmadge, as E. Cable, Jr., Harold R. Black- Harold Rosenthal, A. C. Roessler, L. Black, *John J. Riordan, Ken- G. Lee, Ralph A. Moffett, Herbert oman, A. Atlas Leve, *C. S. George, h Goldberg, B. Boake, *R. A. Che- , *Robert Young, Austin L. Jones, r M. Saurez, Charles Urnick, Jr.

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much discussed Panama covers t hand from the Pan-American ys. Regular Panama cancellation, ne inscribed "Primer Correo Aereo acional," and one reading "Pan- ican Airways, Inc., Primer Vuelo" red. Panama cancellation is Feb. ackstamped New York, Feb. 15th. y good looking cover, certainly.

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Victor M. Saurez sends some notes ling several new Mexican air mail and the places they will serve. I space will not permit the use of Mexican airmail routes are open- thick and fast these days, and I sy that one of these days we're all to wish we had some of these ones. So far there are few airmail ors in Mexico, and I doubt if many ese covers are being put away. to me like a good chance for some- start a cover service for Mexico entral America. If he does, he can e down as customer No. 1. I can't et time to get all my U. S. covers ese days, let alone Mexican, but tainly like to have some.

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Bank, N. J., will hold an Air July 3-6, sponsored by the Aero f Red Bank. Other coming events e National Elimination Balloon at Pittsburgh, May 4, cachet by 11, covers to J. P. Penning, 124 e Ave., Homestead, Pa.; Indian- Aviation Show, by Indianapolis ft Assn., May 27-June 2; National aces at Cleveland, Aug. 24-Sept. 2; ational Aircraft Exhibit, Chicago, 7-15, Southwestern Aircraft Ex- n, Dallas, Oct. 12-27; and Inter- al Aeronautical Exposition at go, Dec. 1-9.

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Kalb, Ill., will dedicate its new air- oon, cachet by C. of C. Arcadia, a, dedicates July 4. Don't know a cachet yet. Evansville, Ind., the for July 1. Vernon, Tex., also . Hamilton, Ontario, June 7 and word as to a possible cachet on either.

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art, Ind., C. of C. will provide a cachet June 15th, for their open- Wilkes-Barre Chamber will handle or their event late in June. * * * Chandler, Ariz., dedication took March 20th, with a big celebration. Postmaster says that about 3,000 were mailed with the special , which was dated the 13th, the riginally set for the dedication.

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all those sending covers to mail at edication of the new Skelly Air-

FREDERICK W. ALLEN

The New President and Active Manager of the re-organized Rotnem Stamp Company, Minneapolis

Notice has appeared of the sale and transfer of the Precancel Department of the Rotnem Stamp Co., of Minneapolis, to Hoover Brothers of New York City. The Rotnem Stamp Co., Inc., has been re-organized as a purely Postage Stamp concern, and will continue to operate from its former address at 545 McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Victor W. Rotnem continues his connection with the company in a purely advisory capacity, the Presidency and active managership of the company are being assumed by Mr. Frederick W. Allen. Mr. Allen is well known to the readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY as the former editor of our precancel column. During the past year Mr. Allen has been in direct charge of the Postage Stamp approval and auction departments of the Rotnem Stamp Co., Inc., and the present reorganization plans place him in active managership, under an arrangement whereby he will eventually come into the full ownership of the business.

The re-organized company will continue its monthly public auction sales, which are conducted by the Gordon Auction Mart, and will enlarge its present stock of foreign and United States stamps with special emphasis on United States, British North American and Scandinavia. In the rest of the foreign countries, Mr. Allen has arranged an especially popular series arranged in the exact sequence of Scott's International Junior Albums, disregarding the catalog sequence and following instead the classifications of the Junior Album.

Mr. Rotnem intends to devote his attentions exclusively to the practise of law, and has made good progress on his chosen profession. He is at present the attorney for the American Philatelic Society, and for the members of the A. S. D. A.

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port at the M-D Ranch, Row, Okla., they will be mailed and stamped as requested, insofar as possible. We appreciate the interest manifested, and the many personal messages of good luck. We are not quite ready for the dedication, but hope to be soon. Col. C. W. Davenport, Skelly Airport on M-D Ranch, Row, Okla.

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Covers were mailed from both Pittsburgh and McKeesport on April 2nd, bearing the special Lundborg Day cachet provided by CAM 11. Pittsburgh mailed 736, McKeesport 542. Colors were red and purple. * * * The Buffalo Aviation Show was all over March 30, but a cover drifted in bearing a cancellation of April 2, with the Show cachet in red. * * * And now comes the Detroit Show, with another original cachet. A variety of colors being used, irrespective of the date.

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Mineral Wells, Texas, and Pasco, Wash., both chose April 6th for their ceremonies, and covers arrived in the same mail. Mineral Wells used a large map of the U. S. with the slogan "Where America Drinks Its Way to Health." Pasco's cachet in purple or magenta, celebrates the airport dedication and the third anniversary of their airmail service. Both cachets by the Chambers of Commerce.

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St. Petersburg, Fla., has another airport coming on—the Albert Whited Airport. The Chamber of Commerce promises to notify us in plenty of time to get in the covers. Some months yet, so don't send covers now. * * * Fort Collins, Colo., Chamber of Commerce have set their date as either May 4 or 6. They will have a cachet. * * * Cedar City, Utah, will dedicate May 18. Probably a cachet by the C. of C. here, also. * * * Kerrville, Texas, C. of C. is keeping letters sent in, but say that their date is still sometime away. * * * Great Falls, Mont., returns covers sent them with the word that they have no immediate prospect of a municipal field dedication.

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A few figures on recent events. The Glendale, Cal., C. of C. say that the Grand Central Terminal cachet was applied at the Glendale post office, and that 1,500 airmail and 500 2c rate letters were sent. That doesn't explain those covers returned by the P. M. with the statement that there was no special cachet. * * * Otis, Colo., a city of 1,000, sent 5,000 airmail letters by a special plane of the Western Air Express to Denver, on March 30, their dedication date. 2,000 had the date "16" printed in the cachet, and corrected to "30", and 3,000 were printed "30". As noted last week, the cachet was printed in red on all covers. * * * The American Legion, Oyster Bay, N. Y., will have a special Roosevelt memorial cachet from this, his home town, on Memorial Day.

AN INSIDE REPUBLIC

A little French district near the Swiss border calls itself the "Republic of Sauget," claiming that its freedom dates from feudal times.

There are only about 500 inhabitants of this "republic," but they have a language all their own—a language that is as foreign to their French neighbors as to Americans. The people of the three small villages forming the "republic" call the people around them "French" as if speaking of foreigners.

But a concession has at last been made to progress. Sauget, like her neighbor Switzerland, likes to have tourists. Heretofore the villagers have been accustomed to treat these visitors to the singing of the Sauget national air, but deciding that it would be more courteous to sing in an understandable language they have had the song translated into French. Of course all the Saugetians know French, for that is the only language taught in their schools.

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In the way of departments, I require mint blocks and choice covers, Newspapers in mint blocks and postage dues in mint blocks and singles. Used copies are not desired at this time.

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United States

4c Perf. 11x10½, Double Paper

I have recently been shown a sheet of one hundred of the 4c Perf. 11x10½, rotary print, wherein the entire bottom horizontal row and half of the row immediately above are on double paper. This sheet was located in the far west.

Vincennes—First Day

Mr. Charles S. Reese has just submitted for inspection a registered cover from Vincennes, Ind., bearing the new George Rogers Clark stamps and posted on February 23rd, two days previous to the actual placing on sale of the new variety. This registered letter bears two numbers, 9580 and 8747, and was undoubtedly sent out through error on the earlier date. The cover also shows a California receiving postmark of February 28th. Mr. Reese writes that he has received two such covers.

New Revenues

Mr. R. J. Bickel has submitted for inspection, not only a $2 "Stock Transfer" perforated 10, Scott's No. 4258, which we had the pleasure of first announcing in this column a few weeks back, but also sends a $1 green "Stock Transfer" surcharge reading up, perforated 10, Scott's No. 4257b. Undoubtedly the balance of the issue will be noted with similar perforation in short order, and we would like to have our readers advise us as other denominations are found.

The Playing Card stamp perforated 10 was only located a few months back, so that it would not be surprising if one of the perforating machines used for revenue stamps was perforating 10 long after those on postage stamps had been changed. We are making definite inquiry through Washington, and hope to have additional details in short order.

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Carter we are able to announce the issue of a 15-cent Air Mail stamp which was placed on sale on April 1st. The current 1-cent stamp showing portrait of General Gorgas has been overprinted similar to the 2-cent in two lines reading, "Air Mail—15 Cents 15". From a clipping received from Mr. Carter, who kindly sends a first-day cover, we are informed that postage rates between Cristobal and Miami have been reduced two cents effective at once, so that the air mail rate from Cristobal to Miami becomes 25 cents per half ounce instead of 27 cents, as heretofore. The cover which Mr. Carter sent forward came via Air Mail, although the postage prepaid was but 15 cents.

The clipping states that the 15 cent rate applies to Colombia and Ecuador, and that a 30 cent rate applies to Peru, and 45 cent to Chile. It is stated that all air mail matter must have its postage paid by means of the special air stamps.

I recently communicated with the Canal Zone authorities in Washington, relative to the new Canal Zone stamps, which were mentioned in this column some weeks back. The subject was taken up with them of placing on sale in Washington the Canal Zone stamps, just the same as the stamps of the United States or the Philippines, may be purchased at that point. It will be noted in the letter that the matter is being given consideration. The letter follows:

"No order has been placed for Canal Zone stamped envelopes, but inquiries are being made as to the prospective cost of such envelopes in case it should be desired to place an order for them.

An order has been placed with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in this city for the following new issues of Canal Zone stamps:

1,000,000 5c stamps, blue, to bear a reproduction of a photograph of a steam shovel in operation—(Spec. Del. size).

500,000 12c stamps, brown-violet, to bear the likeness of Col. D. D. Gaillard, deceased.

250,000 50c stamps, lilac-brown, bearing the likeness of former Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, deceased.

The Canal Zone officials desire to place the above mentioned stamps on sale locally about June 1, 1929, but this office is unable to state at the present time whether these stamps will be delivered and ready for sale by that date.

Your suggestion that Canal Zone stamps be placed available for sale in the United States to stamp collectors is being brought to the attention of the Governor of the Panama Canal, as this matter does not come under the jurisdiction of this office. You will be advised of any reply received."

We wish to thank Reverend E. M. Gearhart, Messrs. J. R. Frampton, G. M. Pagett, John G. Kuespert and Stanley E. Johnston for notes of interest.

Cameroon.—Whitfield King & Co. report a new color in the 1fr value. It is now green and mauve.

Canada.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 2c green, King George, new type, imperforate x perforation 8.

Cyprus.—Information from the Postmaster-General of Cyprus informs us that the Jubilee stamps were withdrawn from sale on January 31st last, and the remaining stock has been destroyed.

Dominican Republic.—Regarding the 1, 2 and 10 centavos stamps recently issued *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* learns that this is to be a permanent issue and will replace the previous one. While only three values have been received others will follow in due course.

Egypt.—Although the large Stadium (especially prepared in Alexandria) is ready, and the Commemorative stamps also, the Games are not to take place for political reasons, as the *Egyptian Press* informs us, most probably so as to avoid contact with the divers African nations, of whom many have not the political independence which Egypt possesses. If, therefore, the Panafrican Games take place later, the stamps will have to be surcharged with the new date at least. If the Panafrican Games do not take place at all, and the Olympic Games take place in Egypt, instead, then the stamps cannot be used for the purpose, and will be destroyed. *Stamp Collecting* states that the 10mm Prince Farouk stamp exists with a centre of brown-violet, instead of black.

Fiji.—Mr. W. McCraedie advises the *Australian Stamp Journal* that the 4p value of the current set is no longer in stock at the post office. As there is very little demand for this value, at present, it is believed that no further supplies will be requisitioned.

Finland.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 20p bistre brown, watermarked Posthorn, perf. 14x14½, has been placed on sale.

France.—*Stamp Collecting* furnishes the information that the new designs for the forthcoming air mail issue hav been approved. The 4fr shows a treated in an allegorical manner. 2fr shows a monoplane flying over of Europe, and the 5fr a flying boa water, inscribed respectively "Aerienne", "Postes France" and "Republique Francaise".

French Oceanica.—Mr. R. R calls our attention to the followin items of this colony. The 1fr40c bistre and violet, while the 3fr gre brown, 5fr pale blue and brown, pale rose and brown, and 20fr mau brown are in new design.

Iraq.—Mr. Farage informs *de la Timbrologie* that there is so of overprinting some current stam air mail purposes, with possibilitie distinctive issue in due course.

Jamaica.—Mr. R. Roberts r the appearance of the 1p carmine, s to the 1½p, issued in January, bu the head in an oval medallion a framework and lettering of quite ent design. The stamps are recess ed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., script watermarked paper, perf. 1

Liechtenstein.—A Swiss pape nounces as a fact that a new se shortly to appear in view of the f the succession of the new Prince A Ferdinand.

Portugal.—More new surcharg on sale, this time the ½c black ha overprinted "10 C" in carmine, per 14, unsurfaced paper. The 1E10c perf. 11½, bears the surcharge "40 black, while the 10c terra cotta a 96c carmine has the word "Reval in black. Our informant, Mr. R erts, adds that the number of the ½c black is very limited. A late also brings the 40c yellow-green o with the same overprint as the 1 96c noted above, and the 60c dark perf. 15, with the surcharge "40 black.

Roumania.—*Whitfield King & Bulletin* for this month states tha new charity stamps have been iss aid of the Bessarabian Famine Fund. They are the obsolete King nand stamps overprinted with the "Ajutorarea infometa ilor Basa (Help the starving in Bessarabiei) values so overprinted are the 1 le bani black, 3 lei on 30 bani green, lei on 6 lei blue. They have no fr power, but are affixed to letters ir tion to the ordinary postage.

Virgin Islands.—The 1p has changed to bright scarlet, quite tive from the pale rose of 1922 R. Roberts sends the information t with copies for inspection.

Turkey.—A new provisional h cently appeared and copies have b ceived from Whitfield King & Co 5gr indigo has been overprinted f as a 2½ piastres. The surcharge lines in red.

Zanzibar.—The 30Rs black brown, Native boat type, on script marked paper has been issued acc to information received from M Roberts and Whitfield King & C

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "PHILATELIA".

Gibraltar.—I am always glad to hear from correspondents on *Modern Colonials*, either giving or asking information on this subject, and I wish *more* would avail themselves of the opportunity. This week a reader in Liverpool asks for the "numbers printed" of *Gibraltar* 6d "Universal colors" and 4/- and 8/- Script. The numbers printed are not of much value, unless the numbers sold are known.

The 6d Gibraltar K.E. had a remarkable history. It was put on sale in July, 1912, and the *next day* was withdrawn, and the remainders destroyed and the King George stamp issued. According to the Handbook by Capt. Higham 1,440 were printed. The numbers sold are not known. Probably only about 100 were bought and used for purely postal purposes. Regular dealers and collectors might account for another 200 or so, but in addition to this, by the same authority, 720 stamps or 6 entire sheets, being half of the entire printing, were bought up by astute speculators. Most of these were not put on the market at the time and thus it came about that for some years the stamp was extremely rare and not even catalogued by Gibbons and other authorities. In the 1919 Gibbons we see it 80/-, and at that time it was fetching over half this at auction.

A few years ago the speculators began to unload evidently; they misjudged the rate or time to do this, and the price fell heavily. At recent prices, however, it seems an undoubted bargain, when we think what other European stamps of which only about 1,000 were issued are fetching. It is missing in nearly all collections, not being distributed by New Issue Services at the usual rates, and a rise must occur if the stocks are now all on the market.

Of the 4/- and 8/- Script, the numbers issued have never been published. These stamps became scarce because their withdrawal, after a short life, took everyone by surprise, and the remainder of the printing, believed to be substantial, was destroyed. At present prices they seem good buys.

Our correspondent also asks how it is the 8/- is reported at £3 15/- at auction and £5 15/- in a dealer's offer in the same issue of the *P. M.* The price difference seems too great if the cheaper copy was absolutely perfect. This stamp, however, is prone to suffer from the slightest rubbing, and if a copy comes up at auction with the faintest suspicion of rubbing and not quite brilliant, the connoisseurs shun it, and the dealers will not give too much.

Officials of South African Union.—Another point of interest raised by our correspondent is the value of these officials. I believe most are now priced by Gibbons *used*. The ½d and 6d are scarce thus. The 2d pictorial is out and the Georgian 2d will improve. Unused all seem very rare. A few odd copies are known, but they are so seldom seen that they might fetch any price. They are like some of the British Edwardian Officials whose sale was banned, and the odd copies of which fetch very high prices, whilst some are among the classic British rarities.

"L.O.F." Provisionals.—Our correspondent also expresses disappointment that I did not refer to these during my special Air Post article. There were a good many Air stamps I should have liked to have referred to if space had permitted, but this issue was already referred to in the special Air Mail No., on page 142. The set was offered at £3 complete in *P. M.* a few weeks before. According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, the numbers overprinted ranged from about 100,000 of the 2c to 6,000 of the 1 peso. It will be therefore seen that a fair number were overprinted, just about six times as many as that other Eastern set—the Transjordania "Constitution" issue of September, 1928, recently recommended in these notes, and although six times rarer are actually offered at less than the "L.O.F." set *at present*. There are no speculators' stocks of the Transjordans, so a buy at present prices seems very sound. I feel less confident in recommending the "L.O.F." in view of numbers printed, but the covers to Hong Kong with arrival postmark should be good investment for those who got in at the first prices.

Virgin Islands.—Last autumn I advised that a purchase of a sheet or so of the 1½d red should be a good buy, and suggested that some put away for a year or two would be a better investment than any speculative shares. I understand that this stamp at present is priced at 3/6, but at the time I wrote it could be bought for 3/6 per dozen (or less). I had received private advices from the Leeward Is. that this (and the 1d violet) were the first of the old colors to exhaust, and before speculators could get in for any stock. I hope some readers followed my advice, and I hope when counting up their profits they will not forget "Philatelia."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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The newspapers have been carrying the information that the Roman State stamps will be issued about the middle of April; and Mr. J. Loeffler writes us that the postage set will run from 1c to 10 lire. Parcel post and postage due stamps also will be issued. At first, the issues will be "on paper of Italy; afterwards, on specially watermarked with their own design."

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509. 3c brown, similar very fine copy on cover to London, carried by Hawker, London receiving cachet and official seals on back, very fine cover .....(201) Sc. 350
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The first meeting was marked by the exhibition of Rev. Dallman's collection of approximately 20,000 varieties with a catalog value exceeding $12,000.00. Rev. Dallman showed a fine copy of Reunion No. 1, cat. at $1,000.00.

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Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 2020 Baronne St., the home of Rev. Dallman, at 7.30 P. M. All visitors are invited to attend.

A PHILATELIC NIMROD

The International News Service sent out under date of April 4, 1929, a story on stamps in which our Sigmund I. Rothschild appears as the hero. For twenty-eight years, he has been "hunting big game in the guise of rare stamps," the despatch says. It informs a waiting world that more than 350 denizens of the air, woods and waters are depicted on stamps; and that the issues of the world show more than 150 subjects, from advertising to zoology. The skull and cross-bones cancellation is brought to the surface; and eke, the high hat, that proud Connecticut product. We hope that the millions of readers of the newspapers in which the story appeared will inquire further into the subject of collecting stamps.

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YOU TELL HIM

My Dear Editor:

I am thinking about covering an old wooden chair with some unused stamps. As I know but little how to go about such a thing I thought I would like to get your advice and that of your readers, if they have had any. Mainly, what I want to know is what is used to keep the stamps on. How would varnish be? Would it be all right to give all the stamps a coat of varnish after they are on the chair as a protective coat? Would just the gum of the stamps be sufficient?

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By MICHAEL MILLER, LL.B.
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I have been making a study of bisected stamps for a number of years, and it is curious to see the reasons which caused the issuance of very many of them.

When a country issues a bisected stamp and at the time of its issuance surcharges the halves, it becomes a regular issue and should not be confused with the ordinary stamp that is either halved or quartered, and then permitted to be used for the lower denomination.

For the time being, I have taken up the 12c stamp of the U. S., imperforate issue of 1851. I have checked up a list of the various copies that were offered at sales during the last five years, although frank to admit that quite a number of other copies might have been noted in catalogues which I have been unable to see, and consequently it does not purport to be a complete record of all the bisects offered in the last five years. Any omission could be reported to me so that I could then be able to submit at a future date a complete record of the outstanding copies in the hands of either dealers or collectors. This leads to a suggestion which I am willing to undertake if I receive the coöperation of the collectors. It is merely an endeavor to record the various copies of U. S. No. 36 A, as this stamp has sufficient value. In other words, the same as pedigrees are established and records kept of ownership. The items listed below no doubt have been purchased by various collectors, and I would be glad to hear from them in order that proper notations can be made, as to postmarks, dates, manner of bisection, etc.

The Act approved March 3, 1851, which became effective June 30, 1851, provided that the rate of postage over 3,000 miles should be 6c. Consequently, we find that the majority of these stamps come from California, but these bisects must be used from date when the rate became effective until changed by the Act approved March 30, 1855, which increased it to 10c. There being no 6c stamp, it was, therefore, necessary either to use two 3c stamps or split the 12c stamp.

I find from the items submitted that the first bisect to be used in 1851 was from Sonora on December 29th (item 4), and so far I have not observed any later than the fall of 1853. It is possible, however, that from the information received from collectors such dates would be changed.

This bisect was catalogued in 1923 at $200.00, and then increased to $300.00 about two or three years later, and a few more years later to $350.00, but this has no bearing on the value of the stamp, which depends on the condition and desirability. As an illustration, item No. 4, when the stamp was catalogued at $200.00 brought $425.00. Two years later one on a piece of cover only brought $51.00. Item No. 5 also sold in 1923, brought $260.00. The two covers, items No. 14 and 15, when the stamp was only catalogued at $300.00, brought $360.00 and $390.00, respectively, while the peak price was brought by item No. 18, which brought $700.00. It must be added, however, in this connection that this lot also included a very fine 3c 1851 cover addressed to the same party, and bears two very fine orange-brown, which are tied on with an odd cancellation of short dashes. It is cancelled with the circular Sonora postmark and marked paid "6c" in manuscript like the bisected cover. In checking up these 28 items showing postmarks, it is noted that 20 of them are from San Francisco, 3 Sonora, 2 New York, 2 Canton, Mich., 1 Baltimore. I cannot explain items 2 and 16, which have the New York cancellation, as I know the distance from New York to Detroit is not over 3,000 miles, unless double weight, and ask the readers for information. Mr. Charles J. Phillips in his "Philatelic Classics" mentions the fact that in the Fred Ayer collection sold by him in 1897, there was 1½ copies of this 12c stamp, making it an 18c rate. It is possible that this is the basis for notation made by John L. Luff in his wonderful book on U. S. stamps.

Item 27 shows a quarter of the stamp which was offered for sale by Mr. Phillips in MEKEEL'S with a statement that Dr. Carroll Chase had seen this piece, and that it is absolutely authentic. It is listed by Scott as No. 36B and valued at $1,000.00.

Below is merely a list of the items offered and the names are given in full to explain the initials used: W. C. Henry, B. L. Drew, J. M. Bartels, J. C. Morgenthau, Daniel F. Kelleher, Uptown Stamp Company, Worcester Stamp Company,

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	#1754a, Chocolate Imperf...	.65	..
	#1755, Bistre Br'n perf. (.75)	.12	.05
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	b Imperforated	.65	..
1907	#1765, Blue	.03	..
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	b Indigo .....(.50)	.10	..
1913	#1767, Blue (Perf. x Roul.) (.80)	.16	..
	a Blue (Roul. x Perf.) .(1.25)	.25	..
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ITEMS

1 W.C.H. 3.17.23 Diagonal half on a piece of cover. The cancellation, San Francisco, California, August 16th, covering both envelope and stamp.

2 B.L.D. 3.23.23 Diagonal half of New York to Detroit, black grid falls on the angle instead of on the bisected side; Steamboat, in two lines, a rare cover.

3 J.M.B. 9.22.23 12c, lower vert. half January 15, 1853, San Francisco to Boston on full letter, cancellation covers.

4 B.L.D. 11.23.23 Half to Surrey, Maine, stamp cancellation, Sonora, California, December 29, 1851, in two lines squarely across the stamp. It is believed this is the only copy extant with the 1851 year date.

5 B.L.D. 11.23.23 Half San Francisco to Boston. The pmk. covers the stamp.

6 J.C.M. 2.17.25 Upper right diagonal on piece of original, the San Francisco cancellation covering the cut.

7 D.F.K. 3.12.25 Diagonal half tied to cover by San Francisco postmark, which covers cut. Light crease through corner of stamp.

8 D.F.K. 3.12.25 Lower left diagonal cover from San Francisco to Boston, Mass. The pmk. covers the cut. Faint crease.

9 B.L.D. 3.27.25 Half on original cover, cld. by pmk. of San Francisco, Cal.

10 U.S.C. 4.17.25 Diagonal half on piece, postmark San Francisco, Cal. 16. Jul. covering cut, pen cancelled besides.

11 J.C.M. 10.15.24 Upper left diagonal to New York and forwarded to Marblehead, the New York cancellation. The faint original San Francisco cancellation covers the bisect. Cover is also cancelled "Forwarded" in black.

12 J.C.M. 10.15.24 Upper right diagonal half on cover from San Francisco to New York. The cancellation does not cover the cut, but genuine use of the bisect.

13 D.F.K. 5.22.25 Upper half diagonal half used from San Francisco, August 16, probably 1853, to Phila. cover.

14 D.F.K. 5.22.25 Semi-diagonal, lower right half, California to N. Y. (cut in nearly vertical), cancelled on board ship.

15 D.F.K. 5.22.25 Half, San Francisco, used August 16, 1853, to Boston, cover from Worthington collection.

16 J.C.M. 10.27.25 Lower left diagonal on piece of original, the black New York cancellation covering the cut.

17 J.C.M. 10.27.25 Upper left diagonal on cover to Dennis, Mass., the black San Francisco cancellation covering the cut.

18 D.F.K. 4.23.26 Lower left diagonal to Ellsworth, Maine. The stamp cancelled "Sonora," California January 7, 1852 in blue; this covers the cut edge. The cover is also marked "Paid 6 cts. in Mss. (Greene Sale).

19 D.F.K. 5.27.26 Bisected 12c stamp (both halves) and Hawaii 5c blue No. 5 used together on a tiny piece of cover with Honolulu pmk. and covered by black San Francisco canc. From the Worthington collection (Chase Sale).

20 W.S.Co. Diagonal half as 6c on cover. Pmkd. San Francisco, tying stamp perfectly to cover. Stamp slightly creased where cover was folded.

21 D.F.K. 1.21.27 Upper right diagonal half from San Francisco to Philadelphia with the postmark covering the cut.

22 N.B.P. 3.5.28 Lower L. diagonal half to Kalamazoo, Michigan, the crisscross cancln. of Sonora falls over the cut.

23 N.S.C. 2.7.28 Diagonal half on entire tied on with New York and San Francisco postmark; the bisect has a small tear, rare.

24 G.C. 5.23.28 Diagonal half cover with San Francisco 1. Sept. California, in black to Philadelphia.

25 D.F.K. 11.16.28 Upper right diagonal on cover to Boston, Mass. The cut stamp covered on all three sides with black San Francisco pmk. Letter July 30, 1853.

26 Diagonal lower right cancelled on stamp with "Steam Ship" in two lines. Dated San Francisco July 30, 1853. Cover marked "Via Nicaragua ahead of the mail."

27 Upper left ¼ of the stamp used on a three cent red on buff U. S. envelope addressed to Buchanan, Carroll & Co., New Orleans from Canton, Mi. Jan. 16th cancelled in pen and ink "3" and noted alongside "¼ of 12c 6c by stamps". Paid. Offered by Phillips.

28 Half used on cover from Canton Mi. January 17. Offered by Phillips.

29 Diagonal lower right tied to cover with blue cancellation. Baltimore, Maryland, August 22, to Utica, New York. Letter dated August 21, 1852.

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By B. V. IMBRIE.

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By Archie Pelago.

The annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held on the evening of April 4, 1929, at the Bismarch Hotel, with a large attendance and much enthusiasm. The dinner was an informal affair and no effort was made to have it other than a home occasion; and the president indicated that later, invitations would be sent to collectors in neighboring philatelic communities to meet with the society. There were a few guests: Mr. F. J. Noske, Milwaukee; Mr. Ray V. Bahr, Springfield, Ill.; the Lawrence boys from the University of Iowa; and Mr. V. M. Rotnem, Minneapolis, who was the speaker of the evening. The menu was a tasteful one, and Walter N. Emerson, the president of the society, was a presiding officer who kept his audience alert and interested. Hits that he made were appreciated, and his wit was contagious. The speakers were few in number and they did well. A high note was struck at the start and sustained through the evening.

Captain Walter H. McDonald, who, with C. E. Severn, was present at a banquet of the society on January 7, 1892, brought the dinner card signed by those who attended that dinner; and John K. Tiffany of St. Louis was among the number. The speakers were Mr. Bahr, Mr. Severn, Dr. Hennan and Mr. Rotnem, who filled the place of honor. Mr. Severn was introduced by President Emerson with a flourish and he referred to the many years of service of Mr. Severn who dates his affiliation with the society from 1888. Mr. Severn was swept away by the eloquence of his friend, but when he found his bearings, he described the changes in the philatelic calendar in forty years, in a local sense, and paid tributes to some of the great philatelists of the past. He told of the encouraging signs of the present, and said that with the solid foundation assured, the edifice that would be erected would command the respect of the hurrying multitude who had not yet become stamp conscious, to use an overworked expression. Dr. Hennan discoursed on his experiences as a prize-winner in different of the world's competitions, and said that a straight line to success in this particular was to get the stamps together, impelled to do so by a sincere liking for them. He somewhat ingenuously added that a rubber purse was an aid to accomplishment, but the good doctor said that he spoke impersonally in this regard, of course.

The decks were cleared for Mr. Rotnem, who proved a graceful orator who sounded the key-note of the evening. He was the main tent attraction and gave a polished address. He ranged from gay to grave, and left inspiring thoughts in the minds of the diners. He told of the coming exhibition at Minneapolis in connection with the convention of the A. P. S., and said that it would be so handled that it should establish the custom of annual exhibitions. The intention is to make the Minneapolis display a precedent for yearly exhibitions in the different cities, thereby doing much to make collecting known nationally. He dated tentative exhibitions up to the year 1933, when Chicago has an opportunity to outdo itself. Mr. Rotnem spoke of the wisdom of directing budding philatelic thought in a helpful manner and said that Mr. Severn has done much to further what might be called philately for the masses. With a stirring peroration Mr. Rotnem ended his eloquent speech, making all feel that he did much to make the evening a particularly satisfactory one.

The scandal-sheet, the cover of which bore a new Clark stamp was a clever compilation of hot shots at the different members who were handled without gloves. The innocent as well as the guilty were not spared, and Mr. C. J. Rose, who was responsible for the pith and piffle, will have to do penance for many a moon before the waters become calm.

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By Captain A. C. Townsend.

II.

Washington was a veritable gold mine for the stamp collector when I moved there in 1886. There seemed to be few grown or serious collectors there and treasure was simply going to waste. I found that a number of the negro messengers in the various Departments had stamps of their own Departments that could be wheedled out of them or bought for a very low price, and I got a good many, lots of them in blocks, which I promptly split up and traded or sold. I also got a great many foreign stamps. One old negro messenger used to put all his stamps in a brown paper bag and Saturday afternoon I would call at his home and bargain for them. He would start at $5 for the lot and gradually come down as I pawed them over and assured him it was a "bum lot." We would finally close at from $1.50 to $2.50 and I would scurry home with the treasure, finding some for my collection, some to sell and many traders.

Then I struck a real mine. I got acquainted with the head of the mail room in the State Dept. and he led me to a drawer and let me help myself. I did! This was in 1886, and I found the first issue of Gibraltar in actual quantities, as well as a large number of other high value stamps of many countries. I was wild with excitement, and somewhat embarrassed, for there was so much that I wanted and I didn't know how far he would let me go. At last I told him frankly, and asked if there was anything that I could do for him in return. He said he collected U. S. stamps; that I could help myself freely and if I could give him any U. S. at any time he would be happy. For the next year I used to go there regularly, taking him some Departments and other U. S. and digging into that drawer until my pocket bulged.

Those Gibraltar! I remember them particularly because I got so many of them of the highest values. The 6d catalogs now at $12.00 and the 1sh at $30.00. I used to sell them to a dealer for 20c and 35c each. With just a little foresight I could have readily put away 200 copies of each in the next year, in perfect condition, pairs and blocks. Had I hinged them in a blank book and put them away for 40 years, I could have put both my boys through college without touching my pocketbook. Man, man! What a wonderful thing hind-sight isn't.

During this time I went up to Toronto to visit some cousins on my summer vacation. My uncle was an edtior, and one day as I was going out to lunch with him he went to the cash drawer for some money and I spied a block of Newfoundland stamps. When I asked about them he said a man from there had sent them in for payment of his newspaper. What was he going to do with them? He didn't know; they were no good in Toronto. I offered to buy them and the offer was promptly accepted, and I got a beautiful block of 20 of the 5c of 1866—cataloged at $20 each today. They went the way of my other treasure trove.

Another amusing instance. The Secretary of the Navy had an old negro messenger who guarded his door like a lion and never a boy got in that room. There are some huge pillars in the hall outside his door, and one Saturday I dodged around those pillars, keeping out of the sight of the messenger, until he walked to the door for a moment. I skipped hastily to the Secretary's door, popped inside and closed it. The Secretary was sitting at his big desk; he looked up in surprise, smiled and said: "How did you get in here, young man?" I told him in complete frankness how I had dodged his guard. He smiled again and wanted to know why I was so anxious to get in. I told him I wanted to ask him for some stamps, and thought he ought to have some good ones. He leaned back in his chair and looked at me for a few seconds and then said: "Well, my boy, I don't quite approve of the way you got in, but it just happens that I have something I think you will like, so I'll reward your enterprise."

The great tidal wave that washed one of our battleships a half mile inland from the harbor of Samoa had happened a short time before. He reached into his desk and got out a package. "This is the log of the vessel that was beached at Samoa," he said. "It has just reached me from Hawaii, and I think you will want these stamps," and he unwrapped the book and handed me the cover. It had on it four of the $1 Hawaii of 1886 and several more of other denominations. I took it with a gasp of joy, thanked him as best I could, and disappeared with my ure, which went the way of ever else. Suppose I had had sense enou ask the Secretary to autograph the for me and then kept it. What wo be worth today?

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years later Captain Scott left the ion with a supply of halfpenny dward stamps and of the "Penny sal." These had a black horizon-erprint, "Victoria Land." The ny stamp is much the rarer.

e stamps of this type were also d to Sir Douglas Mawson's ex-n which left Hobart, Tasmania, end of 1911, but letters from this ion usually have a purple rubber cancellation on the front of the e. This mark, which was circu-s a penquin in the middle, above was "Posted in Antarctica" in two

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It has always seemed to me that just as the specialist should have some side line to turn to when he needs a change from his specializing, so the general collector needs something in the way of specialization to engage his attention. From time to time, someone suggests a stamp supposed to be easily obtainable and abounding in varieties, for this purpose. But if one is to become interested in such a stamp, one needs a few suggestions as to what to look for. It is almost impossible to become interested in such things without a signpost or two. It is with the idea of furnishing a few signposts for those interested in "occasional" specialization that I have prepared this short survey.

One of the most interesting subjects for this kind of study that I have found is Brazil, No. 116, the 100r carmine and black, 1894-97 issue, cataloguing three cents. Every general collector is bound to have at least one, and it is moreover easily obtainable in quantities. Because it has been so little worked on, one finds the scarce varieties turning up quite frequently along with the common ones. I do not propose to give a list of all the varieties of this stamp, but only to indicate the possibilities and some of the interesting items in my own collection.

I make no attempt to give the dates of the appearance of the different varieties, although the order in which I describe them is more or less chronological. Gibbons' catalogue lists a few varieties under various dates, but because it omits any mention of the settings, giving only the types of heads on the stamps, I leave consideration of that catalogue aside as being confusing here.

There are three notable differences in the setting of this stamp. In the first the spacing between the stamps varies from practically none at all, to a hair's breadth. In other words, there is no space between the stamps in the first "spacing." One need not strain the eye. If the spacing is invisible, it can safely be called No. 1. Due to the closeness of the stamps in all settings and more yet to their poor centering, pairs are not necessary to determine the spacing.

Spacing No. 2 is almost half a millimeter wide while No. 3, the widest, is practically a full millimeter in width. These differences are more noticeable than they would sound. Nos. 1 and 3 are less common while No. 2 predominates. In looking for these spacings, one should not be confused by the stamps from the edges of the sheet which may have an enormous margin on one side. Always make sure that there is either no space at all between the stamps or that the edge of the next stamp is visible.

I have found it easier in mounting my own collection to take the paper varieties before taking up the types of heads to be found. The main reason for this is that there are fewer paper differences worth distinguishing, although one can split hairs on the subject as far as one pleases. First, then, is a thick, white, chalky-surfaced paper which may or may not show a distinct mesh. More usually the mesh is easily visible when the stamp is held to the light. It runs either vertically or horizontally. This chalky paper is not at all as common as the second paper: thinner, sometimes it is fairly thick, but unsurfaced, almost always of a yellowish or dirty sort of color which might give it the name of straw paper. These two papers, a thick chalky one and a thinner, ordinary one are the two important paper differences. They do not complicate classification much, especially as most of the paper used was the ordinary kind.

The next subdivision to take up is the type of heads. They are five in number. I give them the Type numbers they have in Gibbons' catalogue in order to save confusion in case any reader wishes to follow that classification where possible. The types are as follows:

Type I. The normal head of the 100r stamp and the commonest: the leaf over the ear, pointing toward the eye is long, quite uniform in width, flat across the top, but ending in a slight upward point. The nose often appears to have no tip. It is simpler to locate this type by a process of elimination and then study it. It is very easy to recognize but rather hard to describe. The main distinctions between all the types are the differences in the leaves in the wreath across the head, although there are numerous other distinctions.

Type II is the head of the 700r stamp (No. 121) of the same issue. Type III is the head of the 200r stamp (No. 118). Type IV is the head of the 500r (No. 120). Types II, III, IV are all very scarce but copies of the 200, 500 and 700r stamps are readily obtainable and can be used in checking up just as well.

Type V is a redrawing of the original 100r head. It is very easily located by the white line which begins opposite the eye and runs down the side of the nose. Also the nose is somewhat uptilted and the leaves of the wreath have been redrawn. This is the second commonest type of head. I think Types II, III and IV should really be considered errors.

The last distinction to be made in classifying Brazil No. 116 is perforation. This varies from 11 to 14 with all kinds of compounds. Perforation 11½ is found the most but some varieties with this perforation are very scarce. One soon comes to know which perforations are scarce on the different types of heads and papers.

In classifying a collection of this stamp, then, the following considerations are to be kept in mind: first, three different settings; second, two kinds of paper to each setting (I have found no chalky paper variety for setting 3); third, five possible types of heads. Not all these types exist in each setting and the fact that three of these types are very rare in any setting cuts down the apparently possible list of varieties very considerably. Lastly come the perforations.

In order to show how this classification works, as well as to describe some of the oddities I have seen, I give a summary of my collection of this stamp.

I find in setting No. 1 only Type I on both chalky and ordinary paper. 11½ is the commonest perforation. Other perforations vary from 11 to 14 and compound. Shades run from pink to carmine. The centers do not show so much difference. A very interesting variety of No. 116 is the stamp from the upper row of the sheet having a large comma in the

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top margin. I have found this in setting 1 and one copy in setting 2, its position being over the C or the RR of the word CORREIO.

Setting 2 shows only three stamps on chalky paper, all of Type I. On ordinary paper, I have a large number of Type I, mostly perforate 11½, besides seven other perforations. Shades do not vary a great deal. Of Type II, one copy; of Type III two copies, although the latter is supposed to be much scarcer than the former. All three are of the 11½ perforation. I have never seen any Type IV. Type V makes its first appearance in setting 2 and is scarce in any perforation except 11½.

Setting 3 I find only on thin paper but two copies (Type V) are on quite yellow paper whereas the rest are on fairly white though not chalky paper. On this last paper are a few Type I and about twice as many Type V. Again 11½ is the commonest perforation. There are some very pretty shades of setting 3, Type V.

Just a word, in closing, about cancellations. This stamp appears during the period of modern cancellations. In the way of fancy ones I have seen just one, a Maltese cross. But there were at this time a number of travelling post offices in Brazil and one finds the cancellation "AMBULANTE" in a circular handstamp with the date. As most of the cancellations are from handstamps, one finds occasionally parts of the date inverted in relation to the rest of the cancel.

The 100r stamp, like the rest of the 1894-97 series, is lithographed and of course abounds in flecks or spots of deeper color due to bits of matter sticking to the stones. One finds also white spots due perhaps to faults in the stones or to something on the paper. There are to be found very worn impressions, in fact, almost any type of freak that can result from careless manipulation of machinery or long use of stones.

It is with every assurance that one can find ample material for specialization within easy reach that I suggest Brazil No. 116 as a subject for study.

WHY PRECANCELS? A SYMPOSIUM

Prof. A. F. GAMBER, Editor, Valley City, N. D.

If two heads are better than one, then the opinions of several collectors on a subject are worth more than that of just one. Going on this assumption, the editor asked a few precancel collectors to state in a few words their reasons for their faith. Here they are:—

First, Rev. Hiram Van Voorhis, Dunmore, Penna. Mr. Van Voorhis is an example of a collector who has gone precancel with a vengeance: "They sharpen my wits and quicken my powers of observation; they teach me American geography and industrial life; they afford me a truly intriguing and not-too-expensive means of becoming a United States specialist; they provide me with an absorbing mental let-down so essential to a professional man; they strengthen my bias as a student; they give me choicest pleasures and lots of them."

Next, Albert L. Jones, Wabash, Ind. Jones is one of the oldtime precancel collectors, one of the first to write on the subject of precancels more than twenty years ago. For one reason or another he lost his interest for some time, but of late it has been revived, as witness the following: "You have a crust to ask me to give my reasons for precancel collecting within so small a space! It can't be done, but I'll do it. Why do I collect precancels? For pleasure, of course. I could collect pillbox wrappers, but probably I'd be alone in my hobby. I want my collecting to include contacts with others. I get that in precancels, as we have our society, magazines, catalog, etc. If I select with care a group of precancels to collect, I can form a collection that will be distinctive and outstanding, and possibly even the leader in that class." Mr. Jones has conclusively proven the truth of this last sentence by his own acts. Until a year ago he led the fraternity with his coil collection, which he disposed of to the editor. Since then he has built up the best Indiana collection in the country.

Follows next, C. A. Carroll, conductor of the Bureau Print chronicle: "The chief charm of precancels lies in the fact that I can secure, by my own efforts, and from the original source, the majority of the items I desire for my collection. I can get them, both common and rare, directly from the mails, and I get the kick of an army mule from picking up a really rare specimen." Mr. Carroll specializes in Bureau Prints, having probably the most artistically mounted and written-up collection extant, and in Georgia, his present habitat.

Then comes Dr. J. M. Brooks, Golden City, Mo. The Doctor was another of the oldtime precancel collectors, who lost his enthusiasm, but who has returned to his old love with unimpaired zest: "I collect precancels because I derive pleasure from being able to add to my collection at every turn, and at a minimum of expense if I choose. I find them my greatest incentive to learn more about the cities represented in my collection—educational, if you please." The Doctor favors his home state heavily, but is also a general collector, like very many of the state specialists at present.

Here's the testimonial of E. J. Newcomer, Vice-Pres. of the Precancel Stamp Society, specialist in the Pacific Coast States, and general all-round good fellow. I first formed acquaintance with him in the halcyon days of revalued stamped envelopes, and from then to now our friendship has steadily ripened: "Being a scientist, I am interested in small differences. They are often important in science, and may be so with stamps. I find, in precancels, an opportunity to exercise this interest to a greater degree than is possible with other stamps. They also afford an indoor sport to offset the outdoor activities incident to my profession." Mr. Newcomer is in the employ of the Department of Agriculture as an entomologist in the small fruit region around Yakima, Wash.

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In the last five years monetary have been definitely established i cancels. Trading among collect growing less; cash for needed changes hands more each year. phase is the real index to the st of precancels. They are here to st to grow with increasing impetus year." Mr. Hoover collects ever in precancels, though it is a quest the new duties assumed with the purchase will leave him very muc for his own collection. Maybe Fr len was right when he said one ca a collector and dealer too.

Stop Press News

WAII AT COLLECTORS CLUB

ection of Hon. E. R. Ackerman Shown by Mr. C. J. Phillips

the last meeting of the New York ctors Club, Edward R. Wood of ıdelphia was to have given a display re U. S. general issues, but unfortuy he was engaged and could not , but we expect that this treat is postponed to a later date. Harry quist, at short notice, asked me to ıe gap, and I displayed the collection awaii formed by Hon. E. R. Ackerand to which he has made many ions. Special attention was drawn e following:

1, 13c Missionary used on cover a 13c dark red of 1853, both tied ıer and to the cover, this being a ination hitherto unknown.

ers were shown franked with many ies of Hawaiian stamps used with ıs values of U. S. stamps, and Mr. ps explained that in the early period llowing rates were in force:

ters from Hawaii to San Francisco District had to have a 5c U. S. stamp ıed. Letters to the district West ncinnati had to have a 10c U. S. in addition to the local postage. s to points past Cincinnati to the Coast had to have 12c stamps added. ne districts in Hawaii either had no stamps supplied to them or they un out of them, and letters were franked with U. S. stamps only Hawaiian Islands to North Bridge-, Mass., etc., etc. The large figure s of 1859-1865 were represented by two hundred and fifty copies ar-d according to the plates and printshown in Henry Crocker's handbook. rars H. Tows, whom the members very welcome after his late severe , very kindly explained many points erest about these stamps in which s been the leading specialist for years.

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

D AERONAUTIC ASSEMBLY

ST. LOUIS, April 20.

Third National Aeronautic Asy will convene here May 27. In ction with this event a specially de- stamp cancelling-die may be furvarious post offices. Arrangehave also been made for a special for souvenir air mail letters posted the four days, May 27-30. Forletters to the Aeronautic Div. of m. Soc. of Mech. Eng., % Air , 511 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. pecial cachet will be for air mail and unusually attractive. Rate, 5c e first ounce, and 10c for each adal. Letters for this purpose must ly addressed, sealed, and stamped.

NELSON F. GERKEN.

000 ATTEND EXHIBITION

TACOMA, WASH., April 19.

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CECIL F. BLOGG.

ULASKI STAMP WANTED

WASHINGTON, April 20.

oint resolution was introduced into louse of Representatives on April lling for a 2c stamp to commemohe 150th anniversary of the death ig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski, Revolu- y war hero, which occurs Oct. 11. is, however, little chance of enactat this special session.

BERTRAM F. LINZ.

MISSING AIR MAIL LOCATED

Three Lindbergh Sacks Found in Merida, Yucatan

WOOSTER, O., April 18.

Here's what happened to your missing covers sent to Mexico City from Brownsville. The Mexico City P. M. says, freely and briefly translated:

"Possibly due to the movement of the plane, three sacks of correspondence from Brownsville on the first flight worked into the interior of one of the wings, where they were found April 9th at Merida, Yuc. Among the mail were found the enclosed, which you will note have been backstamped March 10th, to preserve their philatelic value."

I'd rather have had it April 10th, myself, but all credit for his good intentions. Hundreds of collectors will, however, rejoice that their covers have arrived home.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

AIRPORT DEDICATION

The Philatelic Mission, by Mr. Eugene H. Brown, Box 533, Santa Rosa, California, notifies us, under date of April 17, 1929, of the dedication of the Santa Rosa municipal airport, announced for May 4th and 5th. A special cachet has been authorized by the chamber of commerce of that city; and it is planned to show the features of the late Luther Burbank, whose home was in Santa Rosa, on it. Already a good number of letters have been received, and Mr. Brown has offered his services in taking care of mail that may be sent him for the occasion. Again, we must interpose the thought that too short a time is allowed collectors who may read this notice to take full advantage of it.

NEWS FLASHES

—We learn from Gibbons Stamp Co., that no mail will be carried in the new British airship on its trial flight across the Atlantic. Due notice of a mail service will be given the public.

—In Mr. Focke's article on Papua last week, the word "margin" was used twice where "frame" should have been inserted. Any reader of the article would be apt to correct the error where it occurred.

—Herman W. Boers advises us that the house in which Lindbergh was born in Detroit has been purchased by the Swedish Engineering Society, and will be kept as a memorial to the famous aviator. It will be used as permanent club quarters for the society whose members are of Swedish descent or connections.

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HOWARD S. DICKEY.

MAINE COLLECTORS MEET

WATERVILLE, ME., April 20.

The Maine Association of Philatelic Clubs will hold its spring Convention at The Worster, Hallowell, Saturday, May 18 at 3 P. M. The program will include talks, an exhibition, a contest for the best display of U. S. commemoratives, dinner, and a private sale of stamps. The exhibits will include 20th century Newfoundland, U. S. departments, and a unique collection of locomotive stamps, assembled by a railroad man.

The member clubs are the Androscoggin of Lewiston and Auburn, Augusta, Collectors Club of Portland, Kennebec of Waterville, and Penobscot Valley of Bangor. Any non-club collectors desirous of attending should communicate with me at Waterville, Maine, for dinner reservations. These state conventions are rapidly growing in popularity and interest, and are attracting attention outside the state. They afford an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with Maine collectors. Visitors welcome.

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THEN AND NOW: CONTRASTS

By EDWIN B. HILL, Ysleta, Texas.

In these days of perfection and perforation and minor varieties one old in collecting turns back the pages of memory to the days when the stamp was the thing, and condition little entered in. Those were the days when boyhood joys were enhanced by possession of a new variety or the collection—meager at best—enriched with a triangular Cape or an early U. S.

It is more than fifty years since the writer commenced collecting. In that time he has seen three collections pass from his possession. Values have soared beyond the clouds. The time came when he no longer could hope to complete issues as in the old days. It came to him then—and that within the last several years—that to be a collector of collectors was a hopeless task. So he chose his own destiny, and foresook the ways of today.

Condition—that bugaboo of the present—had no charms for him, in a way. It is true, he has two collections, one of perfect and the other of damaged stamps. His soul is content—content with the waifs and strays, and with the finer things,—finer, but alas! fewer by far.

Every collector is a law unto himself. It is his to judge which stamps shall go into his collection. If he prefers parts of stamps because he cannot afford whole ones, that is his justification. Better to have the part than to have none is his theory, and his theory is excellent for him.

For the last fortnight, as time and opportunity came, the writer has been garnering into an ancient and battered Scott International, nineteenth century edition, the stamps he has acquired by gift and purchase the last ten years,—damaged in nearly every instance, some worse than others. Nearly every stamp has its history of remembrance and interest. Some were sent from remote places with pleasant notes of cheer, and perhaps wonderment underlying the message. One letter, with several rarities, came from a foreign land. It was a curious letter, with the asperities of the purist outpoured upon the head of anyone so unwise as to collect damaged stamps. The reply courteous brought a somewhat more acrid answer, which has caused the party of the first part many inward chuckles of joyous pleasaunce. Here was a collector who religiously destroyed damaged stamps. A friend of the writer told this man to send them to one who appreciated those sad ruins, and who would cherish them. It was a point of view wholly unknown to the purist. It was his bit of missionary work in lieu of a letter. It is his contribution which has made the blank spaces bear the glory of fruitage.

The writer does not collect as an investment. He is not interested in any way in the financial outlook of either of his collections. It is the joy he has and is deriving from the bits of paper which make life more bearable and more of a joy to him daily. If he had it all to do over again, he would collect as he collects today.

The beginner in stamp collecting has much to learn, and, having learned in part, there is much to undo. He must learn that the men who are peers in the game have also laid down laws for the observance of lesser men,—laws which they would enforce and compel others to obey. But why should not one be individual, and a law unto himself? If the writer prefers his collection of damaged stamps, and his little garnerings of counterfeits and reprints and fakes, to possession of his perfectionists, who shall cry him down? It is his, and being his, he alone is responsible.

Sympathy goes out to the beginner. He should be allowed to follow his own inclination. If he prefers a country in perfection to a general collection, that is his to say. Just now the specialist is in the saddle. Several years ago the general collection was the thing. But new issues were the bugaboo. Then nineteenth century was the vogue. And then came specialism to discourage the tyro, and to encourage the sated. The other year the writer saw a fine collection of Canada. It was complete. Recent inquiry disclosed the fact that the man had lost interest. He had laid aside his album. Why collect? He had everything in the one country he loved. The collection was on the market.

Collect as you will, and what you will, in any way and in any manner that gives you pleasure. Do not allow your inclinations to be swayed by what the other fellow chooses to assure you is his way, and therefore the only right way. Be yourself. Each to his own. If you love perfect copies, get them. If you are content with philatelic ruins, acquire them. Expect neither praise nor blame from those who differ from you. Yours is the joy and the glory and the peace beyond words—a peace which comes to the true collector as he searches the highways and the byways of life for the bits of paper certain to come to him in time—if the time holds out.

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EDITORIAL

A CORRESPONDENT in Washington says that the Ohio River stamps may usher in an era that will be marked by a drought of commemoratives. There evidently is some backfiring as a result of the prolificy of such issues, and it seems that mutterings have come from those who have not secured stamp recognition for persons and places that in their opinion are as deserving or important as those that have been honored by issues. Evidently, work and worry are entailed by the issue of commemoratives and it is certain that any financial returns that accrue from them are inconsequential when coupled with the strain and stress involved. Collectors are reconciled to the special issues and they can view with equanimity either a famine or a feast of commemorative stamps.

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IN sending the following notice, Mr. Perham C. Nahl, Oakland, California, says that it must be followed literally by those who wish to take advantage of the service. However it is doubtful whether many of our readers would have been in a position to patronize this flight, even had word appeared in the previous issue which it just missed. "On May first, the Boeing Air Transport, Inc., operating CAM No. 18, will inaugurate an overnight service from San Francisco (Oakland airport) to Chicago. The Boeing people will furnish cachets to be used on air mail covers for the first trip from Oakland and San Francisco. All covers for dispatch from Oakland and San Francisco must be sent to Perham C. Nahl, 6043 Harwood Ave., Oakland, California, in order to receive cachet. Covers should be here by April 27 at the latest so that cachets may be applied in time. Send covers in separate envelopes for each city, with no communication except the words, 'Oakland, First Night Flight,' or 'S. F., First Night Flight,' and signature." We print the foregoing not only to tell of this private cachet, but to emphasize that news of impending flights must be received very early in order to be of any use to our readers.

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IN a court case at Portsmouth, England, the defendant was fined on the charge of using "washed" stamps, even though he claimed to have bought them at post offices. It was demonstrated by the prosecutor "that the cancellations could be revived by further chemical treatment." The case is reported by *Stamp Collecting* and this London weekly observes: "It would be most useful to collectors and dealers if these chemicals could be supplied to the trade, and no doubt a number of 'mint' stamps would lose their status; at the same time, some doubts that might exist could probably be settled." It is a coincidence that we received from Philadelphia some time ago, a type-written letter on plain stationery asking if we wanted the formula of a liquid that would restore to an appreciable degree pen marks that had been removed chemically. No name or address was on the sheet.

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THE following letter has been received from Mr. L. S. Slevin, Carmel, California, who interposes remarks that are much in order: "May I suggest that your paper urge collectors and dealers, too, in some cases, to quit spoiling stamps? The following practice still survives when we should know better in this day and age. Writing on stamps with indelible pencil, ink, rubber stamp impressions, or other markings. Attaching hinges to O. G. stamps, postal cards, covers, etc. It is a crime to stick a hinge on O. G., and a stamp with an accumulation of hinges is an abomination, causing thin spots when attempts are made to remove them. I have a 10c, 1847 issue which would be superb if it were not for a wad of sealing-wax on the back. This form of boorishness, however, I think was discontinued some time ago." Our correspondent rightly assails any mistreatment of a stamp, and the objections that he cites are self-evident. Some of the disfigurements are a heritage of the days when a stamp was not treated so tenderly as it is now, when condition has become of paramount importance. Decades ago, some of the big dealers adopted the plan of writing or marking the stamp on back with initials or characters as guaranteeing the genuineness of the specimen, but we think that this custom has become obsolete. The question of hinging O. G. stamps is one that meets a division of opinion. There are many experienced collectors who feel safe in using peelable hinges, which may be depended upon not to mar the gum, and it will be a long time before collectors generally will refuse to hinge their O. G. stamps. As for sealing-wax that is found occasionally as having been used on stamps, the probabilities are that collectors were in no way responsible for its presence. We have several covers where the wax was used to affix the stamps by the senders of the letters in the old days when gum was wanting or regarded as a weak reed on which to lean. There are a number of solvents of sealing-wax which will remove the substance.

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PROFESSOR FREDERICK S. EATON, New Haven, Conn., in our opinion, is a good example of the occasional benefactor who appears every so often to devote himself unstintedly to the promotion of a divisional unit of philately, because of a sincere belief in the merits of the cause. Time, energy and money are spent by such men in fu ing in an unselfish way, the lines th peal to them as having real claim recognition. When Mr. Eaton bega task to whip stampless covers into there must have been times when quired all his hardihood to progress has kept *Stampless Covers* alive as seminator of information on the spe and the receipt of the March numb dicates that Mr. Eaton and his f have put their shoulders to the and have shoved their vehicle on tively solid ground. Perhaps it formulating the varieties of the stamp covers, as most of them ar are included under the embracive of "stampless covers," in what m called a catalogue sense is the gr achievement of the band of wo Auction sales of these covers are velopment that some years ago have been called impractical becau the difficulty of describing the cover now there is a seventh sale of advertised.

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SOME time ago, Dr. Holland A. L secretary of the American Phil Society, Denver, Colorado, in d among his philatelic souvenirs, fou circular relating to "Specimen P Stamps" that was issued by E. W. ber, Third Assistant Postmaster Ge Washington, D. C., March 27, 1875 Davis says that we may have this lar, and brazenly enough, we gr Moreover, the sheet is accompanied little envelope, on which is pri "United States Official Postage St 1873. Proof Specimen. War D ment." We have mentioned this c before and its material has been us

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sians of U. S. issues, but it is al- of interest as in a way, it announced existence of a pioneer philatelic agen- t Washington, if we stretch our nations a bit. The notice begins: Department is prepared to furnish, application, *at face value*, specimens hesive postage stamps issued under spices, as follows." The following os are listed: "Ordinary Stamps for of the Public"; "Official Stamps" Newspaper and Periodical Stamps." e "Issue of 1851," there were "two ate designs of 1-cent carrier stamps." read in the foot-notes: "The 1847 1851 stamps are obsolete and no r receivable for postage. The sub- nt issues of ordinary stamps are valid. The newspaper and period- stamps of 1865 are also uncurrent; of the issue of 1874 can be used by publishers and news agents for r mailed in bulk, under the act of 23, 1874. The official stamps can- e used except for the official busi- of the particular department for n provided. All the stamps fur- d will be *ungummed;* and the offi- stamps will have printed across the the word 'Specimen' in small type. ll be useless to apply for *gummed* s, or for official stamps with the 'Specimen' omitted. The stamps e sold by sets, and application must e made for less than one full set of issue, except the State Department l stamps and the newspaper and pe- al stamps of the issue of 1874."

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Air Mail News

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(Our subscribers are urged to send air mail news direct to Mr. Dickason and especially advance news concerning first flights, with names of cities served. The scope of this department will not allow the treatment of flights from other than the purely philatelic standpoint.)

(Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department as an air mail collector, so make your contribution as generous as possible, and pardon any brevity on the part of the Editor.)

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Each week brings a bigger coöperator list than the last. 45 this time. They are Lt. Col. Edward G. Huber, H. Markham, Hilda B. Scagliola, S. W. Norton, John G. Kuespert, George T. Street, Clarence E. Wells, Harry Leonard, Anna M. Schaffer, *Anthony Edelblut, Erwin Strasser, E. G. Emerson, Arthur K. Storey, Vernon J. Hoyer, W. C. Jackson, Dr. Wm. Evans, Frederick D. Markee, Paul A. Freeman, Norman Tulp, A. Jos. Steinhardt, Kenneth Tallmadge, J. P. Penning, R. A. Brooks, H. G. Burwick, Marcus E. Rawlins, Nic. G. Johnson, Todd Fagan, Geo. H. Keiley, Ross Shumaker, A. C. Roessler, *Major C. M. Lopez, Archie D. Simpson, Howard Maloney, Osborne B. Bond, Hugh M. Troland, Jr., James R. Marshall, Hon. W. Irving Glover, Robert Herrera, J. Frank Braceland, Jr., Wm. J. Prinzing, H. C. Skinner, Nelson E. Willits, Maurice S. Petty, Carter Glass, Jr., and Edw. C. Lovell.

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Just a word of explanation, which probably isn't necessary. Wherever possible, I try to answer these good coöperators in this department. Where a personal reply is in order, I use that method, but it would be a physical impossibility to send a proper note of thanks to everyone sending in information and covers. I hope you will permit me to acknowledge your help through the weekly lists, at the same time assuring you that I'm glad to discuss anything at all by correspondence.

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Mr. F. D. Markee writes us:—The Enid, Okla., Airport will be dedicated May 20. The Chamber of Commerce will be glad to handle covers. Special cachet is assured. Send your covers ready to go.

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Official Flights

The Spokane, Wash., Chamber of Commerce will apply a special cachet to air mail when service is extended to Spokane early in the summer. They are receiving covers now. * * * Raleigh, N. C., expects soon to have air mail service. Ross Shumaker, Box 1107, says he'll be glad to look after covers sent in to him.

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Major Lojez says he has two letters direct from Brownsville with the black cachet, but they're the only ones reported. The inference is that the magenta will be the best, as being actually applied at Brownsville, whereas the most of the black were applied later at Washington. Several more folks have reported letters from Mexico short paid, but no postage due collected. Letters have been received from Mexico as late as April 4th.

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Cleveland C. of C. says, "It is possible that the Chamber will supply a special cachet for the new transcontinental service May 1, if there is sufficient demand." I have a hunch if they receive a lot of covers, they'll recognize the demand. Go to it. May be more of these, shouldn't wonder.

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As announced previously in the "Stop Press," Springfield, Ohio, goes on CAM 16, with a special official cachet, May 1st. * * * Who's seen an air mail "Permit"? And how about first day covers of permits? Yes, they exist. Let's hear from you, "Sevard". * * * Effective May 5th, the first Sunday after May 1, the anniversary of the starting of the New York-Atlanta route, a full seven day schedule will go into effect on this route. No cachets announced, but these first Sunday flights have a habit of producing some surprises.

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Nelson E. Willits received an unusual cover from the 1st Canal Zone flight. It was a Canal Zone air mail stamped envelope (2c) franked with a 3c Canal Zone surcharged stamp, and 2 ½c Republic of Panama stamps postmarked Ancon, and bearing the first flight cachet. Some funny ones surely do get in on these first flights sometimes.

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In answer to a number of queries, it has been officially announced that the British dirigible, R-100, is to carry no mail on her forthcoming trans-Atlantic flight.

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J. Frank Braceland, Jr., reports another interesting crash cover. This bears the following note, signed by the postmaster: "Air mail damaged when the Chicago-Dallas mail plane fell and was destroyed by fire on the morning of March 22, about six miles south of Harmon, Illinois."

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George T. Street gets over a fine bit of air mail publicity. In the Jan. 26 number of *Havana*, the magazine of Cuba, he has a leading article on the "Air Mail Between the U. S. and Cuba." The article occupies several pages in this finely gotten up magazine, and is illustrated with three-quarter size pictures of several first flight covers. Very good indeed.

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Airport Dedications, Etc.

Santa Rosa, Calif., dedicates probably first week in May during the Rose Festival, a three day celebration. Chamber of Commerce has a cachet. * * * Elkhart, Ind., American Legion Circus and Airport Dedication, June 14, 15, 16, different color each day. A specially designed envelope will be sold at the airport, and if you send 10c for each, E. G. Emerson, 635 Bower St., Elkhart, will stamp, address and mail them for you. Your own prepared covers should go to Mr. Emerson, too. * * * Beverly, Mass., dedication set for June 10, and the C. of C. will look after covers and cachet.

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W. C. Jackson sends the figures on recent Ft. Worth events. The first anniversary mentioned several weeks ago had about 500 letters mailed with the special C. of C. cachet, 150 purple, 100 red, 100 green, 100 blue, 50 bi-colored. The Southwestern Aeronautical Exposition used a different color for each day. About 600 letters were mailed each day from the 9th to the 16th, and 350 the 17th. This was also by the C. of C. * * * Several readers report late covers from Buffalo, dated April 1st, though the Show closed the 30th of March.

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Here's the first Lindbergh cachet for this year. The Jr. Chamber of Commerce of Saginaw, Mich., are sponsoring a special mailing on May 21st, and will

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228	30pa, used, green	.....	.50	.30
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232	60 perf.	.....	2.50	.80
233,	either way, 15p perf.	.....	..	.50
	15p	.....	..	1.00
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235	10p green	.....	.20	.10
236	25p rose	.....	.50	.20
237	40p blue	.....	.80	.20
238	50p red	.....	1.00	.40
301*	1892, 1rup	.....	2.50	.80
302*	1894, 1rup on green	.....	2.00	.50
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403a*	1909, 1rup green	.....	2.50	.50
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Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

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Junior Dictionary

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P. R.—A watermark found in many of the stamps of Roumania. The letters are for "Posta Romana", that is "Roumanian Post".

Pre.—An abbreviation for "piastre" overprinted on the 1876 provisional issue for Turkey.

Precancelled.—Stamps sold by a post office already obliterated as a convenience to business firms despatching postal matter in quantity.

Postal Guides.—These are official guide books issued by the Post Office departments in many countries for disseminating postal information.

Postal Service.—An overprint found upon certain Indian postage stamps which were not, however, used for postage. These stamps served to indicate the amount of duty to be paid on parcels received abroad, and their use was thus purely fiscal.

Postal Fiscals.—Stamps originally issued for revenue purposes only, temporarily, or indefinitely, allowed to be used for the prepayment of postal charges with official sanction.

Postally Used.—A philatelic expression distinguishing stamps used for postal purposes from similar varieties used fiscally or on telegraph forms.

Postat E Qeverries Se Perkohesme Te Shqipenies.—Found on the Albanian stamps issued in October, 1913. It means "Post of the Government of the New Nation of Albania."

Poste Aerienne.—This inscription is found on a Tunis stamp issued May 5, 1919, for air post use. The 35c pictorial stamps of 1906 was thus overprinted, and used in connection with aerial service between Gabes—Djerba—Zarzis—Ben Gardane.

Poste De Geneve.—Found on all the early stamps of Geneva.

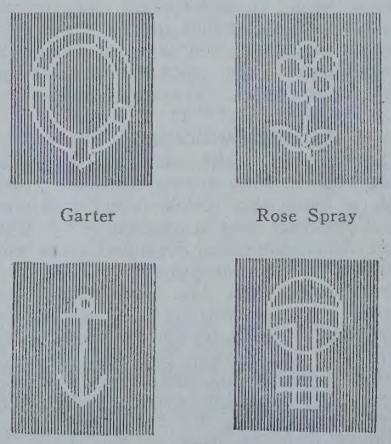
Sheet Sizes

The size of a stamp often has direct bearing on the number contained in a sheet. The larger the stamp the fewer in the sheet is the usual rule though the actual printing area may be equal to that of a sheet containing two or three times as many stamps.

Again the method of production has frequently been an important factor in determining the number of stamps in a sheet. The embossed stamps of Gambia were printed in small sheets of fifteen, not because fifteen was a convenient number but because of the difficulty of embossing a larger number of specimens at one operation. Where stamps were engraved by hand as the early Mauritius, New South Wales, etc., the difficulty of reproducing the same design even tolerably alike on several impressions led to small plates being used. Then in the case of some locally produced stamps the size of the printing press available has had to be taken into consideration in deciding on the number of stamps in a sheet and in the case of type-set stamps the number of impressions has had to be limited to fit in with the amount of type available! We thus find sheets of stamps of all shapes and sizes ranging from the small sheets of ten for some issues of Labuan (2 rows of 5); 12 (6 rows of 2) for the 1882 issue of British Guiana; 30 (3 rows of 10) for some of the old stamps of St. Vincent; 50 (5 rows of 10) for the dollar stamps of North Borneo; up to the large sheets of 240 for the British stamps.

Types of Watermarks

It is interesting to note what a variety of different designs have been adopted for watermarks by different countries. Some, like those of this country, consist merely of letters, while others consist of more or less elaborate devices having some symbolic reference to the country using them. Thus in the stamps of Great Britain we find an Imperial Crown, as the emblem of royalty; in the early stamps of Jamaica is a pineapple, signifying the abundance with which that fruit is grown in the island; Western Australia provides us with a Swan—the black variety of which is indigenous to Australia only; Hungary shows its famous iron crown; China, the wonderful ying-yang symbol, typifying the two great elements of nature, and so on.



British Watermarks

In most sheets of stamps the watermark is so arranged that one complete device is apportioned to each stamp. This is, however, by no means an invariable rule. Sometimes one large design spreads over the whole sheet, so that each stamp shows but a small portion of it; again, the design may cover only a few stamps in a sheet so that the majority are found without watermark; or, again, it may consist of a repetition of a device—like the "multiple" watermark of modern British Colonials—repeated so closely that each stamp shows portions of several watermarks; lastly it may consist of the repetition of certain letters—like the "U S P S" on our own stamps—so arranged that one letter should show on one stamp.

Spanish Exhibition Stamps

There will be no lack of postage stamp issues to advertise the exhibitions at Seville and Barcelona. The British Post Office issued only two stamps, 1d and 1½d, for the British Empire Exhibition in 1924, and these were not sold at all post offices, but had to be purchased within the exhibition. Spain has just issued an elaborate series of twenty stamps, thirteen for ordinary postage in four different designs, one for express letters in a fifth design, and six denominations for use on air mail.

Twenty stamps at one issue is a generous number, but the collector who wishes to keep pace with the Spanish output must prepare to multiply the series of twenty six times. In addition to the set as issued and sold in Spain itself, the stamps have been overprinted for each of the several colonies and protectorates, including Cape Juby, Spanish Guinea, Spanish Morocco Protectorate, Spanish Sahara, and Tangier.

All the stamps are of large oblong form. The designs for the ordinary postage series represent:—

1.—An ancient Spanish galleon afloat, with Seville in the background.

2.—A miniature of the exhibition poster design.

3.—View of the exhibition; and

4.—King Alphonso in a crowned medallion with a glimpse of Barcelona and the statue to Columbus in the surround.

The express letter stamp is a curious allegory of speed, represented by a deer on the run, and the air post stamps are all in one design showing a machine in flight.—*Postage Stamp.*

Hard and Soft Paper

One reader wants to know how to tell the issues on hard paper from those printed on soft porous paper. These varieties of paper are a stumbling block to most juniors and to many more experienced philatelists as well. The differences to an inexperienced eye are not very marked, hence the difficulty of distinguishing between the printing by the Continental Bank Note Company on thin, hard paper, and that by the American Bank Note Company on soft, porous paper. The only stamps effected are the 1873 to 1879 issues and certain Departmental and Newspaper stamps. The soft, porous paper used by the American Bank Note Company has a very apparent "weave" and if the stamps are held to the light they appear to be watermarked with numerous small dots. The hard paper of the Continental Bank Note Company, on the other hand, shows no sign of these dots, but has a smooth semi-transparent appearance when held to the light. The easiest way of distinguishing between the two varieties is to take stamps which were only printed by one or other of these companies and compare them very carefully. Any of the stamps of the 1881-88 issues will serve as an example of the paper employed by the American Bank Note Company as none of these were printed by the other firm. The best of the cheaper stamps as a specimen of the Continental paper would be the 6c Agriculture which was never printed by the A. B. N. Co.

Long Island.—In the World War the island of Chustan in the Gulf of Smyrna was used temporarily as a British naval base and the name changed to Long Island. Typewritten postage stamps were issued under local authority but later suppressed by the Admiralty and the existing stock destroyed. They have no legal standing whatsoever.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ar

(Contributions are solicited either o or verse. You may sign them or not, a please. Address the editor as above.)

She smiled at the pilot so breezy
As he cranked up his aeroplane wh
'Til that ardent young feller
Forgot the propeller—
Some men lose their heads awful eas

* * *

We heard a rural mail carrier sa other day that he did not think th was good luck to pick up a horsesh his tire.

* * *

FORUM NEWS FLASH

A small spark touched some powder,
There was an awful shriek;
For a spark from off her cigarette
Scorched the white-wash on her ch

* * *

CATCHY STUFF.—Old Man Wizzle ter opening box of hinges): "Dad mit! It says HINGES on the bo it's little pieces o' fly paper!"—R E. DUNLOP.

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STOP PRESS NEWS

Due to a severe attack of w cramp, suffered by the pilot of the copter "Interrogation Point" in m the recent flight upwards from De Island, the return trip has been doned, and he is still up in the ai is not known whether the post offic partment will return the covers to ers, or forward them to the addre by radio.

—BIG B

* * *

I've mushed through polar snows
I've sailed the ocean blue;
I've wrecked three Lockheed plan
I've shot a man or two.

And what has thrilled me most?
Well, stranger, my biggest thril
Was a block of dollar stamps
That I got from my nephew, B

* * *

"Don't cuddle your stock," says a line in "The Philatelic Trader" (Lon Could this warning be directed towar Melville's "Stamp Lover"?

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MODERN HIGHER CRITICS, AFTER ING THE MONO-WINGED ANGELS ON ADA'S NEW AIRS, ARE ASKING, "HOW WINGS HAS AN ANGEL?" PERHAPS FORUM READER WHO HAS SEEN AN AT FIRST HAND CAN ANSWER THESE ERS AFTER LIGHT.

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BRITISH MILLIONAIRES NOW ONLY 543

—News Head in N. Y. *Times*, Ap Didn't know, till now, there ar 543 stamp dealers in Great Brit H. M. K.

* * *

Heaven bless the neighbors' kids,
And keep 'em off my yard,
And keep 'em off my sward,
And keep 'em all confined
Their own tall fence behind,—
(Unless they want to swap
Precancels that they find).

* * *

OO-OOH, VIOLETS FOR US!

Sez th' ole man Crowl,
Sez he tuh me,
I've read that Forum
Uv Fun, b'gee,
An' I had to laff
An' wiggle my chin,
An' I hope by Heck,
They'll have it agin!
—O. B. J. (Akron,

* * *

"Have you read Harris and 'Fiery Throne'?"

"Yes, and it's a hot one."

HENRY PHILIP MANUS

By A. J. SEFI.

he claims of a man upon the sym-
etic interest of his contemporaries
of posterity, can be many. We can-
point to the subject of this short
raphy as a possessor of many phila-
medals, or as a contributor to the
ature of our hobby. Yet can we
al him out as one who has done good
honest service towards furthering the
interests of stamp collecting. A
t collector of the old school, his
e ever will be associated with the
vth of philately in Holland, his coun-
which he has represented upon so
y International Juries.

enry Philip Manus was born in the
1851, and began to collect stamps at
arly age, and had already, he tells
nounted his little collection in a book
he late fifties. His father was the
of the great tobacco firm bearing
name, and which had been founded
1836, so many wonderful stamps
otless came to young Manus from
office letters. In 1863 he was given
of the first editions of the Lallier
m, and in 1867 a later edition, in
h he started seriously to collect after
fashion of the day, taking adhesives,
lopes, and Telegraph and Private
ps. In 1868 he entered his father's
ness, and had to work hard and long,
h left him but little time for his
ps. The album, however, which was
tically complete in everything except
very rarest varieties, was never dis-
ed and in the course of business
neys through Europe, was constantly
g added to. In 1888 Mr. Manus
ed Maury's shop in Paris and bought
w album, "large and thick" compared
the book of the sixties. Returning
e he started to transfer his stamps
he new book, amalgamating as he
along another old collection that
had acquired, and endeavouring to
plete as many countries as possible.
, he says, was not a very difficult
in those days, and in studying his
ps he found that he had many more
ties than there were spaces for.
e spaces were given for the "Syd-
View" stamps of New South Wales,
he found that there were undoubt-
many varieties of these stamps. He
ht a number of them, not knowing
to deal with them, when, one day,
mber of the newly-formed Amster-
Philatelic Society, showed him some
nstructed plates. It was a revelation
that moment the first step was taken
rds the getting together of the pres-
reat collection. On his friend's ad-
he ordered Collin and Calmans' Cat-
ue for Advanced Collectors, and
n to rearrange his stamps on loose
s and to "plate" everything that he
l. Soon he had a collection of the
e world, fairly complete, but mostly
ed specimens, as was then the fash-
broad. The collection gradually be-
unwieldly, and in 1900 Mr. Manus
led that it was impossible to collect,
plate, the whole world "used" and
sed," so he then decided to confine
elf to the stamps of Great Britain
her Colonies.

has never parted with his foreign
tries, which he has divided among
ons, his superb collection of Holland
Colonies, very strong in complete
s, going to his son, M. K. P. Manus,
completed this collection in the mod-
ssues with all the different plates in
s. During the past twenty-eight
s the Colonial collection has been
ing steadily, and is today one of the
general collections of these issues
istence. In the Victorian issues he
arly complete both used and unused,
his reconstructed plates of used
lso nearly completed. His Edward-
and Georgian issues are complete,
the possible exception of one or
war-stamps. Some years before the
on the advice of Messrs. Bacon,
e and Hausburg, he decided to re-
t his collection in English albums,
hich he now has over seventy.

member of the Jury of the Amster-
Exhibition of 1910, he showed some
s Australians, but from that day he
never competed at any Exhibition
owing to his almost invariable appear-
ance on the Jury. But for this fact his
collection would have secured many of
the highest awards. He acted on the
Jury at the following Exhibitions:—
Bern, Vienna, Paris, London, Amster-
dam, Brussels and the Hague, and
though he announced in 1924 that he
would be unable to accept any further
invitations he was pressed to act in Paris,
New York, Christiana, Strasburg and
Monaco. His unvarying courtesy and
charm of manner have endeared him to
all with whom he came into contact at
these Exhibitions, and while not be-
grudging him his well-earned rest from
the somewhat arduous work, we still
hope to see him once more acting as a
Judge at some great Exhibition.

Though not competing, he exhibited,
hors-concours, at many exhibitions. In
1923, at Brussels, he showed his 1d and
2d Post Office Mauritius, and twelve re-
constructed plates of the Post Paids,
and at the Hague his reconstructed plates
of "Sydney Views" and "laureated"
N.S.W., 44 in number and nearly all
complete, to which he added some pages
containing over one hundred unused
specimens of the same issues.

In 1879 Mr. Manus married Miss Sure
Vita and has seven children, four sons
and three daughters. Only retiring from
business in 1921 he always took an ac-
tive part in business affairs and acted as
Vice-President of the Dutch Tobacco
Trade Society from its foundation, un-
til he became its President in 1914, which
office he occupied until his resignation
in 1922.

This brings our very brief biography
to a close up to the present date. We
could have written much more. That
Mr. Manus should have succeeded in
bringing together such a British collection
when living in Holland is amazing.
But he has many British sym-
pathies—a Fellow of the Royal Phila-
telic Society, and a member of at least
one other Society in this country he has
always been in touch with London.
When the Philatelic Congress of Great
Britain chose his name for inclusion on
the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, a
suitable expression was given to the re-
spect and affection in which he is held
in this country.

The writer cannot close without a per-
sonal tribute. When he first met Mr.
Manus he was quite unaware that there
had been family acquaintanceship sixty
years before. He has the happiest mem-
ories of pleasant hours spent at Mr.
Manus's lovely home and of many meet-
ings in different countries. Philately has
a good servant in Henry Philip Manus,
Gentleman of Holland.—*Philatelic Jour-
nal of Great Britain.*

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GROUP COLLECTING

By G. A. TEMPEST.

There are always juniors who prefer their general collections to any form of concentrated specialism. They like to take the good advice of other collectors and to exclude all stamps of value, say, less than 6d each, and so increase the general value. On the other hand there is always the person who advocates the collection of all common stamps which have interesting designs, and who urges that you must collect solely for the pleasure of collecting. Yet few know better than the junior himself how utterly impossible it is to close his eyes to the intrinsic aspect of his collection.

What, then, is he to do? The general collection is a *sine qua non*, we must admit. Perhaps the small specialised collections which the generalist frequently has, metaphorically, up his sleeve, is also an indispensability. Yet it will be scarcely denied that even the common stamp, the value of which never rises above 1d or so, can be as interesting as the plum, worth hundreds of pounds. There is, however, a plan which will be well worth while trying out. Try group collecting, and mount these stamps in a special album. This can be kept by for interesting study whenever you feel like it, even when the value, from the point of view of £ s. d., may not be so great. Write it up; let it be a real pleasure to look upon—every stamp picked and perfect. That is the beauty of it—You can afford to pick your stamps without needless expense.

Here are a few hints for group collecting. Readers will doubtless recall the articles in the first six numbers dealing with various groups, for example, railway stamps, air stamps, picture stamps, these are well worth consulting. Arrangement may be made irrespective of countries, and just by designs, for in this collection for once we will be free and disregard convention; or, in the case of a large group such as "air stamps," by countries, with any available details of air routes. Each page should give many hours of pleasure to the owner, while still being but a side-line. More subjects of interest are:—

1. **"Lindbergh" Stamps.**—It will be remembered that no American citizen, or even the President, can have his portrait upon the stamps of U. S. A. until a certain time has elapsed after his death. The difficulty with the new Lindbergh stamp was to bestow an adequate honor, without actually portraying the Atlantic hero upon it. This was surmounted by showing his famous airplane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," in flight between the two continents, Europe and America. The name of the machine was written in minute letters on the front, which are visible on the stamp. Cuba also issued a stamp overprinted, "HOMENAJEA-LIND-

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BERGH," last year, and numerous South American republics issued stamps for Colonel Lindbergh's triumphal aerial tour of these countries. A collection of such stamps could be completed with written notes on "the great lone achievement," and, if possible, a portrait from some journal added.

2. **"Columbus" Stamps.**—Of course, America takes first place in these issues. Several years ago I hunted through the catalogue for these, and made out a list surprisingly large. The popular U. S. A. series of 1893 will naturally leap at once into your mind, as this is probably one of the best examples we have. Cuba also has statues, and Chili "heads." The above are merely a random selection.

3. **"Waterfall" Stamps.** — Jamaica (the beautiful Llandovery Falls issue of May 1, 1900). Others are from Tasmania, U. S. A., etc. This group is especially interesting, the stamps portraying, as they do, examples of natural beauty. Those who are interested can obtain further information from the Italian journal *Filatelia* (printed in English), for September, 1927.

4. **Englishmen on Foreign Stamps.** —This group is prompted by the recent Greek issue commemorating the "Battle of Navarino," which has a portrait of Sir Edward Codrington. (The error "Sir Codrington" will of course be included.) Other examples, which readers will readily recall are: Lord Byron, who died in the service of Greece was immortalised for philatelists on the well-known Greek set of 1924 inscribed with his name, in English characters. Mr. J. D. Bourchier (the correspondent to *The Times*). Bulgaria, Admiral William Brown. Argentina, Lord Cochrane. Chili, etc.

5. **"Music and Postage Stamps."**—This subject has been previously exhaustively detailed.

6. **"Sports" Stamps.**—The numerous Olympic Games stamps issued by various countries, notably Holland, Greece, France, Belgium, and Uruguay, all fall into this class. The most recent set was issued last April by Holland, consisting of seven different values, each of different design. Of course there are other sports stamps besides "Olympic Games" issues, for example "big-game hunting" designs are on many stamps. Newfoundland gives quite a large range on her interesting emissions.

7. **"Royalty" Stamps.**—Whilst the portrait of King George is a familiar feature on most of the stamps of the Colonies, the colonials with designs showing portraits of the other members of the Royal Family are much fewer. Newfoundland again provides the greatest range, but Queen Alexandra appears on Canadian and other stamps. A hunt through the catalogue will show up other examples. An interesting collection could also be made of different portraits of the King, from the ordinary ½d stamp of Great Britain to the caricature issued a year or two ago by New Zealand.

8. **"Map" Stamps.**—Here is large scope, for there are numbers of map stamps in existence. The "world" Christmas stamp of Canada would, of course, head the list, being the only one of its kind, followed by examples from the countries in Part I of the Gibbons Catalogue, e.g., Newfoundland (1908), Ireland (1922), New Zealand (1923). Foreign countries such as the U. S. A., Reunion, Jubaland, have issued map stamps as well as many others.—*Junior Stamp Magazine.*

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

LEEWARD ISLANDS, 10s AND £1, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The two new high denominations, 10s and £1, added to the Leeward Islands Federal series, by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 15 of April 26, 1928, were announced by the Crown Agents in their bulletin for July-September, 1928, as being on order, in the Nyasaland keyplate design, receipt size.

The DLR-1888 keyplate design (the original of which contained the head of Queen Victoria, but altered as to the sovereign's head in 1901, and again in 1911) was favorably received (despite the fact that the design leaves much to be desired), because of the resultant economy effected. The keyplates are furnished by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., without charge, and the Colonies pay merely for the overprint, or duty plates.

In 1908 an improved design of keyplate was introduced, known as the Nyasaland type, and first used in that year for the stamps of the Nyasaland Protectorate. In this the head of King Edward VII facing the left, is on a horizontally lined ground, within a pearled oval, requiring a border plate, rather than an overprint plate, for completion, its use is more expensive than the DLR-1888 keyplate, which requires only simple name-and-duty plates. At the same time, a keyplate was made up for a stamp in the receipt size, 25x30mm, intended for high denominations, in which the pearled oval is surmounted by a Crown, and the whole superimposed on a shield with garlands of fruit and flowers.

Originally, with the head of King Edward VII, the receipt size design was used by none of the British Colonies in the Western Hemisphere, and the conventional size design by Jamaica, only, for the 2d gray, issued February 16, 1911. In the following year when the new keyplate with the head of King George V substituted was made available, the design was adopted by Jamaica, and subsequently used for all values from 1d to 5s, and by St. Lucia, for the 4d. The receipt size keyplate was used by Bermuda for the 2s6d, 5s, 10s and £1, issued March 30, 1918, and for the 2s and 4s issued June 19, 1920. British Honduras adopted the Nyasaland keyplate design, conventional size, for all denominations of the series, introduced with the 5c, 25c and $2 on August 1, 1922.

The Leeward Islands Postage & Revenue stamps, ever since Federal stamps were first issued on October 31, 1890, have been printed in the DLR-1888 Postage & Revenue keyplate design, and it is a most welcome departure that the 10s and £1 should be in a different design.

These two high denominations (mentioned by the Crown Agents in their October-December, 1928, bulletin as having been dispatched) were received at Antigua in November, and distributed to the several Presidencies for issue on Saturday, December 1, 1928. In London, they were released by the Crown Agents to stamp dealers about the same time.

The stamps (25x30mm) were typographically printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., from Nyasaland receipt size keyplate No. 1, in sheets of 60 (12 horizontal by 5 vertical), with a double marginal line, and comb perforated 14. The keyplate No. 1 is in both the left and right side margins, opposite the first and fifth stamps, i.e., four times to the sheet. The 10s is printed in red and green on green script CA paper, and the £1, in black and violet on red Roman CA watermarked paper.

The keyplate design (center only) embodies the head of King George V on a horizontally lined ground, in a pearled oval, surmounted by a Crown, and all superimposed upon a shield with conventional foliate ornamentation.

The duty or border plate design bears at the top "Ten Shillings" or Pound," curved, with the denomin expressed in numerals, i.e., 10sh o in the two corners, and "Leewar lands" at the bottom, in colorless l ing and numerals. "Postage" read ward at the left, and "Revenue" do the right.

By the same Statutory Rules and ders No. 15 of April 26, 1928, a these two denominations to the Lee Islands Federal series, the 10s was celled from the Presidential series Kitts-Nevis, and the £1 from tho Antigua, Dominica and St. Kitts. stamp was authorised for Montserr Order in Council of March 24, 192 it was never requisitioned. The 10s a stamps of St. Kitts-Nevis exhausted ing 1928, but at last word the £1 of tigua and Dominica were still to be

December 1, 1928. King George V asaland keyplate design, receipt Postage & Revenue. Waterm multiple Crown and Roman CA or script CA (10s). Comb perfo 14. Chalk surfaced. Keyplate ter) No. 1.

10s red and green on script, green £1 black and violet on Roman CA (C).

HERE AND THERE—

THE grade teachers of Orono, twelve in number, have organi stamp club. All are new subscribe our paper and are very enthusiastic philately. The club meets each wee F. Hitchings is President and Browning is Secretary. Several clubs have been organized in the sc

HENRY W. BOLDE, whose adve ment appears elsewhere in this is circulating two lists of British nials. They will be sent to any a upon request.

THE Ridgewood Stamp Club will brate its fourth anniversary, We day, May 1, at its club rooms, Fairview Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., an tends a cordial invitation to all collectors to attend. There will be eral features of interest, includin exhibition of Air Mail Covers, a number of letters carried by Col. A. Lindbergh. The club meets Wednesday evening at the above ad Walter Myers, 4815 Bliss St., Woo L. I., Sec., will be only too happy to nish any desired information.—Augu Weber.

HERMAN W. BOERS sends news story of the testimonial d to Postmaster Charles C. Kellog Detroit, Wednesday, April 10. than twelve hundred post office empl assembled to do him honor. Mr. gives Mr. Kellogg words of praise fo courteous treatment of the collecting ternity. He has attended many func of the Michigan Stamp Club.

OUR subscribers are advised tha E. Morrison, Jr., will be away home for three weeks beginning the part of this month. Correspondence be attended to as soon as he returns.

THE Stamp Club connected with Bossy High School, Evansville, has just held a very successful stamp hibition, the second of its kind. thank Roger C. Hackett for a copy o *School Spirit* giving a full list of awards.

)UTLAW" FLIGHT FROM PANAMA

THODS USED BY OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE THE FLIGHT SEVERELY CONDEMNED

By GEO. T. STREET.

seems that nobody has much infor- 'n about the flight from Panama on 10, 1929. We have the circular let- the Pan-American Airways under of Feb. 11, which is misinformation. have the misinformation furnished pecial Correspondent" in the March mber of this WEEKLY. In addition, e a letter from the New York Office e PAA, stating that "the allotment stablished by the Post Office De- ient at Washington, as a means of ting the individual stamp collect- referring to the sale of the covers each. We have the extracts from anamanian press, as given in the ail column of the *American Philat-* I have a letter from Mr. Glover, g that it is not an official cover, in ay, and that the flight was not rec- d as legal, and in another later Mr. Glover refers to the flight by omenclature which I have adopted the "Outlaw" flight. In addition, e information gleaned from sources nd elsewhere, from which the fol- g facts are derived.

en the flight to the Zone was an- ed, Mr. Glover stated that it would U. S. mail for the Zone, and Zone or the U. S., only. This informa- was pretty generally disseminated, e Panamanian P. O. D. decided that would prepare a special air mail for the return flight of Col. Lind- , and evidently assurances of the were given by someone in whom anamanians had confidence of abil- delivering the goods. 50,000 stamps surcharged, of which unsold re- ers of 14,000 were burned on Feb. ny half-hearted attempt to inspect 00 sheets of surcharged stamps weed out sheets of misplaced sur- s, but evidently any inspection was e purpose of seeing that sufficient s" existed, as we have notes of one rged sheet, with the overprint mis- , and two with inverted surcharges. less, the two sheets of inverted sur- will have company with others r, as soon as the collectors assimi- is rare "error". Panama sold 36,- amps at a quarter a throw, which $9,000 in cash, which is sufficient for the issue. Of this lot, about were used on covers, meaning a of $6,000 worth of stamps bought lers and speculators.

mission for the flight was consist- denied by the U. S. P. O. D., and anamanian Government finally took atter up through their Minister in ington, and the State Department ted to get the flight approved, but t success. The Panamanian Min- o informed his Government, but the f stamps went on, just the same, preparations for the flight went y forward. The PAA Vice-Presi- n Panama cabled north to try to proval for the flight, and Mr. Glov- lied with a flat refusal of permis- o carry any foreign mail.

PAA sent some 4,000 covers to New York Office "to *protect* col- ". The Miami-Nassau flight had ,000 covers, but the price is still g from 50c down, and within reach , so why should they worry about or collectors, with 8,000 other cov- the flight? "Special Correspon- evidently with the wish father thought, predicts that these covers rate four or five times the value CZ covers, if not more, since there not many "professionals" aboard. "professionals" he means dealers, I who put up the $2,000 for the s for those covers, and I should at framing an illegal flight like showed all the earmarks of the of "professionals" who will wreck bby if their work is not curbed. ial Correspondent" also states that would seem to be ample foundation lescribing the Panama covers as by Lindbergh". I do not know "Special Correspondent" is, but I challenge him to come out into the open, and, under his own name, give us *all of the inside dope on the "Outlaw" flight.* Knowing as much as I do (and I might add that I am keeping some of it up my sleeve), I am absolutely certain, in my own mind, that friend "Special Correspondent" could give us some interesting reading that would cause some people to squirm.

However, there is one sure thing. Whoever was framing the flight had all plans perfected for Col. Lindbergh to carry the Panama covers from Cristobal to Miami, and those plans were only abandoned *at the last moment* through fear of involving Col. Lindbergh in unpleasant proceedings. The Zone mail was distributed between the plane of Col. Lindbergh and that of Capt. Merritt, and it was definitely planned for Lindy to carry the Panama covers through, so that there would always be a doubt as to whether the Zone mail was actually carried by Col. Lindbergh or Capt. Merritt, while the Panama covers would be "Lindbergh carried", beyond any doubt. Is there not a possibility that this was the reason that the PAA had 4,000 covers prepared? Such a precedent had been established on other first flights down in this neck of the woods, but not with the mail under the orders of the P. O. D. of Uncle Sam. Capt. Merritt's plane was in the same class and under the same orders as Col. Lindbergh's, as long as it was carrying a part of the Zone mail, so attempts to laugh it off on the score that Capt. Merritt carried the covers into Miami are not worth much.

That "Outlaw" Flight is costing both the U. S. P. O. D. and the PAA hundreds of dollars in first flight covers not sent. Does it stand to reason that the dealers who put up money to get covers on the flight, and now find that they cannot sell them until the 4,000 PAA covers are assimilated, are going to put up another $2,000 at once, to get covers on other PAA first flights? Does it stand to reason that those of us who might have put up some real money to get covers through, and are now glad we did not get in, are going to risk a repetition of the postage plus one cent for envelope sale?

History tells us that George Washington, caught with the goods, spoke up like a sensible kid, and said, "Yes, Father, I did it with my little hatchet." He did not try to get away with the idea that someone needed that particular tree for firewood, or that some neighbor, who had nothing to do with it, and whose opinion was of no consequence in the matter, had requested him to use his little hatchet. Let's have the truth! Let's get confidence in getting a square deal restored. If, as appears from all the evidence at hand, some PAA Officials saw some easy money in 4,000 covers, and entered into competition with dealers, and even went so far as to help frame a prohibited flight, let's have some tangible assurance that such action will not be repeated. Such stuff has been pulled off in the past, where a company did not have a contract to carry mail for Uncle Sam, or managed to put over a practically closed flight by some famous flier, but today those covers are not particularly sought after by collectors, who are in the hobby because it has been kept fairly clean. Anything that smells bad is not attractive to the average Air Mail collector, either in the U. S. or abroad.

AN OLD-TIME COLLECTOR

I knew Anselmo. He was shrewd and prudent,
Wisdom and cunning had their shares of him;
But he was shrewish as a wayward child,
And pleased again by toys which childhood please;
As—book of fables graced with print of wood,
Or else the jingling of a rusty medal,
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provide a cachet. Mr. Kenneth Tallmadge, Temple Theater, Saginaw, says he'll look after covers sent in, and will carry out all special requests as to position of cachet, number, colors, etc., that may be sent in. Now don't work him too hard—he doesn't know what that's letting him in for. He's also having special envelopes made, one with a picture of Lindbergh, one with that of Lindbergh and Herrick, and he'll address one of those to you if you'll simply send the postage. Better enclose a little extra for the envelopes, even though he doesn't ask it.

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Pittsburgh Balloon Races, formerly announced for but one day, are now slated for May 2, 3 and 4—CAM 11 and the Aero Club are sponsoring a cachet, and Mr. J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa., will as usual do the job on covers sent him. * * * R. A. Brooks says that over 2,000 letters have already been received for the special Memorial Day mailing from Fenton, Mich., previously announced in detail. The local paper is giving them fine publicity on this, and on air mail collecting in general.

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Fort Pierce, Fla., will dedicate June 15—covers to Mr. B. R. Kessler, Exec. Sec., Chamber of Commerce, who writes Todd Fagan that a cachet will be forthcoming. * * * Chalmette, La., May 5—covers to Menafee Airways, Inc. * * * Cedar City, Utah, May 10th—to C. of C. * * * Hornell, N. Y., June 1st—covers to Howard Babcock, Pres. Hornell Airways, Inc. * * * Florence, Ariz., May 1st—covers to C. of C.

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The 2nd All American Aircraft Show at Detroit surely brought out the cachet colors! There are some that I never even realized were in the rainbow, and certainly never expected to see come from a rubber stamp ink pad. My thanks are due to Postmaster Kellogg for autographing a number of the covers I received.

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The St. Petersburg, Fla., C. of C. applied their South Waterfront Airport cachet on 3 different days—Feb. 23, 25 and 26—3,500 to 4,000 in all, and by far the most on the 25th. * * * Muskegon, Mich., C. of C. is receiving covers for their dedication, some time in the next few months. * * * The St. Louis C. of C. has just returned covers sent them some months ago, with a notation that it will be about eight months before they are ready for any dedication there.

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In the way of departments, I require mint blocks and choice covers, Newspapers in mint blocks and postage dues in mint blocks and singles. Used copies are not desired at this time.

Anything choice in revenues is likely to be of interest, especially the inverted centers and fine blocks of the early issues. In the way of late issues, I would like a copy or two of the 1914 $50 violet #4106 uncut.

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United States

Harding Variety

I have just been shown a curious oddity in the way of the 2c black Harding, perforated ten, wherein the knife which separates the rotary sheet of four hundred into four panes must have been out of working order, for a block of four shows the vertical gutter which falls between the two panes, between the two perforated vertical pairs, thus—giving us a block of four with gutter between.

1862, 2c Splits

The faker of cancellations is again active in producing splits tied to the cover. Among such varieties, which have been noted lately, are those bearing postmarks of New Orleans, as well as those bearing "Paid" cancellations from Lancaster, Penna., which are different from anything ever seen from that town before. Neither of the varieties mentioned were sufficiently good to fool one posted, but collectors are again cautioned against buying such things unless they are fully guaranteed. It seems that here of late the faker is more active than ever, due to the constant and substantial demand for fine United States items.

14c Indian, New Shade

Mr. Daniel J. Shoonmaker has submitted for inspection a block of the current 14c Indian, which was printed from an over-inked plate on paper that was heavily moistened, thus—giving us a very beautiful combination in the way of a shade differing from any that has been noted before. It might be designated as a rich deep blue, although two people will hardly agree on the designation of a shade today.

Air Mail Envelope, Albino

Albino envelopes of our current issue, that is—envelopes which are properly embossed but without ink, are noted from time to time, and are found in practically all issues. Mr. F. B. McGown is the first to call attention to an albino of the air mail type. The envelope has the border printed in red and blue as usual, but the blue of the stamp is missing, the impression, however, being clear.

In reply to numerous letters which are received from time to time submitting albino envelopes for inspection, it will be of interest to note that these do not command much attention even from the envelope specialist, and they do not bring much more than the normal specimen.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter sends clippings from the *Panama-American* of April 3rd, stating that the Scadta Air Mail from Colombian Republic was scheduled to arrive at Cristobal on 4 o'clock of April 3rd, thus inaugurating the first air mail service between that country and the Canal Zone. It is stated that it would carry mail back to Colombia on the following day. The latter point, however, is in dispute for there seems to be some question as to whether this German company is going to be permitted to carry mail from the Zone to South America, and at the time the article was written, the dispute had not been settled.

It is stated that a Pan-American Airways plane leaves the Zone on April 4th for South America, inaugurating the new service. Although this company is advertising a passenger service to Colombia, we are informed that it has authority to carry mail to Buenaventura only. Mail dispatched to Bogota, for instance, would have to be returned by steamer up the west coast through the Canal and then down the east coast. The Scadta Company cannot be expected to pick up air mail at Buenaventura for delivery to other cities, unless the well-known Scadta stamps are affixed.

Brazil.—The 20 reis, type of A75, has been issued in slate purple according to Mr. R. Roberts. This stamp is watermarked CASA DA MOEDA.

China.—A new issue is expected shortly and will show portraits of various Nationalists, and will include the following values: ½, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 25, 30 and 50c, 1, 2 and 5 dollars. This information comes to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* from Mr. Shan Wen Lien.

Cuba.—*Champion's Bulletin* furnishes the information regarding a new series due in May, commemorating the inauguration of the "Capitol" at Havana. There will be five values: 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 50c, and they are to be highly attractive.

Czechoslovakia.—One sheet of 100 stamps of the 1922 air mail stamps 50s on 100h is to be found with inverted overprint reports *Champion's Bulletin*. The Wenceslas Commemoratives will be issued next May.

France.—In commenting on the new Joan of Arc stamp which was issued March 2nd, *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* considers it a very poor production and a discredit to France. The stamp is considered too small for the design, even had it been well engraved and printed. Had the stamp been well produced there is no doubt that it would have been a most popular issue. The stamp commemorates the 500th anniversary of the relief of Orleans by the French Forces led by Joan of Arc.

Gambia. — From official sources *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* learns that the 2½p, 4p, 7½p, 10p, 1sh6p and 3sh values will be withdrawn from issue on the exhaustion of the existing stocks.

Italy.—We learn from *Stamp Collecting* that a special series will be issued for the fourteenth centenary of the Abbey of Montecassino, consisting of ten values with "Surtax" printed in Rotophotography by the Government Polygraphic Office.

Libia.—A commemorative issue will be made on April 7th in connection with the Tripoli Fair, consisting of six values (30c+20c, 50c+20c, L1.25c+20c, L2.55c +50c, L5+L1); designs are by Aleardo Terzi showing flora and fauna of this country. *Stamp Collecting* reports this information as received from S. Bayer.

Madeira.—*Champion's Bulletin* announces that an immediate rarity is provided by the 1esc of the new series, five copies of which have been found without indication of value. It is thought that a sheet of 100 copies must have got into circulation.

New Zealand.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* states that from a recent supply of the current stamps the 4p now comes in deep violet instead of bright violet, while the 6p also varies slightly in shade, and both values are printed on a different paper with white gum instead of yellow gum.

Portugal.—Another of the numerous surcharges on the Ceres type comes to hand from Mr. R. Roberts. This time it is the 80c on 1E50 pale mauve, perf. 11½.

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Roumania.—We have received Mr. R. Roberts the L7.50 bright marine, no watermark, and L10 watermarked wavy lines horizontal, of the infant King Michael. Both perf. 13½.

Russia.—We understand that roubles of the large Lenin type in green has appeared. *Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the appearance.

Tanganyika.—The 5sh is now or[ange] in a fuller, deeper carmine than b[efore] and the 10sh in a distinctly brighter deeper blue according to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly*.

Transjordania.—The new line graved postage due stamps have bee[n] ceived from Mr. R. Roberts. All v[alues] are in the same type and perforate[d] Colors and values are 1m brown orange, 4m green, 10m carmine, olive, and 50m blue.

Liechtenstein

—One of the Small European States that Charm the Collector.

The Principality of Liechtenstein, [whose] veteran ruler, Prince John II, die[d] cently, is one of the tiny European [states] whose stamps hold a fascination fo[r the] collector. As in the other small S[tates] this attraction has been turned to ac[count] by a somewhat prolific array of stan[dard] sues, designed more for the collector [than] for the use of the inhabitants o[f the] country. Curiously enough, Liec[hten]stein figures in the earliest postage [stamp] catalogue (compiled by Alfred Pot[ter] published in Paris, December, [1861] where it is noted that the stamps i[ssued] were those of Austria, denominat[ed in] kreuzer. Austrian stamps continu[ed to] be used exclusively up to the end of [1911] although the local Parliament was [Liech]ting over a long period for sep[arate] stamps as the most useful indicati[on to] the outer world of the independen[ce of] the State. In January, 1912, three st[amps] printed in Vienna, with the portra[it of] the Prince, were issued of the so-[called] Postal Union denominations, 5, 10 [and] 25 heller. From that time the five [post] offices in the Principality sold only L[iech]tenstein stamps of these values, whi[le for] other denominations Austrian st[amps] were used.

A more extended issue appear[ed in] 1917, and in 1919 a concession was g[rant]ed to a syndicate for exploiting Lie[chten]stein postage stamps in the stamp m[arket] The company's big set of twenty-[seven] stamps, with values up to 10 krone[n] not worth the paper they are printe[d on] and Liechtenstein got into bad r[epute] with collectors until the postal adm[inis]tration was handed over to Switze[rland] From 1921 the stamps have been i[n the] Swiss currency of the franc, divide[d into] 100 rappen (equivalent to centimes).

Last November, on the seventiet[h an]niversary of Prince John's accessi[on, a] set of eight stamps was issued, the[ir] rappen values bearing an up-to-date [por]trait, while the four franc values [have] two portraits, one showing the Pri[nce] the time of his accession (1858), an[d] other at the age of eighty-eight (19[28]). These stamps were withdrawn from [sale] on January 31st, a few days befor[e the] Prince's death.—*Postage Stamp.*

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ANDORRA AND ITS POSTAGE STAMPS

By ALBERT H. HARRIS.

Andorra has issued postage stamps, and nobody seems to have bothered overmuch about it. They were not heralded by the lavish press notices which Governments now circulate when they are about to launch a speculative issue. No New Issue Service has distributed them. So far as we are aware, no single press notice concerning them appeared until after the issue of the stamps.

Where Andorra Is

Andorra lies in a fertile valley, high up in the Pyranees between France and Spain. Its area of 191 square miles exceeds that of many another small stamp-issuing community, as does its population which, at the last census, numbered 5,231. The inhabitants are mainly engaged in farming grain and potatoes, and stock raising. Some iron mining is also done, and there are coal deposits capable of being profitably worked on the Spanish side. It is thus self-contained and one may infer that with less than 28 people to the square mile it is also probably self-supporting.

Its History and Government

The early story of Andorra is not told in any of the works of reference we have consulted, but its independence dates from 1278 when it was established by Charlemagne as a nominally independent State under the joint and equal sovereignty of two princes, appointed respectively by France and Spain, by which two countries the integrity of Andorra was guaranteed. The French nominee was the Comte de Foix, to whom, eventually, the French Republican Government succeeded at the time of the Revolution, and the French Premier, by virtue of his office, is therefore titular holder of the rank of Prince of Andorra. For practical reasons, however, the rights of France are preserved by delegating them to the Prefect of Police at Perpignan, which is the nearest French town.

The Spanish nominee was the Archbishop of the neighbouring Spanish town of Seo de Urgel, and this nomination has remained unaltered to the present day.

The emoluments of office do not appear to be large. The Prefect of Police receives 960 francs per annum, and the Archbishop, 460 francs. Since 1882 France has agreed that payment shall be made bi-annually, so that every two years three deputies of the governing council of Andorra make a pilgrimage into France, carrying the money to the Prefect of the Department of Pyrenees-Orientale, in which the town of Perpignan is situated.

The actual government of the country is conducted on democratic lines. A Council of twenty-four members is elected every four years by the heads of the families in each of the six parishes. This council nominates a "First Syndic," who presides over its deliberations, and in whom is vested the executive power.

The Local Courier Service

In postal matters Andorra is claimed by Spain, and for the purposes of the Universal Postal Union, ranks as a subsidiary of the Spanish Post Office, and has hitherto used ordinary Spanish stamps. There is also a French courier service in the country; that is to say, one has also been able to buy ordinary French stamps in each of the six parishes, and letters franked at the ordinary French tariff are carried by *a piéton* (rural postman) over the mountain passes as far as the town of Porté in Pyrenees-Orientale. This courier, however, being very irregular, and in winter very often not operating at all, the Andorrans prefer the Spanish service which is carried daily by the highroad which runs from Andorra la Vieja, the capital, to Seo de Urgel in Spain.

The arrangements which have existed hitherto for the sale of French and Spanish stamps in Andorra, and how the mail is collected, we have been unable to ascertain. It has been stated (in the loosely worded paragraphs which have appeared in the general press since the appearance of special stamps) that the local delivery of letters has been free, and that there has been no local post office. But these are both unsupported and contradictory, as obviously no sort of delivery service, however restricted may be the mail, could operate without a base; nor presumably would it be worked without somebody being remunerated. We are informed by Senor Carlos Lenze (in an interesting letter from Andorra la Vieja on April 18th) that prior to Jan. 1, 1928, there has been no obliteration for Andorra, correspondence not being postmarked until it reached Porté or Seo de Urgel, according to whether it was sent by French or Spanish courier. This would seem to dispose of the possibility of identifying French or Spanish stamps used in the Republic earlier than 1928, unless on letter-sheets dated internally from Andorra, and postmarked at the receiving post towns.

Melville's "Phantom Philately" (p. 19) on the other hand, states that there is a postmark "Correos-Andorra" although not often used; and that "there are post offices at Old Andorra and Soldeu."

The New Andorran Postal System

As from Jan. 1, 1928, however, the Spanish Post Office decided to exercise its rights, possessed by virtue of the inclusion of Andorra in the Universal Postal Union as its subsidiary, to establish an internal service capable of conducting all the usual facilities, such as registered letters, parcels post, and the issue of money orders. The first office to be put on a proper footing was established at the capital, Andorra la Vieja, and to link up the capital with the rest of the territory, branches were successively opened in the five other parishes.

The six parishes which form the Andorran postal system are: Andorra la Vieja (capital), Encamp, Ordino, Canillo, La Masana, and San Julia di Loria.

Ordinary Spanish stamps were in use at these offices until the end of March. Whether each has its own cancellation we do not know. Soldeu, mentioned by Melville (*ante*), is not referred to.

The Provisional Series

Towards the end of March a report gained currency on the Continent that the Spanish Government Printing works had a distinctive series in preparation. On March 28th, according to information for which we are indebted to Senor Lenze, one hundred complete series of Spanish stamps, from 2 centimos up to 10 pesetas, were received by the office at la Vieja, from the Direction des Postes at Madrid. Our correspondent secured some of them, and kindly franked his letter to us with a complete set. The envelope was registered, and bore the postmark "Andorra la Vieja" in the usual type of Spanish cancellation. It was posted on April 18th, by which date, he said, the first hundred series had been sold out, and no further supplies had arrived, although they were understood to be on order.

The stamps are those of the ordinary current Spanish issue, overprinted "CORREOS" and "ANDORRA" in two lines.

Postage:—2c olive-green (red), 5c brown-lilac (black), 10c yellow-green (red), 15c blue-green (red), 20c violet (red), 25c carmine (black), 30c brown (red), 40c blue (red), 50c red-orange (black), 1p greenish-black (red), 4p lilac-rose (black), 10p brown (black).

Express:—20c rose (black).

The bracketed figures are the colours of the overprints. We do not know whether they were overprinted in whole sheets or less, and have no information as to the setting. Nor have we any information as to the numbers on the back of the stamps, the only copies that have been through our hands being one series on entire cover.

In anticipation of supplies, the stamps were advertised by Senor Lenze in the *Philatelic Magazine* of April 28th (p. 797), retail at 20/- a set; wholesale, ten sets for £8, or one hundred sets for £14. We presume the supplies duly arrived, but from the fact that we have not seen the stamps offered in any other adver-

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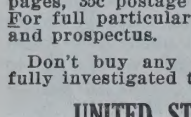

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Grounds for Issue

We hold no brief for the stamps of Andorra, nor do we decry all new issues as speculative, for after all it is not unusual for even small communities to become more enlightened than their ancestors, and the much abused postal services of all countries do, on the whole, march with the times. Whether the commercial and intellectual progress of the Andorrans now cries aloud for a national postal service we do not know, but since development of means of communication is always desirable, it is not impossible that it can be justified by other than philatelic considerations. The evidence tends that way, for it is by no means necessary to equip six parishes with post offices in order to provide collectors with a speculative series of stamps. And if the offices are justified, the peculiar political status of Andorra demands an indication that its allegiance is not entirely Spanish. It is no fault of a small community if the number of stamp collectors in the outside world outnumbers the interior population, and we see no fault if they supply as many stamps as may be demanded.

Local Protest

According to the *Echo de la Timbrologie* (No. 778, 31/5/28, p. 813) the action of Spain in providing the overprinted stamps has brought local sentiment to a head, and led to a debate in the National Council, as a result of which the Syndic laid an official complaint before the French Prefect at Perpignan, apparently representing the Spanish action as a breach of neutrality. The Syndic is reported to have asserted that Andorra is perfectly capable of organising its own postal service, even to issue stamps and to spend the proceeds without anybody's assistance; to which the Prefect rejoined in the official formula that he would report their representations to the French Government.

Provisionals Reported Exhausted

The *Times* (11/6/28), in quoting the above, rounded it off by saying that several values of the provisional stamps were sold out at the Andorran Post Office, and that the old practice of prepayment by contemporary stamps of either France or Spain had been reverted to. But no authority is given for the statement, and there is nothing to show that the French courier service, for those who preferred it, has ever been abandoned. When working, it is probably more convenient for correspondence directed to the French side.

Pictorial Rumours

For the statement which has appeared in several journals, that a pictorial series is in preparation, we can find no more ground than the original report that the Spanish Government Printing Works were preparing a "distinctive" series. This statement was closely followed by the appearance of the provisional stamps, to which it may have referred. It seems to be taken for granted that such a series will appear, and, in view of the apparent local feeling against the postal service being dominated by either one of the high contracting parties to its independence, the eventual appearance of such a series seems highly probable. It must in fairness be stated that up to the present there has been no evidence of any attempt on the part of either the Andorran or the Spanish Post Office to exploit collectors, or to cater for them in any way.

Bogus Issues

Just as an attempt was made to foist upon stamp collectors a bogus issue of Brunei stamps long before a special series for that State was authorised by the British Colonial Office, so Andorra was exploited many years ago by an enterprising swindler. That very useful handbook on bogus stamps, "Phantom Philately," records imperf. pairs of two designs, one for the centimos values, the internal configuration being hexagonal, and the other, with oval centre, for the peseta values. The following are known thus:

5c green.	50c bright red.
10c slate-purple.	75c lilac.
15c blue.	1p grey.
20c brown.	2p scarlet.
25c dark brown.	5p grey-brown.
40c grey.	10p orange.

The inscription is in every case "Republica de Andorra" in the upper part of the design; the word "Correus" figures twice on the centimos values, and only once on the peseta values. The paper is thin white wove, watermarked in script capitals R.A. (multiple). No date of attempted issue is stated, but we observe that Senor Galvez in the *Madrid Filatelico* (No. 352, May, 1928, page XVIII) is offering an "unissued" series of Andorra, comprising twelve values, to which he gives the date as 1875. His price is 2½ pesetas. Possibly these are the same labels.

Senor Galvez, in the same issue of his journal, publishes a warning against a new bogus issue of Postage Due stamps. He illustrates a 5 centimos denomination, of plain design, consisting of a large figure "5" with "Centimos" below, and the words "Multa" and "Andorra" respectively at the top and bottom of the design, separated from the inscription of value by thin rule, the whole enclosed in a thick frame, and perforated. On reference to Andorra, Senor Galvez states that nothing is known of them there.

That is all we can find out about Andorra and its postage stamps. The facts that are missing we have endeavoured to indicate so that others may track them down and bring them to light in their study of the world's newest stamp issuing country.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BIOGRAPHY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

If Captain James Cook had been born in any other country than Britain, the chances are that there would be stamps produced in his honour in this 200th year after the event. But English ways are English ways, and we should not desire any change in them, which would break the stolid, solid continuity of the royal theme which has decided the image and superscription on our stamps for eighty-eight years.

Of our great and illustrious men and women it may be truly said their name is Legion. There would be a superfluity of celebrities with claims for stampic recognition, if once the British Postmaster-General departed from tradition, and set out to make of our stamp issues a miniature reproduction of Lodge's "Portraits of Illustrious Personages of Great Britain." And to our thinking the memory of the great ones loses nothing by not being proclaimed upon our stamps. They would not be truly great, if postage stamp publicity could serve to enhance their posthumous fame.

Other lands, other manners, and it seems to be the trend of stamp designs to delve deeper than ever into the vasty ocean of international biography. While we can rest content that without philately's artificial aid, Shakespeare, Cook, Shaw, Horatio Bottemley, etc., will be recognised and known through world, there may be some excu other countries to press upon our exclusiveness (as well as upon a rant world at large), the claims native celebrities to world-recogn

Some of these countries are the philatelic chroniclers and his in presenting for our recognitio whose claims to fame are not easy certain through any of the usual nels of reference. We are inv welcome Mr. Wronski on a stamp land on his 150th anniversar appears to have been a noted mat cian, and so would have pr something in the vulgar fraction gestion of the sesquicentennia perchance the lapse of another 5 might have so dimmed his fa Polish schoolboys would have b lowed to forget him.

Holland is going to picture o stamps this year one Jean Pierre elers, to whom they say we owe covery of gas, although we kno was already a familiar commodity Mother of Parliaments ages Minckelers obtained his "infla air." Holland has also notified tention of Constantin Huygens, th ical author of "Desultory Mo Hermann Boerhaave, the doct botanist of Leyden, and Profess renz, who, unless we mistake gri wrote a mystery book entitled "I tion of the Hip."

To our intense disappointme learn that the little fellow who is Peeping Tom on George Washin prayer (U. S. 2 cents Valley Fo only Isaac Potts, when we had for confirmation that it was rea Philip Ward, Jr., the very able c ler of U. S. stamps in MEKEEL'S LY. We are not so snobbish as test we should have nothing to a man named Potts, but we know and Ward sounds better.

A little while ago Costa R strained her biographical impul held up the stamps that were to to us the features of Marcellino Flamenco and Rogelio Fernandy We are thus saved for the tim from having to try and discov these folk with names like filn were when they strutted on life' in sunny Central America. But not philatelists insist on portrait other than those of reigning sov and, say, Washington, Frankli Paderewski, being properly ticke that in addition to the name we the stamp the concise biography? not be so diffuse as Poland's ef the stamps of 1927, which g tongue-twisting lengths:

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There is no denying that the standards of every day life are shifting so rapidly that an appreciation of an accepted pattern is barely formed before it changes, and this notwithstanding our synchronization through the adoption of the same ideas and mechanism.

Evidence of this tendency to shift can be discerned in philately which appears to be throwing aside her cloak of aloofness to enter a new field of activity, while her followers are diversifying in pursuing various alluring lines of endeavor that attract. Something is happening, something still somewhat obscure and unacknowledged, yet sufficiently discernible to enable one to determine that a wider and more glorious field for the collector is rapidly developing. What its ultimate end will be time alone can tell, but we can be sure of this at least, that it will be to the advantage of all concerned.

Most of us can easily remember the day when there were but three classes of collectors—those who purchased with the investment equation uppermost, those who studied their items seeking minute differences, which would enable them to determine various types or the position occupied in the original sheet, and those who wanted to fill up vacant spaces in their printed albums, the last by far the largest class.

While these still remain prominently in the foreground there is steadily forging to the front a fourth class, which is not only demanding recognition, but is receiving it, and that is the educator class—a group of inquisitive students wanting to know the whys and wherefores, and seeking acquaintance with the political and historical background of favorite countries, as well as the interesting events which were responsible for their rise or fall.

Up until ten years ago the educational value of stamps received but scant consideration. However, about that time the matter was introduced to the attention of the authorities of the Maryland Academy of Sciences at Baltimore, with the result that Philately was given a place as a sub-section of the Section of History in March, 1919, and was finally given recognition as a full section of the Academy on May 1, 1925, with a Chair of Philately. This was the first scientific recognition given to Philately, and the first question to be investigated by the new section was to ascertain the best and most logical method of incorporating the science of philately into that of pedagogy. This was probably the first real definite step in educational lines.

The theme was further developed at the Convention of the S. P. A., held in Baltimore shortly after the establishment of this Chair, when a large group of boy collectors was assembled in the auditorium and addressed by one of the officials who demonstrated how the postage stamp speaks and showed how to ascertain its message. The avidity of the youthful mind to grasp the details was surprising to many of the older heads present, who also obtained a new light on the subject.

On the last evening of the Convention a story was broadcast over the radio of what the current one cent stamps reveals, when parents were shown the educational value hidden in stamp collecting. This brought forth several hundred requests to the Academy for more detailed information. Then an essay contest, with suitable prizes, was held among the high school students on a subject intended to bring out how stamp collecting helps with the studies, in which there were a large number of contestants.

Since then philatelic publicity along educational lines has grown with leaps and bounds. The writer, in common with many others, has received numerous invitations to address the pupils of public schools. He has had requests from Sunday School teachers for talks on the Holy Land illustrated with stamps, and in the event of being unable to accept he has been urged to send the stamps. Letters of inquiry have been received from places so small that they failed to appear on the map asking how to teach American History in the rural schools by means of stamps, and where they could be procured. All of which indicates that the education value of philately has penetrated even into the country districts. In New York City a regular weekly feature of one of the big radio stations is the broadcasting of a philatelic talk. Philately has come to be accepted by the press as a news essential, and it is not unusual nowadays to see connected with items in the daily papers regarding prominent persons that are stamp collectors.

In the *New York Times* of April 7, an article on the sudden death of Col. J. Benkard concluded with a statement that for many years he was a stamp collector and told of the value of his collection. In referring to the same incident the *Herald-Tribune* gave a more lengthy account of the same, even noting it in the headlines. In the last mentioned paper there was a write-up of John Drinkwater, which the author concludes as follows:

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In another part of the *Times* referred to appears a write-up of the Clark stamp. One must acknowledge that such a number of references to Philately in papers like these New York dailies shows that the press believes its reading public to be generally interested in the topic. Five years ago the person who predicted that philately would take its place in the regular news of the day would have been laughed at.

The aloofness of the philatelist has also shown a remarkable change. His clanishness is rapidly disappearing and is being replaced by the fraternal spirit. This has spread to organizations. Perhaps the most active in this line has been the Collectors Club of New York, which has exchanged many fraternal visits with other philatelic organizations during the last two years.

And now this spirit has spread to the two large national philatelic bodies, The American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans. A gracious evidence of this is found in the recent action of the A. P. S. which had set the dates for its coming convention and exhibition at Minneapolis on the same dates that had been selected by the S. P. A. for its annual meeting at Cleveland. Each organization learned of the action of the other at approximately the same time, whereupon instead of controversy, as would have obtained in the old days, the S. P. A. voluntarily decided to hold its convention a week earlier so that its proceedings would not militate against the success of its sister's affair. Influenced by the same spirit of good-will and friendliness, and only after a great deal of trouble, the A. P. S. voluntarily changed the dates of its meeting to a week later, and in notifying the S. P. A. of its action, it not only expressed regret that such a situation had been created, but the Exhibition Committee invited the S. P. A. to occupy a booth space at the Exhibition with its compliments.

Such an example of courtesy shows better than words could express the rapid growth of fraternalism between the two Societies, a development that is bound to bring them close to each other in working for the benefit of organized philately with a friendly rivalry between them only in trying to surpass each other in the accomplishment of good to the cause.

And they have much to do. The ranks of organized philately must be cleared of those who persist in unethical conduct and purged of those who defraud through petty pilfering and crooked dealings. Working together these two bodies can accomplish that which would be almost impossible did they work independently of each other, and when organized philately has rid itself of the undesirables and made its membership a badge of honor and honesty before all the world, it will rapidly progress to a point that now baffles the imagination.

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BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

THE SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS ORIGINALLY THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSN.

By WM. LYCETT, Secretary.

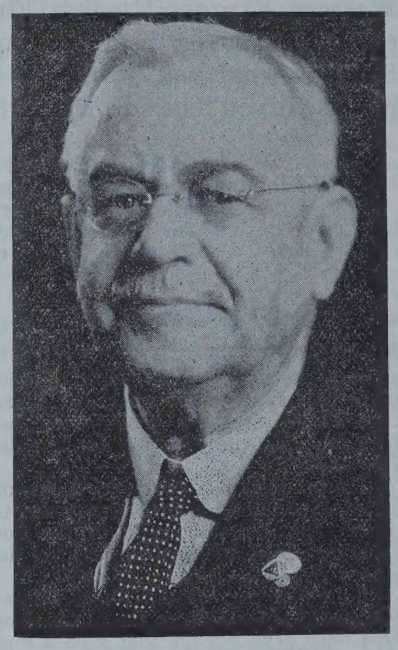
The World's Fair and celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America in 1892-93 seemed to have had the effect of bringing stamp collectors closer together, for even though a progressive organization, the A. P. A., was in existence at the time, there was created a sentiment that there should be more. A number of national societies were formed, but none remained long in existence, the A. P. A., now named the A. P. S., excepted. Throughout the Southern States were scattered many collectors who decided that a strictly Southern society would better meet their needs, and on February 1, 1894, they organized the Southern Philatelic Association, the name being the suggestion of J. H. Conley, who is still an honored member and was the first treasurer. We refer to his article elsewhere for particulars we would otherwise give. J. M. Chappell, Jr., Macon, Miss., was chosen President, and B. Russell, Alexandria City, Ala., Secretary. The first Convention was held August 15, 1894, at San Antonio, Texas, when A. M. Rareshide was elected President, and J. M. Chappell, Jr., Secretary.

A constitution was adopted, one feature of which was that the active membership was restricted to residents of the eleven states of the Southern Confederacy, with associate members from other states. This provision was changed within a couple of years, a reorganization effected, new numbers given the members, and not a few Northerners admitted, among the first of whom were Charles E. Severn, Fred G. Fuessel, Gus Fabian, John A. Klemann, Vahan Mozian, and E. A. Hill, who are still members.

The move was not, however, as successful as anticipated, for from a membership of 387 reported in 1896 there was only an increase of a little over 100 in the following eight years, or some 500. In 1904, during the declining health and resultant death of Mr. Kelley, its secretary, the Society passed into chaos, and almost lost its entire membership. In 1906, with a basis of 18 members in good standing, Secretary R. L. Doak gathered up the ends and was able to report 99 members the following year, on December 31, 1907, but 228, with 35 applications pending on February 1, 1909. Professor Doak continued as Secretary until August 15, 1912, when he was elected Vice-President, and C. V. Webb was elected Secretary. There was a membership of 295 on November 1, 1912. The following year (September 13, 1913) C. W. Kissinger was elected President and Mr. Webb re-elected Secretary, and what has been called the Kissinger-Webb regime began, lasting till after the World War. With the advent of these two and others, the Association began to advance at once, both in numbers and influence, reaching a membership of 1,838 in six years, growing successively as follows: 1913, 356; 1914, 656; 1915, 945; 1916, 1,492; 1917, 1,704; 1918, 1,838. And then came the debacle, resulting from the World War!

The President and Secretary, with the help of J. E. Guest, Sales Manager, and the assistance of a corps of efficient officers, had built up an organization truthfully claiming to be "the largest stamp society in the world." But the United States entered the World War, Messrs. Guest and Webb entered the service, and while the largest membership ever reported was given at Niagara Falls Convention, in 1918, by A. E. Gorham, who succeeded Mr. Webb as Secretary, the momentum was lost, and the change of name made at the same Convention hurt rather than helped; the Sales Department, under new and capable management, was robbed; dissenters organized another society, and the Society began to retrograde so that Secretary Webb, who had been released from the service and returned to his post, reported but 1,131 members to the San Francisco Convention in August, 1919. In 1920, Samuel Bennett, of Millville, N. J., was elected Secretary, and Mr. Webb was made Treasurer, and both were re-elected in 1921, when a membership of less than a thousand was reported to the Minneapolis Convention.

The next Convention was held August 9-11, 1922, in Atlantic City, N. J. A membership of 840 was reported, and the first move was made toward rehabilitation of the Society by authorizing the



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dent to appoint a Ways and Means nittee, to devise plans for carrying e Society and paying all indebted- lue the members on the stolen books. December 16 of that year, President nger appointed Joseph Hoffman rman), T. J. Gabriel, N. R. Hoover, Lycett, Max Ohlman. This com- e held its first meeting January 18, and decided to make a direct ap- o all members, past and present, for ance, at the same time it reported s against the Society amounting to), which was augmented later by discoveries. Other recommendations made and adopted, one of which that no president could serve more two years. This resulted in the on of V. W. Rotnem in 1923, who d two years; Wm. L. Doepke, in and Major Camp in 1927.

1923 the Society was incorporated inneapolis, under the laws of Min- a. At the Convention held that in Washington, D. C., only 503 ers were reported, but the founda- for upbuilding had been laid, a able scheme devised, and the new ture began. The officers elected d without pay, a certain portion of eceipts were set apart to pay the rs of the stolen books, and in time ave been paid. Mr. Bennett re- d as Secretary, and was followed aury Swartz, who, in turn, resigned pril, 1924, when the writer was ap- ed, and has been elected annually . 556 members were reported by o the 1924 Convention in New York, 1,500 in his last report in the official n.

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5	15K dark green	.10	—
6	5K carmine	—	.20
7	10K dark blue	—	.30
8	15K deep green	—	.30
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43	5K carmine	.02	.02
44	15K deep green	.02	.02
45	35K brown	.03	.03
49-51	5K to 35K, pelure paper	1.75	—
	Regular Issue		
55	10K gray blue	.03	—
57	3r slate & orange	.15	—
58	5r brown & orange	.15	—
	Independence Issue		
60	10K brown & rose	.05	—
61	10K brown & rose	.02	—
62	35K indigo & green	.02	—
	Lettgallen Relief Issue		
68	50K dark green & rose	.04	.04
69	1r slate green & brown	.08	.08
	1920		
	First National Assembly Issue		
74	50K rose	.20	—
75	1r blue	.15	—
	1921		
	Regular Issue		
76	5K carmine	.02	—
78	20K orange	.02	.02
79	40K lilac	.02	.02
80	50K violet	.02	.02
81	75K emerald green	.02	—
82	5r gray brown & orange	.15	—
83	10r on 1r green & red	.20	—
84	20r on 1r green & red	.35	—
85	30r on 1r green & red	.60	—
86	2r on 10k deep blue	.20	—
87	2r on 35k brown	.05	—
90	2r on 50k rose	.05	—
91	1r on 35k black & blue	.03	.03
92	2r on 10k brown & rose	.03	—
93	2r on 25k indigo & green	.03	.03
94	10r on 10r on 1r green & red.	.12	—
95	10r on 50k green & rose	—	.30
105	5r rose	—	.02
108	10r blue	—	.04
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126	1L brown	.50	.12
127	2L blue	.80	.30
131	10L carmine & rose	4.00	—
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132	15s on 40k lilac	.06	—
133	15s on 50k violet	.12	—
134	1L on 3r brown & green	.30	.20
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During the same period, besides all indebtedness being paid, the funds have increased proportionately to the membership; all funds are in good condition and well administered. A workable Exchange Department has been established under the successive management of G. W. Chapman, Carl O. Selander, Wm. Wyer, and J. I. Buell, and is exchanging thousands of dollars' worth of stamps between the members. The Sales Department, under the management of Dr. A. E. Hussey and his daughter, Miss Helen, is now selling over $2,000 monthly, increasing all the time. The Library has been added to, and is being used by many members. A high-class monthly magazine is used as the official organ. The Secretary endeavors to keep the members fully informed at all times of what the Society is doing.

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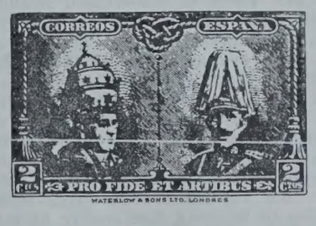

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378	5c blue, 2mm	2.00	468	6c orange	4.25
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Lot ‡ Two:—British Guiana ‡136, 137, 138, 139, 193, 195, 201. One block of four Molly Pitcher.
Lot ‡ 3:—*Antigua ‡59. ***Ascension** ‡14, *22. ***Bahamas** ‡59. ***Bermuda** ‡85 & one block of four Burgoyne.
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Lot ‡ 20:—Montserrat ‡66. **Mesopotamia** *‡26, 28, 117, 202, 203. **Newfoundland** ‡81, 82, 83, 88 ,104, 105, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 131, 132, 133, 134. **New Zealand** ½d-1sh (10 var.), also 133 to 138 and one block of four Roger Clark.
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Lot ‡ 22:—Mauritius all unused, ‡166, 170, 172, 191, & 2 cent Norse American.
Lot ‡ 23:—Mauritius *‡171 & 137, 138, 140, 162, 163, 173, 175.
Lot ‡ 24:—Mauritius ‡195, 196, 197, and Roger Clark (block of four).
Lot ‡ 25:—Mauritius ‡194, 198, and **France** ‡809.
Lot ‡ 26:—North Borneo ‡35 to 42 & 55, 168. **France** ‡810, 811.
Lot ‡ 27:—North Rhodesia ‡1 to 4. **Palestine** ‡42, 43, 48, 49, 52, 56, 68, 71. **Rhodesia** ‡63, 81, and block of four **U. S.** ‡4411.
Lot ‡ 28:—Samoa ‡1 to 8, 7 var., and block of four Roger Clark.
Lot ‡ 29:—Sarawak ‡84, 86, 92. **Zanzibar** ‡157, 176, 178, 184, 185, 187. **St. Lucia** ‡76, 82, 84 **St. Vincent** ‡105, 118, 119. **St. Helena** ‡83, 90, and **Lubeck** 4 var.
Lot ‡ 30:—All unused— **St. Lucia** ‡85. **St. Kitts-Nevis** ‡43. **St. Vincent** ‡122, 123, and **Argentine** ‡5, 6, 7 (Rep.).
Lot ‡ 31:—Straits Settlement *‡88, 160, 164. **Malay** ‡55 to 78, 5 var. **Johore** 1 cent to 12 cent (9 var.). **Kedah** 1 cent to 10 cent (8 var.).
Lot ‡ 32:—Kelantan 3 cent to 10 cent (6 var.). **Trengganu** ‡27, 41, 101. **Sudan** all unused, ‡2, 3, 28, 29, 30.
Lot ‡ 33:—Sudan ‡22 to 25 and 38 (6 var.). **Transvaal** ‡166 to 174 Complete, ‡140, 146, 164, 209. **Tanganyika** ‡13, 29, 30, 31. **Trinidad & Tobago** ‡4, 22, 23, 24, *25, 105.
Lot ‡ 34:—Seychelles *‡95. ***Sierra Leone** ‡124, *128. **Somaliland** ‡156, 157. **South Rhodesia** ‡1, 3. **Heligoland** ‡14, 15, and one block of four **Roger Clark.**
Lot ‡ 35:—Algeria ‡44. **Azores** ‡192. **Chile** ‡436. **Congo** *‡17, 94, 95. **Costa Rica** ‡4, 19. **Czechoslovakia** ‡95 to 101, 114 to 120, and **Prussia** ‡1, 2, 3, 4.
Lot ‡ 36:—Canal Zone ‡200, 25 cent on 2 cent Airmail unused and same first day cover.
Lt ‡ 37:—Cuba Airmail ‡701-702. **Bergedorf** ‡2 to 7, and 10 var. **Hamburg** Locals.
Lot ‡ 38:—*German East Africa ‡151 to 157 (Cat. $2.50), and **Germany** ‡174, 337 to 344, 351 to 362. **France** ‡122, 221, 228. **Greece** ‡328. **Sardinia** ‡7 to 14.
Lot ‡ 39:—Hungary ‡342 to 381, 403, etc., 12 var., ‡430, 432, 485 to 502, 568 to 572, 889 to 93. **Hanover** ‡22, 23, 29.
Lot ‡ 40:—Iceland ‡131 to 137, 116 to 121 (Cat. $3.46), and 3 var. **Sttetin** Locals.
Lot ‡ 41:—Monaco all unused, ‡55, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 85, Cat. $3.10. **Peru** ‡245. **Netherland** ‡202, and **Argentine** ‡5, 6, 7.
Lot ‡ 42:—Norway ‡100 to 108, 112 to 117, 401 to 407, Cat. $1.36. **Sweden** ‡52 to 63, 77 to 85, 163, 202, 203, Cat. $2.24, and **Senegal** ‡37, 85, and **Upper Volta** ‡6.
Lot ‡ 43:—Panama ‡280, 25 cent on 10 cent Airmail. **Cuba** Airmail ‡701-702, and **Argentine** ‡5, 6, 7.
Lot ‡ 44:—Roumania ‡291 to 301.
Lot ‡ 45:—Roumania 303 to 307 and **Roman States** ‡15 to 29.
Lot ‡ 46:—Roumania ‡308 to 319.
Lot ‡ 47:—Roumania ‡320 to 327 and 328 to 334.
Lot ‡ 48:—Roumania ‡336 to 342 and 501 to 503.
Lot ‡ 49:—United States ‡190, 216, 572.
Lot ‡ 50:—United States ‡285 and 286, both in blocks of four.
Lot ‡ 51:—United States ‡290. A fine strip of three.
Lot ‡ 52:—United States ‡403, fine strip of three, and Roger Clark block of four.
Lot ‡ 53:—United States ‡325, 326 and 285, 286 (last two unused).
Lot ‡ 53a:—United States ‡287, 288 and block of four Molly Pitchers.
Lot ‡ 54:—United States ‡289, 290, 232, 233 (last two unused).
Lot ‡ 55:—United States all unused, ‡232, 233, 234, 235, 237, and one block of four ‡4411.
Lot ‡ 56:—United States ‡238 and block of four Roger Clark.
Lot ‡ 57:—25 var. 20th Century **U. S.** Commemoratives, incl. Norse, all used.
Lot ‡ 58:—Six var. **Airmail,** incl. 520 (unused), 610, 626, and block of four ‡4411.
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Lot ‡ 61:—Blocks of four of **Hawaii** 2 and 5 cent and ‡4411.
Lot ‡ 62:—Blocks of four of Wright Bros. 2 and 5 cent, Roger Clark, and ‡4411.
Lot ‡ 63:—Blocks of four of ‡628 and 620.
Lot ‡ 64:—Blocks of four of ‡619 and 646 and 647.
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The statement that the strength of a stamp society is largely dependent on its Sales Department is correct. While many other agencies are necessary to complete success, the fact still remains that the Sales Department is the keystone, and that its successful conduct is one of the main criterions of what the Society is.

The Sales Department of the S. P. A. has always been an outstanding department since the Society's organization, thirty-five years ago. It has had its ups and downs, and once, eleven years ago, it was almost closed out altogether and started with a new and inexperienced manager, whose confidence was imposed upon and the department so unmercifully robbed that it took years to repay the participants, and the Society almost went out of existence. But it recovered, the Society has more than regained its lost ground, and, to its honor, all claims have been met, while the dearly bought experience has brought about changes in laws and methods that make such a thing impossible in the future, and the department more solid than ever under the management of Dr. A. E. Hussey, of Cincinnati, Ohio, ably assisted by his daughter, Miss Helen, the Society's star recruiter.

The Doctor, though, follows only in the footsteps of worthy predecessors. Going back over twenty years, we find Charles Roemer, of San Antonio, Texas, took control of the department on January 1, 1907, when the Society had only eighteen members in good standing, and in a year and a half had sales of $634.64. But by that time, with the help of Secretary Doak, Fred G. Fuessel, and L. T. Brodstone, the membership had reached 200.

Mr. Roemer continued in office till August 8, 1915, when, seeking retirement, he was replaced by J. E. Guest, who served three years till sent to camp during the World War, in August, 1918. The last report of Mr. Roemer, made July 15, 1915, showed that 652 books, of a face value of $10,045.98, had been received during the year, and that 365 books valued at $5,651.57, were in circulation. During the year there had been sales of $12,214.32.

Energetic Mr. Guest immediately made a record, and on his call to arms there were 1,565 books, with a net value of $24,455.41. These were returned to their owners, and H. S. Swensen, an attorney of the same city as Mr. Guest, was forced to inaugurate a new department, Mr. Guest rendering valuable aid.

Mr. Swensen's first report, made in August, 1919, showed 724 books, valued at $14,396.78, received by him. He continued till August, 1923, when the department was taken over by Dr. Hussey. Mr. Swensen was a good sales manager. As the President said: "He simply had problems to cope with that were entirely unsolvable." The Department was robbed.

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Argentine, 5c, ‡176	08
Bahamas, 3d, ‡58	90
—— 3d, ‡303	60
—— 1d, ‡306	45
—— 1/-, ‡310	35
Barbados, 2½d, ‡94	25
—— 1/-, ‡173	30
Barbuda, ½d to 6d (six values)	50
Bermuda, 3d, ‡28	40
—— 4d, ‡39	25
—— 1/-, ‡48	35
—— 1/-, ‡61	60
—— 2½d, ‡85	30
Br. Honduras, 1c-5c, ‡85-7	60
Canal Zone, ‡22, 25	12
—— 8c, ‡44	15
—— 10c, ‡46	15
—— ‡305-7 (used)	40
Cayman, 2½d, ‡102	25
China, $1, $2, $5, used (cat. $1.96)	90
—— Air Mail set (cat. $8.00)	75
D. W. I., ‡51-58	90
Denmark, ‡110-122 (Cat. $7.15)	50
Egypt, Prince Farouk set	40
Fr. Guiana, ‡81-84	18
Grenada, ‡201, mint or used	50
G. B. (China), 50c, ‡28	60
Hayti, ‡67-77 (Cat. $6.65)	45
—— ‡180	40
Jamaica, War Tax complete	25
Jugo Slavia, ‡444-457, 11 values	50
Luxemburg, ‡92	40
Malta, ‡116-118	40
—— 10/-, ‡129	25
—— 6d Air Mail	15
Newfoundland, Caribou, 4c, 5c, used	10
North West Pacific, ½d to 1/- values (Cat. $3.62)	50
Panama, 2c and 5c Lindbergh	40
Roumania, ‡1223-1224 (Cat. $2.00)	50
Russia (Levant), ‡230 (Cat. $1.50)	40
Salvador, ‡374	35
Seychelles, ‡9-10	55
—— ‡49	40
S. W. Africa Triangles, ‡81-82	30
Trinidad & Tobago, 2½d, ‡14	25
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AIR MAIL INVERT AT $1,500

ghest Previous Sale Price for this Rarity is $1,060

ndications are that the standard post- stamp catalogue for 1930 will show upward revision in prices for some of rarer United States. $1,500 was paid an unused copy of the United States ent airmail stamp with the inverted re at an auction sale last week. This ne highest price for which a copy of rarity has ever been sold at public and so far as known at private sale. he stamp was issued in 1918 and was first distinctive airmail stamp issued he United States Government. It is vo colors, and by some error a single t with the centre design inverted hed a Washington, D. C., postoffice. r a few copies had been sold, one handed to a buyer who knew some- g about stamps and he immediately d for the entire sheet. He sold it to iladelphia dealer for a good profit, the latter sold a few to some of his ds who specialized in United States s, but he still owns the largest num- of the "inverted airmail" stamps in ence.

st year a copy sold at auction for 0 following two or three sales for A few weeks ago an unused copy in Philadelphia at the auction of h A. Steinmetz's collection by ne Klein for $1,060. The copy that ght $1,500 formed part of the Reid aker collection, which was sold early week at the Collectors Club, 51 t Forty-eighth Street, by H. A. nette of Washington. The Baker was limited to twentieth century s and an unused copy of the 4 cents, with the centre inverted, sold for —*N. Y. Times.*

D'S U. S. ON THE MARKET

thur Hind of Utica, N. Y., has d in the hands of Chas. J. Phillips ew York City the disposition of his collection of United States and ederate stamps. It is valued at 000. Full particulars will be an- ced in the WEEKLY. The proposed of this collection will create no little ement in the stamp market.

GUATEMALA OFFICIALS

ubmit for inspection a new official o of Guatemala. The word "oficial" small letters below the coat of arms ter. All the stamps are triangular, in size and series comprises the fol- g values: 1c light blue, 2c sepia, 3c , 4c purple, 5c claret, 10c orange and ep blue. Needless to say that these s are very hard to secure.

SIGMUND WEISER.

W STAMPS BROADCASTED

e New England Stamp Company of York City has contracted with the tional Broadcasting Agency, for advertising of new issues over sta- WOV, New York. These talks on ssues are given each day. We be- this is the first time straight com- al advertising has been done by a business over a metropolitan n.

TOM V. BINMORE.

TICAN COINAGE ORDERED

ROME, April 25.

e Pope has given orders for coinage w Vatican money. The first coins be 20-lira gold and 5-lira silver . The money will be principally for the purchase of Vatican stamps postoffice to be established within atican City, for payment of ad- n charges to art galleries and simi- institutions, small fees, etc. The also will be used in papal territory e of the Vatican. Employees, how- will still be paid in Italian currency.

A NOVEL SOCIETY PROJECT

Stamps to be Purchased Monthly from Dues and held for Distribution

APPLETON, WIS., April 25.

At a meeting of the Appleton Philatelic Society held last evening resolutions were adopted that will be of interest to stamp clubs generally. A condensed draft of the resolutions is given here and any further details can be obtained by writing the secretary:—

(1) Each member shall be assessed the sum of 50c on the first day of each month, for the purpose of purchasing stamps in the name of the Society.

(2) Such purchases shall be made from time to time and shall consist primarily of sheets of mint U. S. purchased at face.

(3) All such purchases shall be laid away three years. At the end of such period, they may be laid away for further periods not to exceed one year, or they may be divided pro-rata among participating members.

(4) No member shall be eligible to participate in such voting or in the division of any stamps which have been acquired with assessments made prior to the time of his own allegiance with the Society.

(5) A member resigning from the Society shall receive a cash refund of all monies paid into this fund by him, not yet distributed or divided, without increase or interest, within one year of such resignation.

(6) In case of the death of a member, the same procedure as in case of resignation shall be followed, except that a fair and just bonus, to cover increase in value, may be added to the refund if so directed by vote of the Society. Any member expelled, suspended or dropped from the rolls by action of the Society shall automatically forfeit all benefits except by vote of the Society.

H. M. BREHM, Sec.

NEW HAVEN CONVENTION MAY 25

NEW HAVEN, CT., April 25.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the So. N. E. Stamp Clubs will be held at New Haven, Saturday, May 25, 2 o'clock P. M., and we are sparing no effort to provide the most interesting and enjoyable time possible. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Garde, opposite the railroad station, where there is plenty of free parking space. There will be talks and attendance prizes, also fine exhibits with prizes for the various classifications—and an auction.

R. E. HEGEL.

AIR FLIGHTS AND CACHETS

—The American Legion of Oyster Bay, N. Y., will have a Memorial Day celebration in which Theodore Roosevelt and Quentin, his son, will be especially honored. A feature of the celebration will be the printing of four memorial envelopes and the use of a special cachet. For information write H. K. Robinson, Oyster Bay, N. Y.

—We are indebted to Carter Glass, Jr., for a cover with a cachet in purple:—"Commemorating the Landing at Cape Henry of Capt. Newport and Party, April 26, 1607," and bearing an April 26, 1929 postmark. "D. W. Washburn, P. M." lends official coloring to this non-official marking.

—U. S. Army Air Maneuvers at Columbus, O., May 15-25. Air Mail cachet different color each day. Send covers *Linn's Stamp News,* 20 E. Chestnut St., Columbus, O. Non-official.

—June 14-16, Elkhart, Ind., will have an airport opening. E. G. Emerson, 635 Bower St., will handle your air mail and take care of the cachet.

—Henry O. Meisel calls our attention to the prosperous condition of the Flying Mail Association of which he is Sec.-Treas. Already no fewer than thirty-two members are on the list and any reader interested in the organization should write Mr. Meisel at Clintonville, Wis. Bulletins are regularly issued to each member free of charge.

—A non-official air mail cachet will be used May 28, 29, 30, at East St. Louis, Ill., in connection with the Gardner Trophy Air Races. Send your letters to L. H. Forman, 805 Spivey Bldg., E. St. Louis, fully prepaid before May 25.—NELSON F. GERKEN.

—A new airport at Massapequa, Long Island, will be dedicated May 12. A cachet will be used, and covers should be sent at once to Brady, Cryan and Colleran, Inc., 393 Seventh Ave., New York. —DONALD E. DICKASON.

—John H. Newman, court reporter at Juneau, Alaska, sends us the *Alaska Empire* of April 15, describing the arrival of the first plane on a non-stop Seattle—Alaska flight. The return to Seattle was made April 23, Mr. Newman sending the *Empire* under a cover bearing a Seattle, April 24 postmarking. Unofficial but a pioneer.

—Frank F. Wills writes us that an air service is about to be established in Newfoundland. He also informs us of the death of Hon J. A. Robinson, who in 1919, as Minister of Posts initialed the mint "Hawker" remainders, "J. A. R."

A NOTABLE AUCTION PRICE

PHILA., PA., April 24.

At Robinette's sale, held at the Collectors Club yesterday, a copy of the U. S. 1918, 24c air mail, inverted centre, slightly creased, sold at $1,500. This is a record price for this variety, which catalogs at $1,000. Rare U. S. stamps are bringing increased prices at each succeeding sale.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

COLLECTIONS! COLLECTIONS!! COLLECTIONS!!!

An **unusually fine** lot of collections by countries offered at **bargain** prices in order to move them at once. All as described and **we guarantee absolute satisfaction** or your money cheerfully refunded.

Note—Having on several occasions offered collections in the past, we know through experience that we could sell most of these several times over. We can, therefore, send none on approval, and wish to emphasize the fact that the first check gets them. You run no risk, however, as everything is sold with our money-back guarantee.

1. **U. S.** Collection of 275 different 19th Century **Postage only.** Condition average good, no damaged stamps being included. Lists over $700, a bargain at $135.00
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3. **U. S.** Collection of 100 different mint U. S. **Blocks of Four** (1882-1925), Postage only. All are very fine, many never having been hinged. Will list over $150 and at auction would bring considerably more than the price we ask, which is only 65.00
4. **U. S. Revs.** First issue. A fine collection of 59 varieties listing $16 ..... 5.00
5. **U. S.** Lot of 88 mint 20th Century U. S. All are either off centre or have a straight edge, but otherwise perfect. Lists $50, we ask the low price of 10.00
6. **Foreign 19th.** Collection of over 5000 different 19th Century Foreign, including both mint and used, **all** in fine condition and mounted in a Scott's International Album. Lists about $3300 and is very strong in the better class items listing up to $20, as can easily be seen, the average catalogue value per stamp being over 60 cents. A **wonderful** buy for a collector who wishes to fill up in fine 19th at **minimum cost** or for a dealer to retail. We have taken this in trade and will sell it at exactly the same price we allowed, viz. 625.00
7. **20th Century used.** Collection of 5500 different used 20th Century, mounted in a Scott's International Album, all in **fine condition,** including many scarce items. Many 20th Century stamps, as collectors know, are far **scarcer used** than mint and almost impossible to obtain. An unusual opportunity for collectors of used 20th to obtain a very fine collection of these at an almost give-away price. Will list about $1000.—Our price only **one-fifth catalogue** or 195.00
8. **Junior Collection.** About 7000 different stamps in fine condition mounted in a Junior Album. Just the thing for a beginner and will give a fine start at the lowest possible price. Lists about $700. Net price 135.00
9. **Br. Cols., Mint 20th.** Lot of 70 different, all mint, listing $22.50. Net price .. 7.50
10. **Br. Cols., Mint 20th.** Lot of 60 different, all mint, listing $17. Net price 5.75
11. **B. N. A., 19th only.** Good little collection of 100 varieties of this popular group. Contains many desirable and scarce stamps of Canada and Newfoundland in nice condition which are almost never offered under half catalogue. Will list about $80. Our price less than one-quarter of this, or 19.00
12. **Scandinavia.** Collection of 300 different 19th and 20th Century, all in superb condition. List $20. Our price 5.50
13. **Denmark.** Collection of 70 different mint 20th Century stamps listing $21.37. Cheap at 7.00
14. **Finland.** Collection of 86 varieties, all in superb condition. Lists $13.49. Our price 3.25
15. **Nicaragua, Salvador** and **Panama.** A very pretty little collection of 300 different, mint and used, containing **many** scarce items and **very few** "Seebecks." A very fine lot listing over $55. Our price for quick sale 12.50
16. **Peru.** A good little collection of 71 different 19th Century, including several scarce items of the early issues. Catalogue price $31.79. Ours 4.75
17. **Sweden.** Collection of 270 different 19th and 20th Century, mostly used, in very fine condition. A beautiful collection of this country, practically complete with the exception of the great rarities. Lists nearly $100. We ask 22.00
18. **Sweden.** A very pretty collection of 200 different, all in superb condition. Lists nearly $20. Our price 5.00
19. **Swedish Colls.** Collection of 51 different, complete except for three varieties. A very fine mint collection at way below market price. List $25. Our price 9.75

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GRAF ZEPPELIN MAIL

It is expected that the Graf Zeppelin will be on its way to the United States when this issue of the WEEKLY appears. The return trip from Lakehurst, N. J., is scheduled for about May 10. The rate on letters (one ounce) will be $1.05, and 53c on post cards. The P. O. Dept. does not guarantee the dispatch of this mail. It will be sent by steamship if the return flight fails unless you write return address on envelope with the notation "do not mail by steamship." It will thus be seen that considerable uncertainty exists and the Dept. intends to place all responsibility for non-delivery of mail upon the sender.

H. L. LINDQUIST FOR DIRECTOR

At a meeting of the Phila. Chapter 18 A. P. S. held April 18, Rev. C. C. Sylvester was unanimously elected Secretary to take the place made vacant by the resignation of the Sec.-Treas. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is leaving Philadelphia. It was voted to withdraw the nomination of H. M. Konwiser for director-at-large, this nomination having been made at a previous meeting of the club. H. L. Lindquist of New York was substituted and it was voted to inform all A. P. S. branches of the action taken.

Philip H. Ward, Jr., exhibited one volume of the U. S. collection of Edward R. Wood, Jr., which was awarded a gold medal at the New York exhibition. The outstanding pieces were the 5c '67 grilled all over, the special prints of '75 on hard paper and of '80 on soft paper complete, including the rare 2c and 5c on both papers. The Panama-Pacific inverted centers were shown in mint singles of the 1c, 2c and 4c, together with mint blocks of four of each. Of the 2c only one other block is known to exist.

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UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS

I am a great believer in the future of these stamps and have built up a good stock by large purchases from the Ferrary sales in Paris, and by the purchase of Local Collections such as Brennermann, Grant, etc., etc. The "Locals" were mostly used between 1842 and 1860, and very small numbers have been saved. Look and see how many your local dealer can show you, and you will soon learn that a great bulk of them are much rarer than "catalogue" prices indicate.

The following are a few of the better varieties I have in stock, but approval books of common or scarce "Locals" can be sent on approval at very reasonable prices:—

ADAMS & CO.

6202. 25c pink on glazed cardboard. Entire sheet of 40 with full margins and interesting retouches $100.00

PRINCE'S LETTER DISPATCH

6732. 2c black, sheet of 40, gum and margins.. 30.00

POMEROY'S EXPRESS

6712. 5c black, Reconstructed sheet of 40, made up with blocks of 4, 6, 28 ..... 150.00

D. O. BLOOD & CO.

City Despatch, D. O. Blood & Co. in large double circle, "2 Cts" in center. In red on cover with a black cancellation of similar design on left side. This unique cover was found by the late Wm. Moser in the correspondence of Campbell, a Philadelphia lawyer. The full history is known and published 350.00

6251. 3c grayish, Type L 30, unused 100.00
" 3c grayish, Type L 30, used, PAID in red 70.00
" 3c grayish, Type L 30, used on cover ... 90.00
6253. 3c grayish, unused 18.00
" 3c grayish, penstroked 18.00
" 3c grayish, PAID in red 20.00
" 3c grayish, PAID in red on cover 30.00
6254. 3c grayish, Rare cancellation in black, on cover 40.00
" 3c grayish, unused 25.00
6252. 3c grayish, unused 24.00
6252a. 3c grayish, MSS. Initials in black on cover. PAID in red 55.00

(A fine lot of these scarce "Man stepping over houses" can be supplied.)

6255. 3c black, penstroked 20.00
6256. 3c black, unused 16.00
6257. 3c black, unused 14.00
" 3c black, blue cancellation 16.00

(Several varieties on covers can be supplied.)

FRANKLIN CITY FREE DESPATCH POST

6275. 2c green, Type L 46, on cover 125.00

BOUTON'S MANHATTAN EXPRESS

6276. 2c pink, tied on with red circular N. Y. cancellation, exceedingly rare 140.00

BOUTON'S CITY DESPATCH POST

6278. 2c gray, unused 15.00
6277. 2c black, used, red cancellation 14.00

BOYCE'S CITY EXPRESS POST

6280. 2c green, used 65.00
" 2c green, on cover, but not cancelled 60.00

BRADY & CO.

6374. 1c red on yellow, unused 30.00

BROADWAY, P. O.

6392. 1c black, pair used, tied on half a cover.. 65.00

BROWN & CO. CITY POST

6402. 1c black, on half cover, tied with fine circular cancellation 20.00
" 1c black, cancelled on piece 18.00
6403. 2c black, on small piece, well tied, red canc. 25.00
" 2c black, on cover, tied with blue cancellation 40.00

CALIFORNIA CITY LETTER EXPRESS

6417. 10c red, unused, design just clipped on upper right 65.00

CALIFORNIA PENNY POST CO.

6420. 2c blue, unused 60.00

CHICAGO PENNY POST

6448. 1c orange brown, unused, fine and rare..$100.00
" 1c orange brown, used, rare 60.00

CITY DESPATCH POST

6450. 3c grayish, red cancellation 30.00
6451. 2c green, superb on cover 35.00
6453. 2c green, unused 30.00
2c deep green, used 23.00
2c yellow green, used 30.00
6454. 2c grayish, used, PAID in red 45.00
6455. 2c vermilion, used .....50.00 & 60.00
2c vermilion, on cover 70.00

CITY EXPRESS POST

6463. 2c pink, on cover (Only 4 known) 160.00

CRESSMAN & CO.'S PENNY POST

6475. 1c gold on black, unused, slightly clipped 24.00
" 1c gold on black, on cover, fine 46.00

CUMMINGS CITY POST

6481. 2c green, used, red cancellation 60.00
" 2c green, on cover, penstroked 50.00
6480. 2c rose, on cover, black cancellation 85.00
6482. 2c yellow, on cover, not cancelled, only 3 or 4 known 100.00

EAGLE CITY POST

6498. 2c black, "Tete-beche" unused, not listed 75.00
" black, on cover, fine 25.00
6499. red on bluish, unused 30.00
" red on bluish, on cover 40.00
6500. blue on bluish, on cover 18.00

FLOYD'S PENNY POST

These are rare and much undervalued in catalogue.

6512. 1c blue .....14.00 & 16.00
" 1c blue, on cover 25.00
6514. 1c green 17.00

FRAZER & CO.

6517. 2c green, on cover 75.00

GLEN HAVEN, DAILY MAIL

6527. 1c dark green, on cover, rare 85.00
6529. 1c green, several varieties, unused..30.00 to 40.00
" 1c green, on cover 50.00

GORDON'S CITY EXPRESS

6531. 2c green, used 16.00
" 2c green, on cover 18.00

HALE & CO.

A fine lot, singles and pairs on and off letter.

HILL'S POST, BOSTON

6549. 1c rare, on cover 250.00

This is one of the very rare Locals, only 3 or 4 copies are known. Catalogue price is quite incorrect.

HUMBOLDT EXPRESS

6557. 25c brown, used, blue cancellation 35.00

KIDDER'S CITY EXPRESS

6648. 2c pale blue, pen cancellation 48.00
" 2c pale blue, on cover, fine 90.00

LETTER EXPRESS

6653. 5c pink, penstroked 18.00
" 5c pink, three used together on one letter, 2 square, one cut to shape 50.00
6654. 5c green, penstroked 20.00
" 5c green, used on cover with yellow Pomeroy 40.00

MESSENKOPE'S

6680. 2c green, used on piece .....$10.00 to 14.00
" 2c green, used on piece with 3c U. S. 1851 stuck half over the local and both well tied, canc. "New York 10 ct" 30.00

ONE CENT DESPATCH

6697. 1c violet-brown, unused, Washington ... 20.00
" 1c violet-brown, used, Washington 20.00
6698. 1c red, unused, Baltimore 35.00
" 1c red, used on piece, Baltimore, very fine 36.00

RUSSELL'S EIGHTH AVE. P. O.

6746. 2c blue on rose, on cover 100.00

SMITH'S CITY EXPRESS POST

2c black on cover, tied with word PAID impressed through stamp on cover. This fine unlisted cover has the following marks on face: "Broadway City Express 2ct. P. O.", "PAID" in a curve and "PAID SWARTS" in Oct. frame.. 125.00

SPENCE & BROWN'S EXPRESS POST, BALTIMORE

No value, black. Mail Rider on horse on cover, penstroke ties on. Only one other known, was in Ackerman collection. A forgery accompanies this rarity for comparison 200.00

SWART'S

A very fine lot, unused, and used on and off cover, extra fine cancellations.

WESTERVELT'S POST

A very fine lot, unused, used and on covers, can be sent on approval.

The following are a few out of my stock of

U. S. GENERAL ISSUES ON COVERS

1851-56. 10c green, Type III, strip of 3, clear margins all round, with left margin of sheet used to Germany .....$ 45.00
" 12c black, fine pair tied on with PAID in circle and pretty red dated canc. 30.00
" 5c brown, block of 3, used with 3c perf. of 1857, all tied together onto cover 100.00
" 10c pair Type II and 1c Type II tied on, used to France 25.00
1857-60. 1c, Type I, fine strip of 3, tied on 32.00
" 1c, Type IIIA, tied on 13.00
" 1c, Type II, with St. Louis "1ct" in frame 12.00
" 1c, Type V, strip of 3, blue canc. tied on, View of Barnum's Hotel, Baltimore, on back 10.00
" 3c, tied on with "STEAMBOAT" 7.00
" 5c brick-red, Type I, fine pair, tied on 50.00
" 10c, Type I, full shells, strip of 4, tied on 40.00
" 10c, Type III, strip of 3, tied 18.00
" 12c, four singles with red grid, tied .. 24.00
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1862-66. 5c red-brown, 10c green and 30c orange, a pretty color combination, used on part of cover to Spain 30.00
" 5c buff, a superb vertical pair lightly cancelled and tied on. Superb, used to Montreal 110.00

Approval books of rare interesting U. S. Covers up to 1875 can be sent on approval

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A NOTABLE MILESTONE

RESUME OF TWO THOUSAND ISSUES OF THE GREATEST OF STAMP PAPERS

By C. E. Severn.

new generation of stamp collectors arisen since the first number of the EKLY appeared on January 7, 1891; to the collector of to-day who does concern himself with philately's past, eems as though the paper has always ited. When the first number of the EKLY was distributed, two thousand ks ago, it was hailed as a daring and el venture by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp Publishing Company of St. Louis, a e corporation, but the projectors of enterprise had every confidence in ultimate success and expended in the egate thousands of dollars in firmly blishing the paper. Naturally, there many predictions by the more conative collectors that a weekly stamp ication could not attain permanency r conditions as they prevailed y-eight years ago, but it was not long re all philatelists were impressed by intelligent perseverance that was ifest in the management of the r and the general disposition was gard the WEEKLY as a fixture.

e editor of the WEEKLY was I. A. eel whose genius later had its fruiin the general publishing field; and e time of his death in February, Mr. Mekeel had attained a national ence as a publisher and successful ness man. One of the early conors to the WEEKLY was C. E. rn of Chicago, and in 1894, he be- the paper's Chicago correspondent. nose days, a column or so of notes week from the different stamp cenwas a feature of the paper. Several later, business vicissitudes were ntered by the corporation that pubd the WEEKLY that made a readjustof its business necessary; and by rder of court, I. A. Mekeel became buyer and owner of the WEEKLY. Mr. Mekeel's acumen led him to ure the advertising possibilities of aper and he determined to launch a aign that would thoroughly test . He proposed to Mr. Severn that come editor and part owner of the KLY and early in 1898, Mr. Severn's ice with the WEEKLY as editor and er was made. The paper was edited Chicago, but published from St. , and Mr. Mekeel, free to give his ided attention to the business dement, found a congenial occupation panding the advertising prestige of EEKLY.

r several years the paper flourished these conditions, but it was not before Scott F. Redfield of Smethr Pennsylvania, who was publishing ekly stamp paper at that period, merged his paper into the WEEKLY and became a part owner of the corporation which had been formed under the laws of the State of New York to conduct the WEEKLY. For a time the WEEKLY was printed at the plant of Mr. Redfield at Smethport, Pa., published by Mr. Mekeel in New York, and edited by Mr. Severn in Chicago. At this period, the Boston correspondent of the WEEKLY was Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Mass., and so capably did he discharge his duties that he was recommended to the notice of the owners. After Mr. Wylie had proved his ability further by planning special issues from start to finish, he was invited to become one of the corporation. In the meantime, the WEEKLY had purchased W. W. Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, an excellent publication that almost divided with the WEEKLY the regard of the collecting public and Mr. Wylie was placed in charge of the *Era* as a separate publication. By his conduct of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Mr. Wylie further emphasized his fitness for philatelic newspaper work, and when the *Era* was consolidated with the WEEKLY, Mr. Wylie, who had bought a tenth interest in the company, was made managing editor.

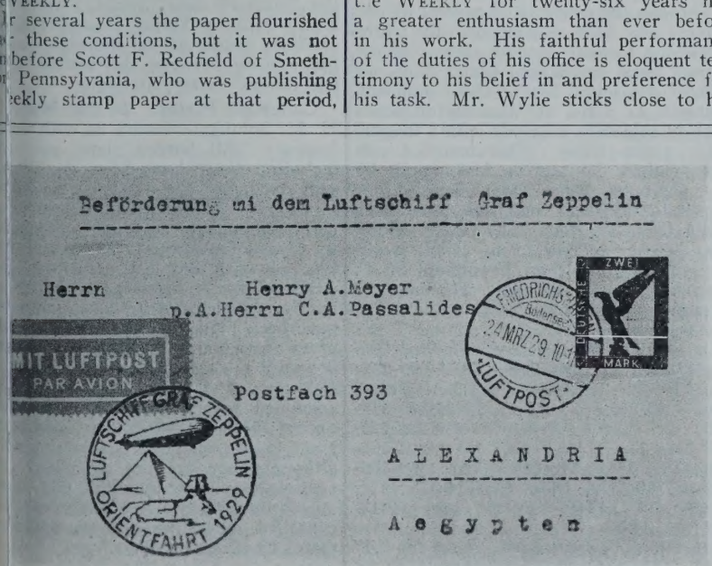
The interests of Mr. Mekeel in a general publishing sense were becoming more and more important and such were the demands made upon his time by affairs of magnitude that he could not give freely of his services to the corporation, although the paper continued to hold its warm place in his affections. It was advisable to re-incorporate the company under Massachusetts laws and publish the WEEKLY from Boston under Mr. Wylie's direction; and it was at this time, or in 1904, that W. W. Jewett entered into a contract with the publishers of the WEEKLY whereby he was to print the paper in his plant at Portland, Maine.

At the death of I. A. Mekeel in 1913, the controlling interest in the company became vested in the estate of I. A. Mekeel and two years later, the two hundred and fifty-one shares were acquired by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett. Miss Mildred O. Wylie and Wm. K. Jewett subsequently purchased an interest.

Willard O. Wylie, who has distinguished himself as managing editor of the WEEKLY for twenty-six years has a greater enthusiasm than ever before in his work. His faithful performance of the duties of his office is eloquent testimony to his belief in and preference for his task. Mr. Wylie sticks close to his work, but he is known to fame in the political field and on the golf links. He has served as president of the Beverly Board of Aldermen, and during 1925-8 represented Beverly in the Mass. state legislature.

Mr. Jewett's ability as a "boss printer" is shown by the record for typographical cleanliness that he has established in the WEEKLY and his art shows forth in the two-score books, including the Dictionary that the company has published from his shop, one of Portland's best, it is needless to say. The WEEKLY demands a great share of Mr. Jewett's attention, indeed.

Charles E. Severn has grown up with the WEEKLY and knows it in every phase. His long service in the WEEKLY's cause in itself is proof that it is something of a labor of love for him to devote the most of his time to the paper's welfare. Incidentally he has served as president of the Rogers' Park Republican Club and is ex-president of the Business Men's Prosperity Club; treasurer of the Williams, Barker and Severn Co.; ex-president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and the A. S. D. A.; Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London; and on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.



THE RECENT ZEPPELIN FLIGHT

By Donald E. Dickason.

vers from the recent Zeppelin flight have arrived. Franked with the 2 mark stamp, postmarked Friedrichshafen, March 24, backstamped Alexandria, h 28, the covers bear a red cachet showing the Zepp flying over the pyramid. ly watched by the Sphinx. As the ship really did not go to Egypt at all, but alestine, instead, we must conclude that the cachet was made up before the was decided upon.

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A purchase of exceptional importance some time ago enables us to now offer a good range of the 1873 to 1905 issues, inclusive. The attention of specialists is particularly called to the minor varieties—shades, inverted or normal frames, as the case may be. Only a few of the higher priced items available, so order without delay.

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* 5b	1873-96	1c green & red violet, THICK PAPER	$ .40	$ .20	—
* 5e		Same, INVERTED FRAME	1.00	.50	—
* 6be		3c dull blue & red, THICK PAPER	.85	.40	—
* 6e		Same, INVERTED FRAME	.85	.45	$ 2.00
* 6e		Pair incl. 78th stamp of sheet with gash. See Kohl's handbook. Rare	—	9.00	—
* 6e		Same variety in block of 4 with 3 normals	—	—	10.00
* 7		4c brown & dull blue, THICK PAPER	.50	.25	—
* 7a		4c brown & bright blue, THIN PAPER	.50	.25	1.10
* 8		5c green & gray, THICK PAPER	.85	.45	—
* 8a		5c green & dark gray, THICK PAPER	1.00	.50	2.00
*10a		10c blue & black brown, THICK PAPER, No Gum	1.50	.50	2.25
*10bc		Period variety in pair with #10c	10.00	5.00	—
*10bc		Same in block of 4 with 3 normals. All INVERTED FRAMES	20.00	—	10.00
*10c		Single copy with INVERTED FRAME, THICK P.	5.00	2.00	—
*11		12c lilac & green, THIN PAPER	1.25	.65	—
*13		50c bright purple, THIN PAPER	3.00	1.75	—
*13		50c purple, THIN PAPER	3.00	1.75	—
*13a		50c dull purple, THICK PAPER	4.00	2.25	—
*16	1896	1c green & red violet, INVERTED FRAME	.50	.25	1.00
*16a		**Normal Frame** in vertical pair with normal variety. Rare	30.50	21.00	—
*16a		NORMAL FRAME in block with 3 INVERTED FRAME. Very rare	31.50	—	25.00
*17		3c blue & lake, INVERTED FRAME	1.00	.55	2.20
*17a		NORMAL FRAME in block with 3 INVERTED FRAME. Exceedingly rare	53.00	—	40.00
*18		5c green & gray, INVERTED FRAME	3.00	1.75	7.00
*19	1900	1c light green	.10	.06	.24
*20		5c light blue	.60	.32	1.25
*21	1901	4c bistre & dull blue, NORMAL FRAME	.50	.30	1.20
*21b		INVERTED FRAME in a block of 4 with 3 normal	5.50	—	4.50
*21a		Diagonal half of 4c used for 2c rate. On Original Cover	.50	.30	—
*22		10c blue & brown, NORMAL FRAME	1.50	.85	3.40
*24	1902	2c on 3c, INVERTED FRAME	.50	.25	1.00
*24a		"2c" with straight tail	1.50	.85	—
*24c		2c on 3c, NORMAL FRAME. Rare	30.00	21.00	—
*24c		Same, in block of 4 with 3 of No. 24. Especially desirable	31.50	—	25.00
*25		8c on 10c, NORMAL FRAME	.50	.27	1.10
*25a		"2" with straight tail	1.50	.85	—
*25b		Period between "T" & "S" of Cents	1.00	.60	—
*25c		INVERTED FRAME in horizontal pair with normal variety. Scarce	30.50	22.00	—
*28	1902	8c on 10c blue & brown	.75	.45	1.75
*28a		Period between "T" & "S" of Cents	1.25	.75	—
*28b		INVERTED FRAME in block of 4 with 3 of No. 28. Exceedingly scarce	37.25	—	27.50

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S. P. A. Branch No. 1

—Passes a Resolution Commending the WEEKLY for this Special Number.

By A. W. Deas, *Pres.*

At a meeting of N. Y., Branch No. 1 of the S. P. A., held in the Waldorf Astoria in the City of New York on Thursday, April 11, your circular regarding the special number of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News to be issued May 6th, featuring the Society of Philatelic Americans was read. Realizing the compliment and courtesy your paper is tendering this society, the Branch unanimously instructed me to express its appreciation of the honor you are showing the society and to extend its most hearty thanks for your action.

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The idea that I handle nothing but rarities has spread all over creation, including California, and altho I have spent a lot of perfectly good money trying to choke it to death, it seems to bear a charmed life. Probably it will be sitting beside the driver when I'm taken for my last auto ride, about May, 1962.

Speaking of Japan, likely enough I have handled as many Hiogo and Yokohama cancellations on U. S. stamps, both on and off covers, as anyone in the trade, and let me tell you, all the 1869 issue except the 10c belong to the eel family. Hard to grab. Right now I have the only 1c '69 with Jap cancellation that has swum into my net in over twelve years. It is for sale at a reasonable price.

Still they come. Orders for the Jumbo Jr. packet advertised way back in February. (About 50 diff. U. S. postage, cat. $4 to $5, all for a dollar.) It sure is big value for little money.

6c War Dept., 1873 issue, o. g. and wonderfully fine,—single $15, pair $30, strip of four $60. If I had a block of four I might sell it for $250, if I had a customer. Many other fine departments and other U. S. postage, on and off covers roosting here in the w.k. Peach Orchard.

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104 to 121	30.00
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IMPRESSIONS OF OUR PRESIDENT

By ARTHUR W. DEAS,
President Branch 1, S. P. A.

Five or six years ago when I was located in a large office building, my usual method of getting stamps was to go around to the different offices and ask for the stamps on the incoming mail. In one of the offices I met a man who was a stamp collector, and immediately became acquainted with him. He induced me to join the Branch No. 1, of the S. P. A. He told me I would meet a number of members among whom was one who was described with more or less emphasis as being the leading light, and known as Major Camp.

Of course, one always pictures the person he is going to meet, and I was about as far off in my ideas as anything, for when I got to the meeting place, I was immediately able to pick out Major Camp, because he seemed to dominate the whole room. He appeared to be a gentleman of a little more than middle age, slightly grey, with a drooping mustache and a beard, and of a type that is known as "Southern Colonel," although I understand he got his military title in legitimate service to the United States Government.

Afterwards at the meetings, which I attended more or less regularly, I became acquainted with Major Camp, and I found that whenever he got on his feet to talk, his subject was well worth listening to. One of the most remarkable instances related by him was his wonderful research in the stamps of Austria, and the method in which he discovered and proved what the "Watermark" was. If, for nothing else, that research alone should mark him as a leader among stamp collectors.

For the past few years I have been increasing my acquaintance with Major Camp, and I find that he is a many sided man, in stamp societies, clubs, business life, journalism, and in other activities, he is well known and respected. I don't know of any man who can accomplish more by moral suasion or who can take the friction out of a group of men quicker than Major Camp. I think he is a pretty good living example of "An ounce of prevention is worth more than a ton of cure."

I have had the pleasure of being on committees with him in many matters, and I have always been impressed with the wide range of his viewpoint, and his insistence that the proper thing should be done. His policy in managing the society has been conciliatory rather than aggressive. He has often said, "Those who win by fighting always lose."

I believe that in after years his management of the society will be considered of the very highest type. To all those who have the opportunity of making his acquaintance, I suggest that they do so by all means, so that their enjoyment of the hobby may be further increased.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE S. P. A.

Would you like full particulars about joining the S. P. A.? If so write Wm. Lycett, Sec., 1221 Washington St., Cape May, N. J., and a story will be unfolded of surpassing interest.

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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

R. A. BRYANT, Editor.
1 Essex St., Winter Hill, Mass.

Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Through the courtesy of several of our readers who have responded to the notice pertaining to plate number stamps of the current issue surcharged Canal Zone, we present our initial list of these numbers. Norman L. Jetto of Washington sends considerable data, together with a lengthy list of plates he has. This combined with our original list sent in last month by Mr. Cadbury, forms the nucleus of our report. Additional numbers have been taken from lists sent in by A. W. Mead, Dr. Fletcher J. Towlerton, C. W. Holliday, Prof. John Ross Frampton, E. F. Newcomer and Major Thomas O. Humphreys, to whom credit is due. The list follows:

Flat plates. Current issue. Flat top "A"

½c, 17017-018-020-029-078-079-080-081; 1c, 15334-358-359-374-375-384-385-437-456, 16006-556-560-561; 1½c, 16829-838-848-863; 2c, 15402-603-623-629-630-631-721-722-723-724, 17115; 5c, 15148-204-205-206; 10c, 15511-512-513; 12c, 14405-406-407, 15350; 14c, 14512-513-514-515; 15c, 14910; 30c, 14437-438-439; 50c, 14043-044; $1, 14268.

Flat plates. Current issue. Sharp top "A"

2c, 17814-842-890-892 (star plates); 3c, 16400-401-402-474; 5c, 15952, 16331-332-365-393-394; 10c, 16376-377-378-379; 12c, 15350-351-352-693; 14c, 15797; 15c, 14910-911-912-913, 17430; 17c, 18021-022-023-025; 20c, 16646-648, 17229-230-427-429; 30c, 14439; 50c, 14045; $1, 14268. 2c Sesqui. 18570-577-582-583.

Curved plates. Sharp top "A". Perf. 10

2c, 18632-633; 3c, 18445-446; 10c, 18532-538.

Curved plates. Sharp top "A". 11 x 10½

1c, 18730-731; 2c, 18809-827-934-986; 5c, 18851.

Our list is by no means complete course many other plates were used. hope, however, with the aid of co readers to obtain all the numbers next copy we will present the po dues and the 1925 provisionals, and also include a list of 1c plates h the "inverted zone" variety, which kindly sent by Major Humphreys. Holliday notes that on the plates h the spacing between the words "C and "Zone" is very irregular.

Cancelled Plates: 5c Air Mail. H. M. Southgate favors us with th lowing: "All border plates up t including 19630 have been cancelle cept 19614-627-629. . . . 14 wil go to press again, but 27 and 29 dou will. Center plates have all been can up to and including 19619, except the boy with the left pane blue which everyone seems to be holdin but from which nearly 40,000 impres have been made. This plate was o press continuously from early in No ber until the last order was complet February, and will probably be combined with all borders above except 19640-641-642-643, which hav gone to press, and probably never although they are not cancelled. possibly may show up with 19571, th one of the first twelve border plates cancelled, outlasting its contempora plates by about ten days."

Mr. John J. Spencer, whose t treatment of the Vincennes issue peared recently in the WEEKLY, sen following helpful survey of the I.C.A.C. commemorative. "While 'Wrights' are still to be had and b more new commemoratives com eclipse the interest in these stamps, suggestions relative to the varieties offer may not be amiss. Printed

Important Purchase

We wish to announce our latest purchase, the collection and entire stock of the late Ludwig Zissler of Philadelphia. This property will catalogue in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars ($250,000.00) and is now being arranged with our already large and comprehensive stock of the entire world. Further details will be announced from time to time to readers of the WEEKLY as the tremendous job of getting the lot in shape is completed. While the lot is particularly strong in British Colonials and Europe, there are many nice specialist items from all countries and want lists will have our usual prompt attention.

Further recent additions to our U. S. stock include the purchase of two large collections. A few notable items:

Superb 5 and 10c 1847's, including shades and covers, and used block of 5c 1857 reissue complete, 3c scarlet, 24c 1857, with beautiful red supplementary mail, 1890 to date practically complete mint postage in singles and blocks, 1901 Inverted centers, 1908 10c coil, #356, pair and strip 4, 13c bluish in used block of 4, Departments complete including all States and Navy error. Speak fast for those you need.

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1904	**(Lousiana)**, 1 to 10c compl., used	1.60
1907	**(Jamestown)**, 1, 2 & 5c, cpl., used	.25
1909,	2c **"Lincoln," "A.-Y."** and **"H.-F."**, used	.06
1909,	same stamps, **imperforated**, used	.55
1912	**(Panama Pacific)**, 1 to 10c cpl., used	.35
1918,	3c **"Victory,"** unused 10c; used..	.05
1923,	2c **"Harding,"** unused .05; used.	.02
1923,	2c **"Harding" imperforate**, unused .10; used	.10
1924,	**"Walloon,"** 1, 2 and 5c, unused ..	.25
1925,	**"Lex.-Concord,"** 1, 2 and 5c, unused	.25
1925,	**"Norse-American,"** 2 and 5c, un'd	.50

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	5c, Scott's No. 351	1.00
	4c, Scott's No. 354	1.50
	5c, Scott's No. 355	1.00
	1c, imperforate coil, per stamp	.05
1910,	1c, Scott's No. 385	.20
	1c, Scott's No. 390	.12
	5c, Scott's No. 396	.40
1914-15,	3c, Scott's No. 445	2.00
	1c, Scott's No. 448	.15
	2c, Scott's No. 449	.15
	4c, Scott's No. 457	1.25
	5c, Scott's No. 458	1.50
1916-17,	10c, Scott's No. 497	.25

U. S. Mint Blocks Of 4

1893	(Columbian), 1c, No. 230	$ .25
	30c, No. 239	12.50
1901	(Pan Amer.), 5c, No. 297	2.50
1902,	13c, No. 308	2.50
	Imperf., 1c, No. 314	1.00
1903,	2c, No. 320	1.00
1908,	8c, No. 337	2.75
	10c, No. 338	4.00
	13c, No. 339	4.00
1910,	15c, No. 382	17.50
1912	(Panama Pacific), 10c, No. 400	4.00
1914-15,	10c, No. 433	2.00
	20c, No. 438	5.00
1915-16,	3c, No. 464	20.00
	10c, No. 472	7.00
	9c, No. 471	6.00
1918,	$2.00, No. 523	25.00

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½ to 80c, S. L. wmk.	$1.50
½ to 80c, D. L. wmk.	.65

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s of 200 subjects, with horizontal vertical guide lines through the centhe printed sheets were cut on these into four panes of 50 stamps each. guide line collector will therefore eight varieties, all with the guide howing on the straight imperforate s. These consist of the four 'corner' ps where the guide lines crossed in middle of the plate, and a top, botand two sides. For the plate numcollector, four locations are to be viz., top, bottom, and right and left . For those interested in marginal ings, arrows are to be found at the f the guide line at top or bottom and e side of the sheet, while the usual vers' initials are to be found on the lower pane."

r chronicle of Vincennes combinais completed this week with the g of the following: Border 19740, r 19731; Border 19743, Center 19- All combinations have now been reed. Study of the returns shows no e in the first eight groups as re- d last week. Of the next four s, but three of the forty-eight comions are below average, viz., 19740- 19741-739 and 19742-728. These average up as late returns come in. rts from all over the country show the limited supply is exhausted, and ll the same story, "difficult to ob- Interest continues unabated. A from the west coast contains a posite list" of 141 combinations the collections of three Californi- Who will be first to report a comcollection? A splendid list of contors again this week! Here they H. E. Bailey, Abraham Cohen, Dr. her J. Towlerton, G. Stanley Haines, erick A. C. Steubel, Rev. Paul J. , T. F. Keith, W. E. Kuhn, Albert orham, Elmer F. Bodurtha, A. W. l, P. D. Booth, L. C. Haldeman, Jr., S. Collier, J. H. Brackett, N. R. graw, Dr. E. S. Potter (2), Harold Shephard, H. A. Johann, William tberger, Arthur W. Line, I. V. Jones, Louis C. Stearns, Frank J. Seibert, Burt C. Wear, William C. Stone, E. F. Newcomer, C. W. Holliday, E. A. Eames and H. F. Lipe. These are the go-getters who together with those previously mentioned are responsible for the listing of all the possible combinations of an issue hardly off the presses. An achievement well done.

Several readers have kindly written suggesting various topics for presentation in our column. One ardent supporter writes: "From purely selfish motives I make the suggestion that along with strictly contemporary articles certain topics from the past be reviewed for the benefit of greenhorns like myself. For example, one number might take up the issue of 1894, another the Omaha, another the I. R. surcharges, postage dues, etc." O. K. with me, Doctor! Our readers and contributors are the ones who are really shaping our policies. We have made several changes from our original plans, and as our main object is primarily to SERVE our readers this action is reciprocal to the splendid coöperation extended to us. Mr. R. W. Becker of the Philatelic Plate Number Association has kindly placed at our disposal a great mass of data pertaining to all Bureau issues. An advisory board of experts is at your command. What is your problem?

Letters are acknowledged with thanks from C. W. Tuttle, A. Wagner, George S. Chapman and Dr. Richard A. Metcalf, pertaining to various subjects.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

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RUSSELL OF THE PONY EXPRESS

To numbers one and two, volume eight, of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, Mr. Victor M. Berthold contributed an article that in addition to its historical value has a wealth of human interest that is not without a romantic blend. The subject of the readable articles which now appear in the form of a monograph of twenty pages and cover is: "William H. Russell, Originator and Developer of the Pony Express." Mr. Russell, whose name is inseparably connected with the Pony Express, experienced many of the moods of circumstance. He was traduced as well as applauded; he was thrown from the lap of affluence into thorns of bankruptcy and all in all, his career was one of contrasts. He is brilliantly defended by Mr. Berthold against the flings of enemies and others, and he is restored to good citizenship, as it were, by the weight of evidence in his favor. When Russell had sunk his fortune in the Pony Express and was awaiting the promised government aid, payment was effected by the delivery of bonds to apply against the subsidy, by accredited officers of the government; and it was found that a trusteeship was violated by the transfer. A scandal resulted that involved Mr. Russell and other government officers, and while an inquiry was instituted at Washington, it never resulted conclusively, so far as any decision affecting Russell was concerned. Mr. Berthold devotes his time to building up a tight case for Mr. Russell. He draws a picture of the times, and stresses the political dissensions as well as the friction resulting from the organization of the southern route, the Butterfield Overland Mail Company, a few days after the Pony Express was started and which soon passed into the hands of Wells Fargo & Co. The story of intrigue, deception and faithlessness that is revealed is based in great part on records of the times, and is presented in orderly fashion; and we are pleased that there is a man such as the author willing to devote himself to the cause of one who deserves well in the thoughts of collectors; and that so convincingly. Mr. Berthold vindicates Russell, and it is evident that few of the contemporaries of the old freighter did not believe in him, since they were always glad to do him honor when occasion allowed. The book is illustrated by pictures of persons and scenes of early western days, which are a decided element of interest. There is a foreword by Mr. Henry C. Needham, student of early American philatelic history, that is more than a preface; it is an analysis by an acute mind of the subject of which Mr. Berthold treats. We thank Mr. Berthold for his book, which is a true picture with a philatelic cast of a fascinating section of American pioneer times.

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ANOTHER STEINMETZ AUCTION

AN INTERESTING REVIEW OF PRICES ON DEPARTMENTS, CARRIERS, CONFEDERATES, ETC.

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On April 17th, the second part of the Steinmetz collection, consisting of U. S. Officials, Carriers, Locals, Confederate States and U. S. Possessions, were sold by Eugene Klein in Philadelphia. The sale was well attended, there being upward of thirty-five present on the floor. The total sale realized $14,325.45, of which over one-half was taken by those present at the sale. Mr. Klein's low bids previous to the sale amounted to $6,263.20, and his high bids—$12,286.85, showing that the floor carried the high bids up considerably. It is getting to be more and more the custom for those who are serious purchasers at auction sales, to be actually represented on the floor, not that reliable dealers are not giving the buyer every possible advantage, but the individual representative is more familiar with the collecting peculiarities of his client, and can examine the lots with his client's likes and dislikes in mind.

Among the Department stamps, Mr. Steinmetz had very little of outstanding importance, with the exception of the several sets overprinted "Specimen." These were quite choice and the set of Agriculture sold at $24.00, the Interior at $130.00, the Justice at $60.00, the Navy at $60.00, the Post Office at $100.00, the State at $38.00, the Treasury, unusually fine, at $120.00, and the War at $80.00. One little cover of outstanding importance was a beautiful 2c Navy, lightly tied to a small envelope with red Washington postmark. While this catalogues but $8.50, it was well worth the $45.00 at which it was sold. The high denomination States, each cancelled with tiny pen marks and off center, sold around half catalogue. A 2c State nicely tied to the cover sold over double catalogue at $24.00. A "Kicking Mule" 2c War on large envelope reached $20.00. Large envelopes generally with the commoner Departments sold at low figures. Mr. Steinmetz possessed an unusually nice lot of department proofs, which throughout brought half catalogue or more.

Among the Carriers, there were three of the Franklin type, of which an unused copy slightly thin, sold at $55.00, a copy on the cover, but not tied, cut into at top, at the same figure, and a copy with red star cancellation, in addition to pen stroke, used on piece of cover, but not tied, reached $150.00. A strip of three of the Eagle Carrier, along with the 3c 1857 on cover, each pencancelled, the former being tied with an Andalusia, Pa., postmark, sold at $80.00. Among the Baltimore Carriers, a beautiful 1c blue No. 1808 tied with a 3c 1857, sold at $67.50. A superb black horseman tied with a 3c 1857, sold at $12.00, whereas the red "sent" error, pencancelled found a new owner at $26.50. A choice Boston 1c blue on bluish tied with two 3c 1857 used to San Francisco, reached more than double catalogue at $44.00, while another copy of the same stamp No. 1815 on cover with a single 3c 1851, brought $21.00.

Among the Charleston Carriers, the 2c "Conovr's" error No. 1824c on cover, with a good portion of one corner gone, sold at $105.00, in spite of the glaring defect. The same stamp normal on cover reached $62.50, while further copies, not so fine, sold at from $12.00 to $25.00. Among the New Yorks, one piece which stood out, insofar as condition is concerned, was a magnificent 1c buff, tied with red New York postmark, cataloguing $12.00. This went into a small, but choice collection of Carriers, at $51.00.

There were several rare Philadelphia Carriers, but in each case, the condition was poor. A 1c No. 1860, rubbed, sold at $107.50, while a dealer purchased the 1c black, No. 1865, with top line partly cut away, at $130.00. An unused copy of the 1c black on sheet margin of the 1851 1c, showing a large portion of imprint, No. 1868, was also purchased by a dealer at $201.00. This was possibly the finest Carrier in the collection.

Among the Locals, in cases where they were tied to the covers, they brought at least full catalogue, and in many cases much more. Where they were not tied or in average condition, they went at smaller fractions of catalogue price.

I have never seen a collection sold where the value of condition was more strongly emphasized then in the sale of the Steinmetz stamps, for a magnificent copy of a variety brought substantial prices, whereas the same identical variety in average condition brought, say a tenth of the former figure.

The Local which reached the highest figure, was the Blood 1843 3c without shading in background, Scott's No. 5261. This sold at $140.00.

Stampless covers with interesting postmarks of the Local days, brought unusually high prices. Nine pieces with Blood marks sold at $30.00. A Clark & Company, 1c red, No. 6468 on piece of cover reached $60.00, while a fine Crosby 2c carmine, No. 6478 cataloguing $15.00, well tied to the cover, reached $41.00. An Eagle City Post 2c black, cut round, tied to a small Valentine cover, No. 6498, sold at $57.50. A Hampton Dispatch Post hand-stamped on letter sheet used from Philadelphia and not listed, reached $37.50.

The Northern Liberties (Philadelphia) hand-stamps of 1836, said to be the earliest example of a Local and from the "Ferrari" collection, sold at prices ranging from $47.50 to $100.00. A Stringer and Morton on cover brought $50.00. One of the surprises among the commoner stamps was to see two unused Westtowns No. 6846, listing at $4.00, and not at all scarce, sell at $17.00.

Western Franks consisting of the 3c envelope with imprints of the Express Companies, sold at prices ranging i $3.00 to $29.00, the latter being paid a Swift & Company, with blue S Rosa and Petaluma cancellations.

Express Labels brought undoubt the highest prices which they have reached. In a lot of twenty covers, a single item sold at less than $1 and one of Hunter and Company, from Mud Springs, Calif., shield sh and stamped on cover, sold at $3 Heretofore these covers have been d ging along at $2.00 or $3.00, with takers, but in the future they will doubt, command substantial prices.

Among the Confederates, there several outstanding pieces, and in case, they brought substantial figures. 10c blue Montgomery, No. 97e, sol $95.00, while the red variety, No. reached $75.00. An 1863 2c red, tie a small cover with Albany, Ga., postm possibly the finest single copy of stamp in existence, cataloguing at $10 sold at $205.00. A second copy of same stamp, described as fine, but at top, sold at $23.00, again bringing the advisability of prime condition "TEN" cents tied to small cover by "Tunnel Hill, Ga.," postmark, rea $167.50. I overlooked mentioning th green tied to a neat cover with "Charlottsville" postmark, which fou new owner at $150.00. The curious 3c envelope used from the Republi Texas and bearing manuscript postr and described on page 30 of the Confederate Hand-Book, went int Philadelphia collection at $30.00.

Among the Colonies, most of the standing pieces were among the Haw Islands. A Cuba 1899 10c Type I worthy of note, for a straight edge sold at $85.00. Provisional Cuban S and Mr. Steinmetz had a large nu of them, sold from $1.50 to $6.00 most of them going into a well-kn New York collection.

The highest priced stamp of the was a Hawaiian 5c Missionary, N originally cut from the cover and replaced, which sold at $1,200.00.

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SIDE—

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. JOHN RAUSCH, San Francisco, and several other correspondents called attention to a small variation form of a blue hair line starting top of the monument on the 5c t commemorative and extending d the first "e" of Conference, on of the stamps in plate number

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It is hoped that many members of the S. P. A. who heretofore have not attended the annual convention will add their presence to the 1929 Convention. Cleveland is the most centrally located city in the United States. Within an "overnight's" ride of over one-half of the population of the United States and Southern Canada, it is accessible by automobile, motor bus, boat, train or plane.

The Convention Committee has selected the beautiful Hotel Cleveland as Convention Headquarters. Experienced convention goers know the value of staying at the same hotel where the Convention Headquarters are located. Those who are certain to attend the convention, at this date, would do well to make their reservations, early.

For the members of the Society of Philatelic Americans there will be much of interest. Several slates are in the field, at this time, and competition will be keen. Friends of past conventions will renew old acquaintances—new friendships will be formed. The ladies who attend with their husbands or relatives will be entertained by a special committee, appointed for that purpose.

Pleasant trips in and about Cleveland are planned and,—there's a hint that the entertainment committee may arrange for a boat ride on Lake Erie.

A definite program schedule will be released in the Official Program, which will be in the mails about July 9th. A bourse is one of the features that has already been determined upon. Dealers or collectors attending the convention may make arrangements for a table, and this will be their "exclusive territory" for the duration of the meeting.

The Convention auction will be in the hands of the official Society Auctioneer. This is always one of the most entertaining evenings of the S. P. A. conventions.

Another feature which The Cleveland Stamp Club, as the host, is inaugurating is an information bureau. Anyone desiring may write to the Secretary of The Cleveland Stamp Club, Box 2628, Lakewood Station, Cleveland, Ohio, and they will be furnished with train schedules, hotel rates, or any information requested. Just mention the time you would like to start and the number of people in your party.

The Official Program is progressing very satisfactorily. Mr. Howard W. Codding, the editor, has received contracts for many of the choice positions. A circular will be sent to dealers as a last minute warning to those who have neglected to send in their contract or copy. Those interested in the Official Program may secure the advertising rates by writing Mr. H. W. Codding, at 2503 East 86th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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"S. P. A. --- FIRST ISSUE, 1894"

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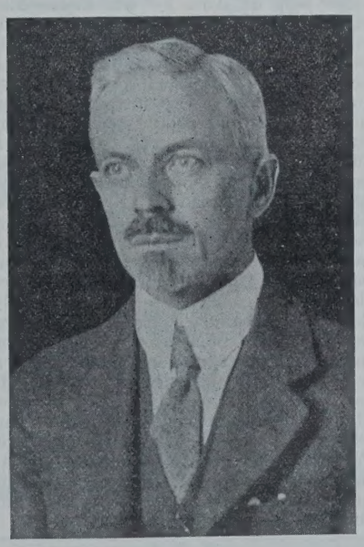
By J. Hugh Conley, S. P. A. No. 2 (Albany, Georgia).

d you ever have a long-lost and for- n child, and upon being reminded t, find upon inquiry that you were tly the lost and forgotten member of family, and the child was a grown of world-wide fame? If so, you imagine the thrill which came to few years ago when I asked some- if he had ever heard of the South- Philatelic Association!

responding to the Managing Editor's est for a story of the founding of splendid organization which is being red by this special edition of the Weekly I loved while in my early s, it is necessary—or at least more enient—to write in a personal vein. grew up in a small Alabama town, few playmates near my age, and enhanced a natural aptitude for the ed page and resting in the shade, so before I was twelve years old I was practically no supervision running ost office and railroad station. Hand- postage due and newspaper stamps bserving postmarks of distant places o my answering an ad in *Youths' panion* by C. A. Stegman of St. s (who is still in the business, tho and infirm). Gradually, through mation furnished by sundry dealers copies of Mekeel's and other pub- ons I learned of boy collectors in by counties and States, and corre- dence for exchange purposes devel- a number of highly prized "mail -" friendships. In due time the of better means of contact im- ed itself upon me and it was prob- in the latter part of 1893 that I some of my correspondents that ught to have a society of our own; A. P. S. did not especially welcome rs and besides wanted a dollar down a dollar a year, which would buy a



lot of good stamps. This thought was rapidly developed by several interested fellows, so that after much interchange of suggestions we effected a formal organization under date of Feb. 1, 1894. At that time I was 15 years of age.

One of the most active fellows, who had amassed a wonderful collection of 1,100 varieties, was older than most of us, and consented to take the lead as President and principal organizer. I cheerfully conceded to him the honor of being listed as No. 1, and was awarded the next number and the treasurership.

I have before me Vol. 1, No. 1 of "The Dixie Philatelist—official organ of the Southern Philatelic Association; a monthly magazine for stamp collectors", dated March, 1894. Eight pages, eight by five and one-half inches, with the President-elect's portrait on the front cover. I have been impressed with the thought that stamps have assisted in developing the brain of many a boy, and the "Dixie" is splendid evidence in this connection. The first Secretary, Ben Russell, whose home was in a town of only a few hundred people, felt the need of an official journal; none was at hand, so he produced one upon his own responsibility and carried it forward successfully for several years, when he sold his interests to someone at, I believe, Charleston, S. C. The point is that now—though he dropped stamps many years ago—Ben is the proprietor, so to speak, of his old home town, controlling banks, cotton mills, iron mills, lumber mills, farms and what not—and largely so that the people of his county may prosper without the necessity of going far afield. Who knows what part stamps played in his development?

The charter members are listed in this first official journal, as follows: 1, J. M. Chappell, Jr., Macon, Miss.; 2, J. H. Conley, Munford, Ala.; 3, A. M. Rareshide, New Orleans, La.; 4, L. W. Hummer, Macon, Miss.; 5, J. C. Chappell, Macon, Miss.; 6, I. L. Dorroh, Macon, Miss.; 7, Ben Russell, Alexander City, Ala.; 8, M. C. Harris, Galveston, Texas; 9, G. L. Rivers, New Orleans, La.; 10, Edgar Pilie, Jr., New Orleans, La.; 11, W. J. Luce, New Orleans, La.; 12, R. L. Heustis, Mobile, Ala.; 13, W. J. Coley, Alexander City, Ala.; 14, B. C. Harris, Dahlonega, Ga.; 15, Miss May Abadie, New Orleans, Ga.

These charter members were called upon to remit 10 cents initiation fee and 25 cents annual dues. Coupled with this was a general invitation, with the positive notice that only "members residing in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia will be active members; all others passive. No passive

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EDITORIAL

THE Society of Philatelic Americans is an organization that has had a colorful career, but which now merits the purple award of success. It is recognized as a society that is filling acceptably a broad field in the philatelic area, due in great measure to the captaincy of able and intelligent men, with a fine sense of duty, who have spared no efforts in its upbuilding. When, at times in the past, there were divisions of opinion as to what course to pursue, in cases of emergency, there always were leaders who sternly dismissed any proposals that were not based on fairness and honesty, and adhered to just measures. By having emerged from difficulties with a stainless banner, the society gained the respect of those who observed the trials of the past, and the result is that today, the Society of Philatelic Americans is known the world over as an organization that deserves the regard of the collector.

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WHILE the S. P. A. was organized as a sectional society in 1894, called the Southern Philatelic Society, it soon outgrew geographical suggestions and became a national body. Finally, the name, Society of Philatelic Americans, was bestowed on the society, as best typifying its principles and personnel, and incorporated in 1923, the S. P. A. has hewed to the line until it has become eminent in its class. There is a distinctive quality to the society that may be well described by the term, popular. While advanced students of the pursuit are largely represented in the membership, yet the general character of the members is such that one thinks of it as representing the substance of collecting, rather than the supercifialities. The roll of members reveals a solid interest in real collecting and embraces a division comprised of philatelists who are intent on stamps and attend to them whole-heartedly. The place of the S. P. A. is secure, and it has all the essentials of a body that will endure. The perplexities of the past have been solved, and through the experience gained by piloting the society through troubled waters, the grasp of the helmsmen is now unrelaxing and expert. The future of the Society of Philatelic Americans is promising, and the growth of the body will be augmented now that the conviction prevails that the society is working out a destiny that will make history for philately. The leadership in the S. P. A. is such as to ensure a shining success.

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WE are informed by Mr. Charles J. Rose that on July 13, 1929, Mexico will issue a set of stamps for air mail use to commemorate Emilio Carranza, the good-will flyer, who was killed on his flight to the United States. The values of the set are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c and $1. It is understood that the set will be on sale for a limited time, only.

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INFORMATION comes that the American Philatelic Exhibition Committee has been busy with the work of planning for the operation of stamp exhibitions. at least on a modest scale, in conjunction with the annual conventions of the American Philatelic Society. This committee consists of Messrs. Mosler, Lichtenstein and Clark, as representing the American Philatelic Society, the Association for Stamp Exhibitions and the American Stamp Dealers' Association, respectively, and it is supposed that its findings will govern the coming exhibition at Minneapolis, which is to be under the auspices of the American Philatelic Exhibition Committee. Mr. Harry M. Konwiser says: "Through the work of a committee of five, exhibition matters have been discussed to the point of producing a definite, standard number of groups for stamp shows, with an efficient means of selecting winning collections in groups and champions in classes, such as employed at dog and horse shows, etc., and giving the average collector a chance at a first. It is expected that for all approved shows, the judging in any one class will be done by one man. This style of judging is current in all sorts of competitions, and when responsibility is pinned down on one man, there is apt to be a studied, serious effort to arrive at just conclusions. This method is an approved form over the sytem of 'many judges'. The arrangement of the classes, judging, rules and other details for the proposed activities were made by Hugh M. Clark, Chairman; F. R. Squiers, H. M. Konwiser, J. A. Klemann, Walter Scott and C. J. Phillips." Here we have minds that are trained and practical working on a plan to encourage the participation of collectors who ordinarily do not feel that the rules are such as to invite their coöperation. Exhibitions through their regulations should have a wide appeal for the active support of collectors, and should be conceived with the idea of making them popular rather than exclusive. We believe that the report of the committee will provide a safe foundation on which to build stamp exhibitions in the future; and further, that they will encourage the holding of them.

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MR. ALLEN H. WRIGHT, San Diego, Cal., writes: "I have before me a cover which I do not remember having seen described, although I do not assert that such has not been done. The cover bears a 3c green, U. S., tied to the envelope with a 'grid-iron' cancellation, with a large figure '1' in a circle in the center of the design. To the left is a inch circle within which is the follow 'NEW-YORK-JUNE 1, 1876-12.1 M.' Set in circular form outside of is the following: 'JARRETT & PA ER'S Special Fast Trans-Conti Train.' This postmark and cancell on the stamp is in black ink. Still ther to the left is a third markin red-brown ink, reading: 'FAST MI 84 Hrs. FROM N. Y.' This is se inside a concentric-ringed ellipse. In in the lower left-hand corner: 'N June 1, '76.' This may have bee identifying mark. The letter was ceived in North San Diego, Califo but no date of receipt is shown o Hence, I have no way of knowing exact time it took to cross the conti It may be that some collector in the may have access to files of New Y papers, which will give some light on attempt at breaking the overland re for first-class mail." This exampl early postmark advertising has bee troduced into the columns of the st press before, but the story is one deserves an occasional *encore*. Ja & Palmer were in the upper ten of m gers of theatrical troupes over fifty y ago; and they evidently knew what dear public wanted as they specialize

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acles whose ballets aroused the tired ess man from his dreams of home fireside. In fact, the Black Crook other similar displays were consid-too physically frank by many staid ns; and the spectacles received much city that was as bewildering as the s. After packing them in at New , Jarrett & Palmer went to the other me and with a fanfare announced the ballerinas and coryphees, and the adjuncts of the company would be ported intact to brighten the eyes e citizens of the gold belt in Cali-a. They would go with a rush in astest train that ever clanked across ontinent. Just how the astute show gers engaged the interest of the post department to secure the postmark eration, we cannot say, and nobody s to want to tell. Was the trip in 84 hours? We don't know. We a copy of one of the 3c stamped opes on which is written: "Received hicago, June 1 at 10 P. M." Thus ago was reached in 22 hours, minus, h was going some for a train laden such charming human freight, if discriminating connoisseurs of over years ago, knew whereof they spoke. suppose that somewhere, there is an ble philatelist who knows the whole

M. C. 1.02 **"Mr. Cat"** 1.02 M. C.

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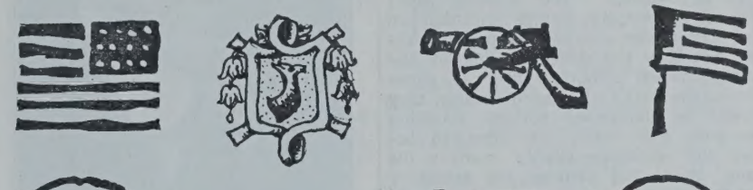

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	6c Contl.	?	Black	E. R. Ryder
2.	2c B. J.	?	Blue	H. P. A.
3.	3c 1861	?	Black	M. C. Reynolds
4.	1c 1857	Womelsdorf, Pa.	"	H. P. A.
5.	3c 1857	?	"	J. W. Ross
6.	3c Amer.	?	"	H. P. A.
7.	3c 1861	Carthage, Ill.	"	E. B. Durland
8.	3c 1857	?	"	Dr. Carroll Chase

As this is to be the 2000th number, it is quite fitting that a Group of Patriotic Cancellations be shown, and these are placed before you in celebration of Mekeel's 2000th issue.

No. 1 is the best of the Flag types I have seen, as it shows the stars and several bars, though not enough to be correct today. No. 2 is a curious enough cancellation. It is a fairly clear design, and am wondering how many of the readers have this cancellation on any stamp? It is quite genuine and authentic, and a very unusual cancellation.

No. 3 was shown me by Mr. Reynolds who was touring with the Governor's party as they went on a tour during the chilly days of an early spring. It is also very unusual, and I have never yet seen one all hit on the stamp. The remainder are not exactly common, and they are very handsome items when found, cleanly struck, on a neat, clean cover.

Since listing some of the imprints which occur on the edges of Patriotic Covers, many have sent me their lists, and I have checked them up as best I could in a hurried way. Some have the same names, but with different set-ups of typing, and with different initials, or names, etc., etc.

My idea was not so much the correctness and listing of all small terms of variance, as to get a list of "who and where" the Patriotics were printed and sold. In the East we do not find some of the covers at all, which were common to Chicago, for example—meaning in unused Patriotics, for the used ones went to all points of the U. S. A., and a few to foreign shores, with a liberal sprinkling to Canada.

As these unused Patriotics were expensive if of the "hand painted" style, as Magnus, many were saved in this unused form, as they were "too nice to write on". You have doubtless found covers wherein the writer refers to the design of their Patriotic envelope? I have seen several such letters. Also there were some writers who added little mss. notes in addi-

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Stamp News for the Juniors

This page is primarily for you, the Junior collector. We are interested in what interests you and we want you to take possession of it, if in any way it can serve you.

We also invite the Senior collector to extend words of advice, encouragement and stimulation and thus develop in the Junior a real passion for Philately.

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Postage Stamp Album

By Luella Danforth.

O, come you dear Postage Stamp Album!
Now take me far away with you,
For I am alone,—and so weary!

Let us journey through dear, old New England!
Where the wild flowers riot in blooming,
And the purple hills in the distance,
Rest the eyes with their beauty;
With the rocks and green grass in the pastures,
Make a picture in sunlight and shadow.

O, come you dear Postage Stamp Album,
Take me West, over rolling plains, dreary,
Where horses are raised in great numbers;
Where vast lands are covered with grain-fields,
Giving life to American tables!

O, farther, dear Postage Stamp Album,
Let us fly in our giant air mail plane
Over masses of flowers in sunshine,
To the Golden Gate of our country,
And then to the land of Columbus,
With gondolas, quietly creeping,
And buildings, so quaint and bright colored;
Such a picturesque country and restful.

O, thanks, you dear Postage Stamp Album!
My soul comes back rested and strengthened.

Likes and Dislikes

By Edwin S. MacCorkell.

There was published on this page a little while ago a request for readers to send in their likes and dislikes of this magazine.

I am glad to say that I have no dislikes. Sometimes there are things I can't understand, Sevard's "Twinkles" for instance, I can't get "onto" it very well.

I like to read the "Precancel Review," Mr. Ward's "Chronicle of New Issues and Varieties," the articles on "Stampless Covers and Cancellations," "Filatelic Fun Forum," and everything on the "Junior Page."

NEW SPANISH EXHIBITION STAMPS

Removing Paper From Stamps

A subscriber writes: "Will you please tell me the best way to get paper from the back of stamps with the least harm to the gum and color? I find that the color often fades when soaked in water and there is probably a better way to proceed." First of all, it should be said that soaking or complete immersion of the stamp in water should not be resorted to; this rule is born of extreme caution as it is known that many inks are slightly soluble and that water from different localities has varying effect. To be on the safe side it is best not to soak any stamp. Wet blotting paper pressed against the stamps will dampen and loosen the superfluous paper without affecting the delicate color of the stamp. When adhering bits of paper are on the backs of unused stamps, they should be dampened without touching the gum with water and removed before the moisture wholly scatters the gum. Pains and patience are necessary for the success of this work. One well-known collector handles a sharp knife so skilfully that he scrapes the old hinges off the gum side of an unused specimen without disturbing the gum.

A. C. LeDUC
Asst. Junior Page

A PICTORIAL REBUS

Juniors, attention!

Here are parts of twelve stamps. See how many stamps you can name and send in your answers before June 1.

We shall award various prizes, and complete lists are not necessary. If you patronize this contest well, we will give you another.

Filatelic Fun Foru

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ar

(Contributions are solicited either or verse. You may sign them or not, a please. Address the editor as above.)

TWENTY-ONE GUNS

Why all this making of whoopee?
Why all these ads displayed?
Why all this rare and festive air?
This WEEKLY'S on parade!

Now one could scarcely blame MEKE
For feeling rather gay,
Two thousand numbers in his past
He celebrates today.

Hail, Leader of the Weekly Hosts,
The Forum gives you joy,
And blazes twenty-one salutes,—
You're no spring chicken, Boy!

* * *

As a supporter of the Kellogg t the Forum has scrapped its heavy nance, and to fire this salute we borr the artillery of Toofus, the office He uses it to celebrate the adver U. S. commemoratives, and it's no gun it was.

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ALONG NEAR THE TWO THOUSA NUMBER, "MEKEEL'S" INSTALLS A COLUMN. NOTICE HOW YOUNG FRISKY HE'S GROWING AT AN AGE W HE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BREAK I FROM SHEER DIGNITY? BET THE OLI WILL BE WEARING SPATS NEXT. HEY!

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THE WORLD LOVES A MA

Breezes of April,
Diamond bright skies;
High over the city
The mail pilot flies.

Gales of December,
Through sleet and through rain
High over the mountains—
The mail pilot's plane.

No crowds at the hangar,
No cheers and no din,
Though he's dallied with death
As he raced the mail in.

Life's full of sweetness,
And life's but a span;
Our hand to you, pilot,
The world loves a Man.

* * *

Weather Forecast:—Originating various high pressure areas, wave commemoratives will sweep the U. S ginning at Washington. These wi followed by the usual blasts of hot both at home and abroad.

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Forum Fabelettes

Once upon a time a cockroach de to change his diet, so he began e some stamps. The owner of the st caught him, and just before the blow said, "Well, pest, have you a statement to make?"

"Yes," replied the roach. "I wis say that I have no regrets. I shal down in history as the only stamp col or that ever lived who did not fi profit by his hobby. I am unique."

These true words so tickled the o of the stamps that he spared the ro life, put it in a loaf of bread, and it C. O. D. to a friend that desp stamp collectors.

Moral: If you have no beauty for jury, use blarney.

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GOAT GETTERS NO. 1

The man that crows,
"It could have been got
For eight small cents,
But now it cannot."
—PHIL TELLUM.

* * *

"I that am rudely stamped."
—Shakespea

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141-143	2, 5, 10kr	22.50	22.50
145-163	3h to 10kr	1.60	..
168-175	15h to 10kr	.95	..
181-197	3h to 3kr	.55	.55
198 & 199	4k and 10kr	.75	.75
200-248	3h to 10kr	.50	.50
250-264	½k to 500kr	.25	.25
269-299	15kr to 10,000kr	1.95	.50
300-303	700kr to 4000kr	.60	.30
304-324	1g to 2sh	1.75	.35
482-509	27 var.	.25	..
651-658	Spec. Del. cpl.	.20	..
675-677	Sur. Flugpost cpl.	.60	..
678-685	300kr to 4800kr	.85	..
686-695	2g to 2sh	1.45	..
696-702	10g to 10sh	4.25	..
801-810	5h to 45h	.15	.18
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New	Hainisch, obsolete	.75	..
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993-998	Military Iss., 6 var.	.45	.45
998a-1016	Military Issue	.95	.95
1091-1094	Military Newsp.	.10	.10
1125-1133	Dues, 1 to 50kr	.95	..
1146-1157	1h to 100h	..	.20
1158-1167	1kr to 100kr	.65	.20
1170-1187	5h to 10kr	.95	..
1191-1201	Deutschösterreich	1.95	1.95
1202-1229	28 var.	.25	.25
1230-1258	1kr to 6,000k	1.95	1.95
1259-1280	1g to 10sh	5.50	..
1441-1452	1c/1c to 1cor/1L	.60	..
1462-1463	Spec. Del.	.15	..
1483-1488	Dues	.20	..

BADEN

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BAHAMAS

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107	1p Ship Iss.	.15	..
108	1f gray & bl.	.20	..
110	2½p	.75	..
176	1p Ter. Iss.	.07	..
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77-91	Luitpold cpl.	10.95	..
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136-152	Surch. Volkstaat	.50	..
153-175	Surch. VolkstaatImpf.	.45	..
176-191	Freistaat on Germany	.35	..
193-211	Freistaat	.50	..
212-230	Freistaat Impf.	.45	..
231-236	6 var. cpl.	.15	..
238-254	5pf to 20mk	.50	..
255	2½m	.50	..
256-275	5pf to 20m	.65	..
270a	2½m	..	.25
351-353	Charity	.07	..
501-508	E Surch.	.40	..
509-18	3pf to 1mk	.35	..
519-526	7½pf to 1mk	.25	..
527-539a	Surch. Volkstaat	.45	..
540-557	5pf to 5mk	.50	..
558-575	5pf to 5mk	.55	..

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA

1-5	5c/50c to 50c/25c	.25	..
6-17	5c to 10fr cpl.	2.25	..
201-206	5c to 1fr	.30	..

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92-102	1c to 5fr	3.50	2.95
103-107	10c to 40c	.35	..
108-118	1c to 1fr	1.95	.15
119	2 franc	.95	.08
120	5 franken	8.50	6.50
121	10 franc	1.50	.95
123-129	Helmet, 1c to 25c	.30	..
123-132	Helmet, 1c to 50c	.80	..
133	Helmet, 1 franc	2.30	..
134	Helmet, 2 franc	21.00	..
135-136	Helmet, 5 and 10fr	10.95	..
137	5 franc	.45	.08
138 & 143	65c and 55/65	.15	.12
140-142	20c/5 to 20c/15c	.10	.07
143a	Pair, 138 and 143	.20	..
145-161	1c to 10fr	3.50	1.25
160	5 franc	1.60	..
166-178	10c to 10fr	3.95	..
179-188	2c to 10fr	1.40	..
190-198	3/2c to 1.75/1.50fr	.50	..
241-248	1c to 10c	.40	..
248a-252	1c to 10c	1.80	..
253-260	1c to 10c	.45	..
261-269	5c to 20c	.65	..
270-280	1c+ to 1fr+	2.50	..
284-286	Olympic Games	.15	..
287-288	20+ 2 types	.25	..
289-291	15+5 to 1fr+10c	.30	.30
292-294	30+ to 1fr+	.55	..
295-299	5c+5c to 5fr+1fr	1.00	..
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383-391	5 v., 383, 5, 8, 9, 91	.20	..
402-408	5c to 1fr	.30	..
559-578a	10c to 10fr	..	.65
579-599	10c to 10fr	..	.75
600-629	10c to 20fr	..	1.10
631-637	2fr to 20fr	..	.35
638-658	5c to 5fr	..	.55
659-668	30c to 50fr	..	.85

BOSNIA

30-45	1h to 5kr	1.30	..
46-61	Birthday Jub.	3.80	..
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65-85	1h to 10kr	14.95	..
86-104	3h to 10kr	3.50	..
105-122	3h to 10kr	2.25	1.95
123-127	Comm. & Sur.	.15	..
181-182	Spec. Del.	.10	..
201-204	2h to 20h	.20	..
231-233	7 and 12h	.06	.06
233-234	7 and 12h	.65	..
235-236	7 and 12h	.20	..
237-238	7 and 12h	.08	..
239-240	5 and 10h	.08	..
241-242	10 and 15h	.05	.05
243-244	10 and 15h	.08	..
245-247	10, 15, 40h	.06	..
351-363	1h to 200h	1.75	.50

CONGO

31-40	5c to 10fr	..	5.75
41-44	5c to 50c	..	.95
45-54	5c to 10fr	4.95	..
55-63	5c to 5fr	1.45	..
64-73	5c/40 to 10fr	2.75	..
74-78	5/50c to 50/25c	.65	..
88-110	5c to 10fr	2.95	2.75
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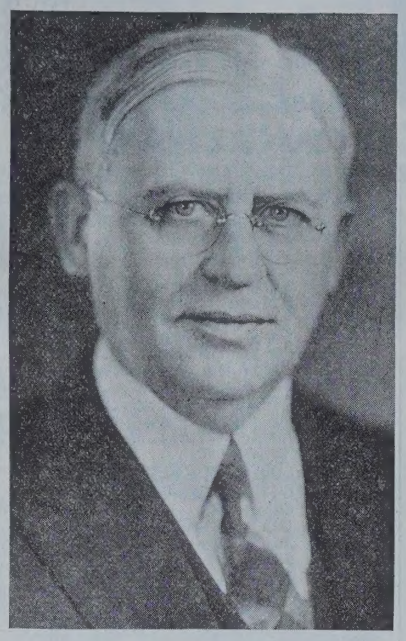

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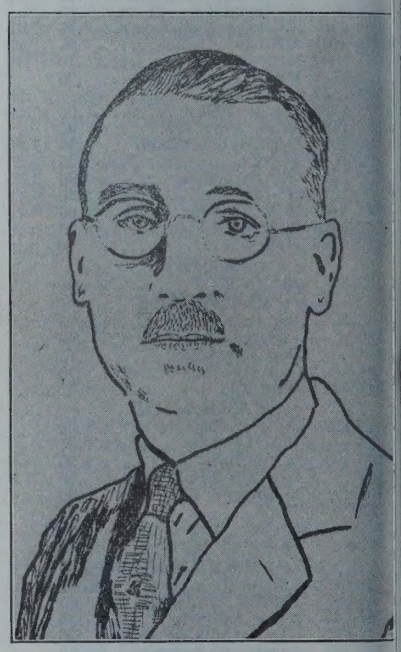

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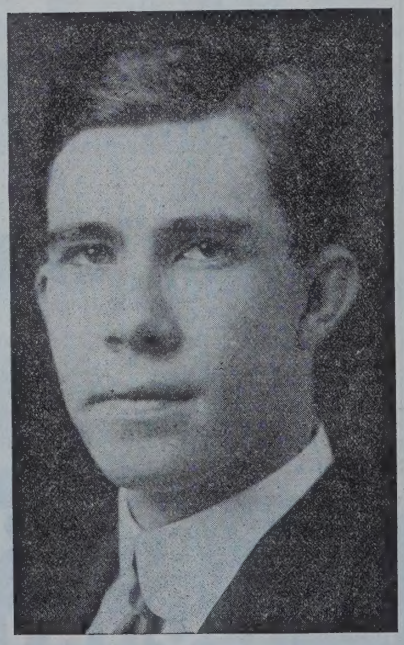

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one collects booklet panes, stamp nals, envelope watermarks, some is necessary for making a compact list. Take, for instance, our com- st envelope issue carried to the theta ent. We can say it is the 2c 1916 ar die in carmine on white paper a die A head on a size 13 low back with window showing a 1925 hori- watermark. This is Bartels 2819h a soul of wit. This number predi- an interest in these sort of things, oe betide the man who rides forth ating in numbers.

speaking of the envelope water- s, one often wonders about their ve scarcity. Many have held the pes to the light and tried to make hat watermark it really had. And u guessed at it, then you still can at many, many more. On many of welopes, the watermark is entirely us, for one can see but a portion of ark, and everything for a positive fication is lacking. Even the wide se of an envelope is none too great ufine a watermark mark under the ead Act.

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AFGHANISTAN

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

Here is another country whose stamps will now attract increased attention, as Afghanistan has recently joined the Postal Union. The European tour of King Amanullah has given his country a good advertisement and a number of stamp collectors are already interested in the modern issues of Afghanistan. I mention the modern issues particularly, as the early circular stamps have already been carefully studied by the philatelic pioneers, notably Sir David Masson, whose book on these issues is a philatelic classic.

These early stamps are rather unattractive to the average collector but the modern ones have designs more intelligible to the European eye. Starting with the reign of King Habibullah (issue of 1907 to issue of 1919) the stamps have a definite armorial *motif*, while the designs of the present reign are sometimes pictorial in character, though the fact that they are printed locally prevents them from reaching a very high technical standard.

The only thing which need be noted concerning the stamps of King Habibullah, is that certain supplies have been coming from India recently, at comparatively low prices, due to the liquidation of post office stocks (with or without official authority). These supplies now seem to be nearly exhausted, but their appearance has provided the necessary material for a study of the dozen or so stamps of Habibullah, with their varieties. It is worth noting that the stamps of Afghanistan in modern times are nearly always printed in very small sheets, ranging from four to twenty-five or thirty stamps, so that it is quite possible to obtain complete sheets for purposes of study, without a very great expenditure.

The first issue of stamps in King Amanullah's reign consisted of three very large stamps in an armorial design. These are very scarce used, and practically unobtainable in unused condition. No doubt they were found to be too large for practical purposes as the normal correspondence envelope used in the country is quite a small one. The size of the design was therefore considerably reduced, and this small sized issue is a very fascinating one from the philatelic point of view. Numerous shades are found, and of some values there are several settings, often showing distinct type variations in the design. Not less interesting are the Parcel Post stamps of the same period, which show a view of the Ministry of Education at Kabul. Here again, various types and settings may be noted.

Apart from the regular stamps, each year witnesses the issue of a special stamp in honour of the anniversary of the accession of the present King. Curiously enough, those responsible for designing these stamps made an error in their chronology, indicating that the stamp of 1924 commemorated the sixth anniversary, and so on. In 1927, however, the error was discovered, so that both the 1926 and the 1927 stamps are inscribed relatively to the eighth anniversary, the latter being correct.

For further information concerning these interesting issues of Afghanistan, the reader is referred to the volumes of the *Philatelic Journal of India* and to Vol. 1 of *Gibbon's Stamp Monthly*, in both of which articles and correspondence have appeared.

It should be noted that the most recent stamps of Afghanistan have the value denoted in a new currency, "pouls." The earlier values had, for the first time, European inscriptions (in English), but stamps issued in mid-1928 were inscribed in French. The difficulty in getting Afghanistan stamps is not quite so great as in the case of Abyssinia. Small supplies come through Afghan merchants in Peshawar, India, but as the country becomes modernised it is probable that it will become safe to send remittances direct to the Post Office at Kabul. At present the best collections of these stamps are being formed by British officers on the Indian frontier.—*Filatelia.*

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This may be a free ad, but it's for the benefit of the readers of this department. I've just discovered an air mail cover album that strikes me as about the most satisfactory for all purposes that I have seen. It's permanently bound, about 12x16, and is so constructed that when filled with covers it does not bulge, but lies flat. The page is wide enough to mount several covers side by side in each of the 8 pockets on the page without hiding the important parts of the covers. This album is made to order by the Rev. C. L. Young, York, Neb., at a price of $6.00, and if it sounds good to you, get in touch with him direct.

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Official Flights

My mistake. I said a few weeks ago that the Pan-American Airways were sending 5 covers to each applicant who ordered that many. As a matter of fact, one local collector got five about two weeks before the rest were sent out. The regular distribution has since taken place, and most of us got one, with a few being allotted two covers.

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As announced in the "Stop Press" last week, Springfield, Ohio, goes on CAM 16 May 1st.—R. B. Bryant, 6346 Malabar St., Huntington Park, Cal., is looking for Mexico, No. 711 on first flight cover, or Merida-Vera Cruz first flight. Write him if you have either to dispose of. * * * Advance information, necessarily not final, is to the effect that the June 1st extension to Portland will include only the former cities of the route, Salt Lake City, Boise, and Pasco. Probably no cachets from them, but you know what happened recently on CAM 27.

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I recently made mention of air mail from the Pensacola Naval Air Station. This proves to have been emergency service from there to Mobile during the recent flooded conditions. Word didn't get out much till it was all over, and the local postmaster had a big job returning covers. March 17 was last trip.

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The late Brownsville business has brought in enough variations from normal to fill a book. Mail has come through with only 5 or 10 centavos postage; cachet on northbound mail applied at Brownsville was magenta in practically every case, including mail returned to the P. M. there for cachet before the P. O. D. announcement from Washington; cachet was also applied as a backstamp to some mail from the north; the Washington cachet was in black only; southbound covers cancelled either 9th or 10th; cover returned for cachet had the cancellation of the 10th struck out, and one of the 9th applied; covers northbound cancelled the 10th backstamped the 9th; covers from Dallas the 8th, in to Brownsville the 9th; northbound covers with the southbound cachet; covers with both north and southbound cachets on the same cover; and finally those 3 sacks of mail for Mexico City that turned up out in the wing of the plane a month after the first flight took place. These were all backstamped as of the first flight, in spite of the month's difference in time. See last week's "Stop Press" for more details. If we get these all listed in the catalog, complete representation will take some hunting. And just as I write this, the mail arrives, and two folks report letters mailed from Mexico City long after the first flight date, but all fixed up with the special cachet, just the same.

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Mexican air mail Matamoras-Mazatlan route tried to open March 9. Plane got as far as Monterey, and was stopped by the revolutionary activities. Complete route started over again April 8. Covers mailed March 9th were held at Monterey and delivered a month later, so backstamped.

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Western Air Express sponsored just about the neatest anniversary mail yet seen. It is in the form of a cartograph, or picture map of Southern California, showing the air lines to all points of interest. The specially prepared envelope commemorates the 3rd air mail anniversary, April 17th.

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Count them this week. Fifty-four coöperators helped out with news:—Roy MacBean, Anna M. Schafer, R. B. Bryant, A. Jos. Steinhardt, Geo. W. Patterson, Joseph Mays, William A. Temple, Frank W. Wright, J. R. Hammerte, Major Pascual Lopez, Lewis P. Tomlinson, Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., Victor M. Saurez, Abraham Cohen, T. E. Flick, Harold Rosenthal, Todd Fagan, Donald Levy, Henry K. Rosenberger, Malcolm Dollar, Frank Herget, Mal Ganser, Henry A. Meyer, H. C. Carpenter, John S. Cain, Jerry B. Erikson, Maurice S. Petty, James Edgar Allen, *Robert M. Storms, William Elliott, Leslie A. Boone, Allen P. Harding, National Parks Airways, Inc., George F. Wild, Edward Loeb, C. S. George, A. C. Roessler, Francis J. Durkin, Nelson F. Gerken, Leo August, L. H. Evans, Frank J. Frey, G. Pryor Enke, Jr., *Bill Wilkins, Harold Cobb, *Robert Rubsamen, Seymour B. Friedland, Albert Winter, *Harry J. Morse, *Arnold J. Bauer, Henry C. Lang, Elton M. Manuel, and Lyndon E. Fletcher.

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CAM 11's 2nd anniversary April 21st, brought a neat square cachet from the cities on that route. According to announcement made previously, many of these covers bear pilots' signatures.

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Airport Dedications, Etc.

Fort Pierce, Fla., now postpones till about September for dedication, with cachet by C. of C. * * * Greenwood, S. C., May 15, cachet by C. of C. * * * Columbus, Ohio, late in May or early June, C. of C. * * * Anderson, Ind., May 31, June 1 and 2. * * * Daytona Beach, Fla., in May. * * * Pawhuska, Okla., date not set, but C. of C. is taking letters. * * * Hollister, Cal., May 11 and 12, no dope on cachet, but C. of C. is throwing a big celebration, so it's worth the chance. * * * Florence, Ariz., in about 6 weeks, with cachet by C. of C. and Mayor's autograph. Lots of work if you're going to keep up this summer.

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Charleston, W. Va., returns covers sent some time ago, saying that there seems to be nothing doing in the near future. * * * Kansas City Aviation Show this summer will not have a cachet.

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Donald Levy shows me a cover carried on the Goodyear baby blimp, the Puritan, on its first delivery trip to Youngstown. Bears that statement, signed by Jack Boettner, Pilot. Dropped over Youngstown, and postmarked there. Nice, even though unofficial.

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St. Cloud, Minn., will dedicate May 23-25, no word as to cachet. * * * Watertown, S. D., is scheduled soon, with a big celebration which may include a cachet. * * * Great Falls, Mont., C. of C. returns covers sent them, saying that a change in their local airport may take place, but will not involve any formal dedication. * * * I have yet to find out what those covers from Bellows Falls on March 28 are all about. The Sec. of the C. of C. says any airport dedication is still far in the future. * * * Ellensburg, Wash., held an impromptu Aviation Celebration on the arrival of four barnstorming planes, and a cachet was fixed up and used on air mail April 18 and 19.

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Red Bank Air Races, Inc., are in charge of the Air Races to be held at Red Bank, N. J., July 3, 4, 5 and 6, and they will handle covers and apply a special cachet. * * * The Aeronautic Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will apply in St. Louis, May 27-30, a special cachet air mail, which will be used in connection with the third International Aeronautic Assembly. The Post Office Dept. has recognized this as a major event by approving the use of special advertising slogan cancellations over the counter previous to its opening. Covers may be sent to the above organization, % St. Louis Air Board, 511 Locust St.

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Pardon us! The address for Mercer Airways, Inc., seems to have appeared recently as Charlotte, La., instead of Chalmette, which is correct. This in connection with a coming dedication. * * * Grinnell, Iowa, is preparing a field but don't send covers yet. A cachet will be used, and local collectors will keep in touch at the proper time. * * * Swansboro, Va., dedicates July 4, with a likely cachet by the C. of C.

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National Parks Airways, Inc., contractors of the Salt Lake City-Twin Falls route are preparing a special cachet for use on all air mail originating cities on that route May 20, Lindbergh Day. They'll look after covers sent them at Salt Lake City, and reasonably suggest that covers be either stuffed to bulge or left open so that they may do it. * * * Goldendale, Wash., will not dedicate for some time, but planned a special cachet for their air circus April 24th. Info came too late, unfortunately. * * * Hutchinson, Kansas, C. of C. are receiving covers. * * * New Orleans receives covers; no dedication till 1930.

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Somebody who forgot to put in his name, sends a beauty from Lexington, Mass., April 19, commemorating the battle of the Revolution at Lexington 154 years ago. I'd like to know more about this one. * * * And here's another one that has me guessing. Covers sent to Monroe, La., supposedly for a dedication, have come in dated April 17, with a blue cachet, "Annual Meeting Petit Jury Assn. of Louisiana—Selmon Park —Monroe, La.—April 17, 1929", and signed by the president of that organization. Different, to say the least.

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By Henry L. Dean, 239 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Recognizing that the majority of collectors interested in a specialized line are not, by reason of their location or daily tasks, favorably situated for an intensive application to their hobby, and realizing the advantages accruing to one dwelling in the center of stampic activities it has been my purpose to pass along about once a year such Revenue information and data of importance as is unlikely to otherwise reach the average student. To be sure my conception of the degree of importance may differ widely from that of others, but personally I am not disposed to give serious attention to such things as minute "shifts", real or otherwise, stitch watermarks, or errors in surcharges of the later issues, but will confine my task to a consideration of rare blocks of the first issue, Imperforate and Part-Perforate and the Inverted Heads.

For any not intimately and actively in touch with the subject it is very difficult to properly appraise or determine the real merit of blocks, and whenever they reach the uninformed the invariable result is the establishment of such fantastic ideas of values as to make them unsalable. Possibly, therefore, these notes may partially clarify the situation.

50c Entry of Goods
Part-Perforate

Although considerably rarer in multiple than several other of the 50c titles, "Entry" nevertheless exists in a fair number of pairs, hence I was not surprised last fall to secure a fine block of six (2x3), although it had previously been unknown and unlisted in the Specialized. Still it is my firm conviction that practically all of the 50c, as well as the 25c and $1.00 titles, will eventually be better known in block form, for the bulk are common in singles, and where this condition prevails the larger multiples can confidently be expected to be found. That is why I always counsel against unduly high or fanciful prices for blocks of "cheap" stamps, which possibly may be "unique", but probably are not. I paid $80.00 for the block of six Entry to balance a deal, but this is 40% beyond my valuation.

50c Lease
Imperforate

A block of this stamp is mentioned, but unpriced, in the Specialized, which is difficult to account for since it has long been known. Mr. White had one in one of his earlier collections more than ten years ago. Considered in relation to the 50c Conveyance and Mortgage blocks, neither of which has sold anywhere near their list, I should value a block of four of Lease at about $40.00. Six months ago a block of six (3x2) came to light locally.

50c Life Insurance
Imperforate

Why a block of four is priced at $250.00 is one of the unexplained mysteries as there has never been a sale at anywhere near this ridiculous level to support it. A friend of mine has blocks of four and of twelve (4x3) and there has very recently turned up a block of 24 (12x2) together with an accompanying strip of twelve that fits the block. In addition I have been told of another block held in the West, not quite as large, but of course uninteresting at current quotations.

50c Probate of Will
Imperforate

Although the catalogue price of a block of four has been reduced by $50.00 from last year's quotation, there is still room to drop it $150.00 more in order to reach a reasonable level for the transaction of business. I know of four pieces personally, one of which is my own block of six, which cost $30.00 last year. Perhaps you will infer from this that it came from the "sticks", but if so you're wrong, it came from one of the largest and best known dealers here. There is another large block known in Ohio, so sensible consideration of all the factors should lead to a block price of not over five times the list for the singles.

$1.00 Lease
Imperforate

Another unpriced block and hence the cause of unwarranted jubilation last year by a party who thought he had secured a unique item. He is wrong, for I have long known of a fine "four" in a collection, while a "six" more recently came out in Detroit. Speaking of these $1.00 titles I notice that the Foreign Exchange and Inland are both unpriced. Arthur Ballard had the former, and I have a block of six of the latter.

$1.00 Power of Attorney
Imperforate

For a long time I was foolish enough to think that perhaps I had the only block of this stamp, i.e., a piece of ten subjects (5x2), but I have been brought back to earth by advices from an old collector that he has a block of twenty (4x5). Every time it is the same story which proves the necessity of years of wide research before seriously attempting the pricing game. The only $1.00 blocks really worth considering as of major importance are the Life and Passage Ticket, the former title in fact being very difficult to secure in a clean, sound and four margined pair.

$20.00 Probate of Will
Imperforate

While no new piece of Probate has developed, this appears a timely point to record the existence of a horizontal strip of six inasmuch as a sort of legend persisted in many quarters that all known pieces were vertical. This information should temper the price demands of those who may later acquire horizontal pieces and restrain them from displaying their ignorance by making claims of a unique item. It is an overworked term so loosely used as to generally be discredited.

$25.00 Mortgage
Imperforate

Another new strip of four came on the market last fall, but new only in the sense that it was released from an old but well-known collection. While fairly presentable in appearance it had numerous defects, and though somewhat flatteringly described in an auction, brought only $90.00. As against this I have sold two superb horizontal pairs at $225.00 each.

$50.00 U. S. I. R.
Imperforate

A notable new item in this stamp is a block of fourteen, six horizontally by two deep, with a pair of wing stamps at one corner and another block of six in the lot. This naturally is a fine piece, but as is to be expected this stamp is commonly found in multiple, and I personally know of six blocks of four and one of twelve, to say nothing of numerous strips. A fine "four" I consider worth $100.00, although the last two sold here brought considerably less, so I was really amused at the intimation that the block of fourteen could be secured for $1,500.00. Needless to say it has never been sold, for the most optimistic could not visualize over $500.00 in the piece.

15c Third Issue
Inverted Head

The story of the latest find of this stamp reads like fiction since it was discovered in the otherwise worthless collection of a poor boy here, who was ignorant of its value or importance. The copy was poorly centered, thin and creased, but was sold by J. C. Mc thau for $1,100.00. This is now seventh copy which I can accoun and the fifth I have personally see it is still the third rarest of the I on the basis of present data.

2c Proprietary
Inverted Head

The last time I wrote up the rarities" in Inverts stress was lai the fact that this 2c was the sleep the group, and the catalogue did n flect its value. My statement that i then worth $750.00 prompted a hol let me have a beautiful used exampl which I am going to receive $1,000. hold indefinitely. I know of just copies today, the same number as o $2.50 invert, one more than of th mentioned above, and only two than of the 3c Proprietary, and in parison with the latter do not co that known quantities of 8 and 6 re itvely justify a $2,000.00 differenti the prices.

The above list embraces all of the worth-while items directed to my a tion during the past year, and no will be surprising to many as reve that finds of these old stamps are being made so long after the Civil period. I am confident, however, there are still masses of documen be unearthed in old lawyers' offices, i county court records throughout country, in the possession of va railroads, in the vaults of Life Insu companies, in banks and private and as such turn out periodically I be pleased to be informed of any o better stamps or preferably pieces develop. Friendly coöperation these lines will make possible the tinuation of these notes.

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and were given a truly royal time.
rrival at Albany a number of Al-
ns met us and drove us to the Col-
Plaza. Three large rooms had been
ved here, a large reception room, the
ay room, and dining room.
really fine banquet was served at
n W. L. L. Peltz was our most gen-
host. The following local collect-
ere present at the dinner in addition
r. Peltz: Messrs. Ryder, President
e Fort Orange Stamp Club, Walton,
, Neefus, Colley, Brind, Schwartz,
. Bauer, Moore, Martin, Hubbert
Horton. Later on W. C. Kennett
d us en route for New York.
ter dinner, adjournment was made
e large room that had been specially
ged and lighted for this function.
es J. Phillips, Chairman of the En-
nment Committee of the Collectors
was in charge of the delegation,
upon the following members to
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Charles J. Phillips: The first volume of the well-known collection of Hawaii formed by the Hon. E. R. Ackerman, which he recently acquired and to which he has added largely.

O. G. Reichelt: A collection of Papua and Seychelles.

Ferrars H. Tows showed Hayti, first two issues plated, a very complete collection in magnificent condition, all plates almost complete unused and used with a grand lot of covers and rare cancellations.

In addition to those displaying, Elliott Perry and E. J. Milliken of the Collectors Club were present, but did not exhibit. After the displays were over adjournment was made to the dining room where a buffet supper was served.

During supper our president in a charming speech expressed to the members of the Fort Orange Stamp Club and to Mr. Peltz in particular the most sincere thanks for their hospitality and kindness, and for the warmth of their reception. He hoped that when the members paid their return visit to New York they would come in large numbers and not be afraid to make small displays because it had often been found that the small displays of even common stamps, when well studied, were full of interest.

Towards one o'clock in the morning our kind hosts drove most of us to the Fort Orange Club where we were put up as guests for the evening. So ended one of the most enjoyable Inter Club visits that has taken place.

SIDE—

JOR HARRY MORELL, Shells-
burg, Iowa, writes: "On page 214,
is a slight slip, under Port Said:
Said. New colors have appeared
nis French Colony. . . .' Of
you know that Port Said is not
nch colony, even though there is a
h post office there. France main-
post offices in Egypt at Port Said,
ndria, and Cairo."

have cards from Mr. R. E. John-
son, Sydney, Australia; Mr. Jack
Cairo; Prof. E. H. Post, Rome;
. J. Banning, London; and Miss
Stacey, Calcutta.

Terra Haute *Star*, Indiana, re-
ntly pictured one of the first Zepp
s to this country, under the line:
ess Prizes Letter Zeppelin Brought."
etter was addressed to Mlle. Isle
enga, light opera prima donna, who
earing in her own act, "Spring-
Romance," and who has been re-
g glowing press notices.

. GUSTAVE DE LACHASSE,
Avignon, France, writes that on the
mendation of his doctor, he has
d collecting stamps, in order to
his eyes, which for seventy-three
have been centered on stamps, he
g begun to collect when he was
ly ten years of age. However, he
ffected a happy compromise, and
the doctor's consent, he turned to
day air mail, contract routes, of
and a few foreign, and he already
17 first day covers; and he adds
good reason, "I begin to be satis-
ith my progress."

are glad to announce the arrival
n Chicago of Mr. C. F. Adams
his extended trip abroad. He was
senger on the Pennland, which was
ened by giant icebergs off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and narrowly escaped destruction.

WE have received cartographs commemorating Southern California's third air mail anniversary, April 17, 1929, from Mr. Robert M. Storms, Glendale, California, and several other friends in California.

WE advise Mr. T. M. Tracy, Cincinnati, that in a departmental order dated March 26, 1929, the third assistant postmaster general said: "Postage stamps may be properly cancelled without disfiguring the stamps. Care should be taken not to cause disfigurement of postage stamps having philatelic value."

THE menu of the annual banquet of the Philatelic Club, Los Angeles, California, which was held recently was made attractive by a block of four Clark commemorative, cancelled to order, in green, "Sandberg, April 8, 1929, Cal.", evidently through the instrumentality of Mr. Sandberg, the P. M. of Sandberg. Los Angeles wants the A. P. S. convention in 1932.

THE Associated Press dispatch telling of the exhibit of Mr. Hind's British Guiana at the Le Havre, France, international philatelic exhibition, under date of April 15th, appeared in scores of newspapers, whose readers may marvel at the existence of a "$50,000 stamp."

MR. J. NICHOLS, New Brunswick, New Jersey, writes: "While passing through Molly Pitcher's stamping-ground recently, I paused a moment and snapped a few shots of Molly's Well, the only one and original well. I send one of the pictures. The well stands on an embankment of the railroad, and is viewed by thousands who pass by rail or auto; and it is a Mecca for out-of-town visitors." We thank Mr. Nichols for the snapshot of "Molly Pitcher's Well, Freehold, N. J."

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o	4c, 211	.40	.20	o	**Bulgaria** 101-2-3	1.50	.75	*	115-16-17, Schgs.	1.50	.45
o	4c, 215	.50	.25	o	101 & 103	1.00	.40	o	Same used	1.50	.35
o	5c, 216	.25	.12	*	99 & 100	.62	.20	*	118-19-20, Naval	1.25	.55
*	15c, 238, **Block**	8.50	6.50	*	**Canada** ½c, 50	1.00	.40	*	125-6-7, Cotton	1.05	.50
*	30c, 239	2.75	2.10	*	51-2-3	.45	.15	*	141-2-3, Stat. C.	.50	.25
o	1-30c, 230-9	4.43	1.80	*	10c, 81	.75	.30	*	320-1-2, Dues	3.10	1.20
*	4c, 287	.60	.35	*	**Cayman Ids.** 101	4.00	1.00	o	Same used	2.85	1.00
*	4c, 296	.30	.18	*	**Cent. Lith.** 201-22	.81	.25	*	323-4-5, Dues	.75	.35
*	5c, 297	.50	.30	*	301 to 314	.42	.15	*	Due, 326, **Rare**	3.00	1.20
o	2c, 3811	1.50	.70	*	**China** 9c, 15	1.50	.65	*	327-8-9, Dues	1.10	.45
o	30c, 3850c	7.50	3.75	o	24c, 17	2.00	.90	*	**Eritrea** 38 to 41	.43	.15
o	50c, 3853ac	.50	.25	*	50c, 157	2.50	1.10	*	**France** 168 to 171	.66	.28
o	40c, 4168	.75	.35	*	20c, 168	.85	.40	*	185 to 190, Arts	.68	.30
o	$2, 4169	.60	.20	*	50c, 169	2.50	1.10	*	403 to 406, Char.	1.87	.75
*	½c, 4176	.75	.25	o	$5, 160, **Rare**	8.00	3.75	*	35+25, 407	1.50	.60
o	$2, 4189	.40	.20	*	**Costa Rica** 552-3-4	1.40	.60	o	1+1fr, 409	6.00	2.25
*	7½c, 4199	2.00	1.00	*	555-6-7, Perf. 12	1.40	.60	*	1.50+8.50, 431	2.25	.90
*	18c, 4203	2.00	1.20	*	**Cook Ids.** 42	1.50	.50	*	Morocco 507-11	1.25	.50
o	60c, 4209	.50	.25	*	10d, 46	1.25	.75	o	Morocco 601-11	1.17	.45
o	1.44, 4213	.40	.25	*	1sh, 47	1.25	.55	*	**Fr. Congo** 31 to 34	.41	.20
o	**1.60, 4214**	.85	.45	*	48 to 52	.71	.30	*	30c, 39	.50	.25
o	**4.00, 4216**	.30	.15	*	53 to 60	6.55	2.45	*	40c, 40	.65	.32
o	4.80, 4217	.75	.40	*	61 to 66	1.14	.60	*	**Fr. Guiana** 75 to 80	1.76	.65
o	9.60, 4218	.50	.30	o	**Crete** 50 to 54	.94	.35	*	81 to 84 schgs	.43	.15
*	10c, 4371	.50	.22	o	501, 55	1.50	.60	*	1fr, 65	.40	.18
*	**Abyssinia** ½/$5, 144	.60	.25	o	1dr, 56	5.00	2.25	*	2fr, 66	.75	.35
*	1 on 6g, 145	.50	.20	o	2dr, 57	6.00	2.65	*	**Fr. Guinea** 63 to 69	.42	.15
*	1 on $10, 147	.60	.27	o	59-60	1.25	.50	*	25c, No. 70, **Rare**	1.25	.60
*	1 on $3, 146	.50	.20	o	1dr, 61	2.50	1.10	o	50c, 75	2.00	.80
*	1 on 12g, 153	.60	.25	o	64-5-6	.85	.30	*	5fr, 79, **Rare**	3.50	1.50
*	**Afghanistan** 205	.75	.25	o	1dr, 69	3.50	1.60	*	408-9-10, Dues	1.10	.45
*	2ab, 206	1.25	.45	o	72 to 78	1.78	.70	*	**Fr. India** 25 to 32	1.07	.45
*	1r, 207	2.50	.85	o	1dr, 80	5.00	2.25	*	25c, 33, **Rarity**	3.00	1.50
*	1ab, 211	.65	.25	o	83	.50	.20	*	5fr, 42, **Rare**	3.50	1.50
*	2ab, 212	1.00	.35	o	85 to 90	1.02	.40	*	**Fr. Oceanica** 21-32	2.38	1.10
*	1r, 213	2.50	.85	o	96, 98 to 104	1.65	.65	*	45 on 10, 51	.60	.25
*	30pa, 219	3.00	1.00	o	111 to 116	.68	.25	*	**Gabon** 49 to 59	3.50	1.50
*	20pa, 218	1.25	.45	o	501, 117	1.50	.60	o	**Ger. E. Af.** 32-37	1.90	.55
*	10pa, 224a	3.00	1.00	o	170-1-2	.87	.35	*	101 to 108	2.85	.95
*	3sh, 405	2.00	.65	o	201, 173	.75	.30	*	151 to 157	2.50	.75
*	1kr, 406	2.50	.85	o	179-80-81	.75	.30	*	(Tanganyika) 8-9	1.00	.30
*	1kr, 406a	2.50	1.00	o	201, 182	.75	.30	*	**Greece** Big 224	.50	.20
*	1ru, 403	2.00	.80	o	401, 183	.75	.30	*	5Dr, 286, **Rare**	5.00	1.65
o	**Albania** 47-52	2.37	.75	o	501, 184	1.00	.40	*	3Dr, 289, **Rare**	3.00	1.00
*	**Aitutaki** 2½d, 9	.75	.27	o	188-9-90	.65	.30	*	316-7, Byron	.30	.12
o	**Argentine** 50c, 171	.60	.20	o	300 to 305	.71	.30	*	321 to 334, Pict.	3.22	1.25
o	283-4-5, Comm.	.40	.15	o	**Congo** 16 & 17	.90	.30	*	338 to 343, Naval	1.28	.50
*	**Austria** 972-990	2.50	.85	*	1fr, 18, Rare	3.00	1.25	*	**Guadeloupe** 54-61	.90	.35
*	10Kr, 992	1.00	.35	o	1fr, 18a, Do.	2.50	1.00	o	50c, No. 66, **Rare**	2.50	1.00
*	993 to 998	.85	.35	o	5fr, 19	2.00	.90	o	**Hawaii** 38, Scarce	.50	.20
*	838-846, Cities	3.00	1.35	o	20 to 23	2.05	.80	o	10c, 44, Scarce	.50	.20
*	847-851, Babies	2.75	1.25	o	3.50, $24, **Rare**	12.50	6.00	o	74-5-6, 81-2	.78	.24
*	**Bahamas** 4d, 52	.40	.18	o	10fr, 25	2.00	1.00	*	**Hejaz** 4 to 7	2.80	1.10
*	3d, 58	2.00	.85	o	26 to 29	1.08	.40	o	8 to 12	1.00	.35
*	Special 5d, 101	5.00	2.25	o	1fr, 30	.50	.20	o	**Rare** 1pa, 14	7.50	2.00
*	Special 5d, 102	1.00	.40	o	50c, 36	.60	.25	o	**Rare** ½p, 15	5.00	1.50
*	War ½d, 301	.85	.30	o	1fr, 37	.50	.20	o	**Rare** ¼p, 16	3.00	.90
*	War 3d, 303	1.25	.45	o	1fr, 37a	.60	.25	o	Scarce 26 & 28	1.00	.30
o	**Barbados** 127-132	1.89	.85	*	45 to 54	8.10	3.00	o	Scarce 1pi, 31	.50	.15
o	1sh, 135	1.75	.80	*	55, 56a to 63	3.28	1.10	*	301 to 303, **Dues**	4.50	1.50
o	6d, 134	1.00	.45	o	5fr, 63	.50	.18	*	**Hungary** 576-583	1.65	.80
o	4d, 138	.60	.25	*	64 to 70	1.42	.50	o	**Iceland** 86 to 96	2.58	.95
*	152 to 156	.98	.40	*	3fr, 71	.75	.30	o	32 to 44	2.48	.90
*	6d, 158	.75	.35	*	5fr, 72	1.25	.50	o	71 to 83	2.55	.90
*	1sh, 159, **Rare**	9.00	3.75	*	10fr, 73	2.00	.80	o	108 to 121	2.26	.75
*	162-3-4, MCA's	1.90	.85	o	64 to 70	1.42	.45	o	130 to 136	2.10	.80
*	1d, 151, Scr.	.50	.17	o	3fr, 71	.75	.30	o	363 to 369	1.15	.40
o	**Bavaria** 77 to 86	.50	.17	o	5fr, 72	1.25	.50	o	380 to 387	1.19	.40
*	94 to 109	1.46	.50	o	10fr, 73	2.00	.80	o	389 to 396	1.23	.40
*	117 to 135	1.25	.45	*	74 to 78	1.20	.45	*	**Ivory Coast** 42-48	.55	.18
*	136 to 155	1.50	.50	*	88 to 96	1.96	.65	o	25c, No. 49, **Rare**	7.00	3.25
*	156 to 175	1.50	.50	o	88 to 99	5.30	1.40	o	Same stamp used	4.00	1.80
*	176 to 191	.72	.30	o	100 to 110	2.14	.65	*	30c, 50, Rare	2.00	.95
*	193 to 211	1.27	.45	*	201 to 207	2.50	.65	*	50c, 54, Rare	2.00	.95
*	209 to 237	1.66	.55	*	**Cuba** 8c, No. 291	1.75	.80	*	59 to 63	1.18	.50
*	238 to 254	1.24	.45	*	13c, No. 293	1.00	.45	*	**Jamaica** 401 to 403	.80	.35
*	256 to 275	1.96	.65	*	5c, No. 290	.60	.25	*	**Japan** 160 to 163	3.05	1.45
*	527 to 539	.54	.18	*	**Curacao** 5c, 72	.40	.18	*	164 to 167, Ships	1.23	.55
*	**Belgium** 123 to 132	1.65	.70	*	10c, 74	.75	.35	*	184 to 187	.83	.55
*	1fr, No. 133	3.50	1.50	*	20c, 75	.85	.40	*	192 to 195	1.65	.85
*	241 to 248	.78	.26	*	1Gld, 76	5.00	2.35	*	**Latvia** 251 & 252	.75	.35
o	501 to 506	3.35	1.25	*	2½Gld, 77	25.00	12.50	*	253 & 254	2.50	1.10
*	15c, #508, **Rare**	2.00	.80	*	5Gld, 78	30.00	15.00	*	255-6-7	.50	.25
*	530 to 548	.59	.25	*	87 to 98	13.50	6.50	*	351 to 362	1.09	.45
o	579 to 599	1.68	.60	o	**Cyprus** 61 to 68	1.91	.65	*	363 to 366	.80	.33
o	631 to 637	.62	.22	*	95, 97-8-9	1.85	.80	*	**Lebanon** 50 to 62	2.55	1.10
o	638 to 658	1.12	.35	o	79, 80, 83	.85	.30	*	63 to 67	2.35	1.00
*	**Barbuda** 3, 4, 5	1.30	.55	o	94, 95, 97	.35	.14	*	68-9-70	1.20	.50
*	3d, 9	.85	.40	*	**Dan. W. I.** 40-1-2	3.00	1.15	*	72 to 80	2.11	.95
*	1sh, 10	2.00	.85	*	44 & 45	.37	.14	*	81 to 84	2.05	.95
*	**Bermuda** 1sh, 61	1.25	.60	*	**Danzig** 111	.30	.10	*	86 to 94	2.05	.95
o	**Bosnia** 30 to 45	1.86	.75	o	156 to 163	2.58	.75	*	95 to 100	3.40	1.55
*	46 to 55	2.15	.75	o	1Gld, 164	.60	.20	*	401 to 412	3.00	1.30
*	46-61 Complete	6.00	2.90	o	2Gld, 165	1.50	.50	*	**Liechtenstein** 304-306	1.65	.65
*	62-3-4, Rare set	5.05	2.40	o	168 to 177	1.22	.40	*	**Lithuania** 116-119c	.90	.35
o	65 to 82	2.19	.70	o	182-183 Pictures	.90	.30	*	120 to 122	55.00	22.00
*	86 to 104	5.47	2.50	*	551-2-3 Charity	.35	.15	*	401 to 407	2.05	.95
*	105 to 122	3.72	1.50	o	**Denmark** 111-119	3.65	.90	*	408 to 414	.82	.25
o	105 to 122	3.50	1.25	o	121 & 122	.85	.20	*	415-16-17	.80	.50
o	351 to 363	.80	.30	o	162 to 173	.56	.15	*	418-19-20	.45	.20
o	**Brazil** 162 to 165	3.25	1.25	*	183-4-5, Jubilee	.77	.30	*	421-2-3-4	1.60	.60
*	172 & 173	1.80	.80	*	302a, Postfaerge	1.00	.30	*	425, Rare Air	2.50	1.15
o	173 only	.50	.20	*	451-452, Charity	1.45	.55	*	426, Rare Air	3.00	1.35
*	186 & 187	.55	.18	o	**Dutch Ind.** 129-35	.80	.25	*	427 to 430	1.65	.80
*	195 to 196 & 231	.61	.20	o	142 to 145, Jub.	1.10	.40	*	431, Rare Air	3.50	1.60
*	**British Guiana** 147	.50	.18	o	1Gld, No. 146	2.00	.55	*	432 to 435	1.42	.60
*	2c on 10c, 153	.50	.18	*	175-6-7, Charity	.80	.35	*	**Rare** 438	36.00	15.00
*	**Brunei** 2 on 3, 2	1.25	.55	*	**Ecuador** 174 to 180	1.75	.75	*	615 to 618	3.35	1.50
*	4 on 12, 5	.60	.25	o	**Egypt** 50 to 59	.69	.20	*	**Luxemburg** 60-67	3.50	1.50
*	8c, 7	1.00	.40	o	61 to 69	1.09	.30	*	5Fr, 69	3.50	1.50
*	10 on 16, 8	.75	.35	o	71 to 76	.99	.27	*	80 to 86	2.59	1.00

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40	20 Pfg.	.20
41	25 Pfg.	.30
42	50 Pfg.	.20
37-42	set of 6 val.	1.00
45	3 Pfg.	.03
46	5 Pfg.	.07
47	10 Pfg.	.07
48	20 Pfg.	.10
49	25 Pfg.	.16
50	50 Pfg.	.25
51	2 Pfg.	.03
45-51	set of 7 val.	.65
52-61	set of 10 val.	3.50
62	1 Mk.	1.50
63	2 Mk.	2.50
64	3 Mk.	3.25
65	5 Mk., Type I	12.15
65a	5 Mk., Type II	10.80
65c-74	set of 10 values	3.50
75	1 Mk.	2.00
76	2 Mk.	5.50
77	3 Mk.	3.50
78	5 Mk.	7.50
79	2 Mk.	6.00
80	2 Pfg.	.40
81	3 Pfg.	.03
82	5 Pfg.	.02
83	10 Pfg.	.06
84	20 Pfg.	.04
84a	20 Pfg.	1.25
84b	20 Pfg.	.08
84c	20 Pfg.	..
85	25 Pfg.	.20
86	30 Pfg.	.04
87	40 Pfg.	.10
88	50 Pfg.	.10
89	60 Pfg.	.35
90	80 Pfg.	.15
80-90	set of 11 val.	1.00
91	1 Mk.	.40
92	2 Mk.	.50
92a	2 Mk.	.50
93	3 Mk.	.25
94	5 Mk.	.20
91-94	set of 4 val.	1.25
80-94	set of 15 val.	2.25
95	2½ Pfg.	.02
96	7½ Pfg.	.03
97	15 Pfg.	.55
98	15 Pfg.	.03
99	2 Pfg.	.01
100	35 Pfg.	.02
101	75 Pfg.	.02

GERMAN REPUBLIC

105	10 Pfg.	.06
106	15 Pfg.	.02
107	25 Pfg.	.04
108	30 Pfg.	.04
105-108	set of 4 val.	.12
111	1 Mk.	.06
112	1.25 Mk.	.15
113	1.50 Mk.	.03
114	2.50 Mk.	.01
114a	2.50 Mk.	.05
114b	2.50 Mk.	.06
111-114a	set of 5 val.	.30
115	1.25/1 Mk.	.05
116	1.50/1 Mk.	.06
117	2.50/2 Mk.	.60
117b	2.50/2 Mk.	.80
115-117b	set of 4 val.	1.40
118	5 Pfg.	.01
118a	5 Pfg.	.01
119	10 Pfg.	.01
119a	10 Pfg.	.05
119b	tete beche	.05
120	15 Pfg.	.01
121	20 Pfg.	.01
123	30 pfg.	.01
123a	tete beche	.15
124	40 Pfg.	.01
124a	tete beche	.08
125	50 Pfg.	.05
126	60 Pfg.	.01
126a	tete beche	.15
127	75 Pfg.	.02
128	80 Pfg.	.01
129	1 Mk.	.02
130	1¼ Mk.	.02
131	2 Mk.	.12
132	4 Mk.	.03
118-132	(without tete beches) Set of 15 val.	.35
Same with tete beches (19 val.)		.75

For ALL se tenant pairs, look after No. 155

133	1.60 Mk./5 Pfg.	.01
134	3.00 Mk./1¼ Mk.	.01
135	5.00 Mk./75 Pfg.	.02
136	10.00 Mk./75 Pfg.	.02
133-136	set of 4 val.	.05
137	5 Pfg.	.01
138	10 Pfg.	.01
138a	tete beche	.50
139	15 Pfg.	.01
140	25 Pfg.	.01
141	30 Pfg.	.01
141a	tete beche	.30
142	40 Pfg.	.01
143	50 Pfg.	.05
144	60 Pfg.	.01
145	80 Pfg.	.01
146	100 Pfg.	.12
147	120 Pfg.	.01
148	150 Pfg.	.02
149	160 Pfg.	.01
150	2 Mk.	.05
151	3 Mk.	.08
152	4 Mk.	.02
153	5 Mk.	.06
154	10 Mk.	.12
155	20 Mk.	.25
137-155	(without tete beches) Set of 19 val.	.80

SE TENANT PAIRS

82/83		.25
82/96		.75
83/98		.65
84b/120		.25
95/96	[pairs only]	.30
119/123		.06
123/124		.06
124/126		.20
124/141		.20
138/141		.30

BLOCKS DOUBLE PRICE
PRICES FOR BOOKLETS OR BOOKLET PANES ON REQUEST

156	75 Pfg.	.02
157	1¼ Mk.	.01
158	5 Pfg.	.08
159	10 Pfg.	.35
160	15 Pfg.	.03
161	25 Pfg.	.01
162	30 Pfg.	.10
163	40 Pfg.	.01
164	50 Pfg.	.01
165	60 Pfg.	.01
166	75 Pfg.	.01
167	80 Pfg.	.02
168	100 Pfg.	.01
169	120 Pfg.	.04
170	150 Pfg.	.01
170a	imperf.	1.75
171	160 Pfg.	.06
172	5 Mk.	.04
173	10 Mk.	.05
174	20 Mk.	.01
156-174	set of 19 val. (Without 170a)	.80
177	1¼ Mk.	.01
178	2 Mk.	.01
179	3 Mk.	.03
180	4 Mk.	.03
181	10 Mk.	.02
182	20 Mk.	.05
177-182	set of 6 val.	.12
185	2 Mk.	.01
186	3 Mk.	.01
187	4 Mk.	.01
188	5 Mk.	.01
189	10 Mk.	.01
190	20 Mk.	.01
191	30 Mk.	.01
192	50 Mk.	.01
185-192	set of 8 val.	.08
193	100 Mk.	.02
194	200 Mk.	.01
195	300 Mk.	.01
196	400 Mk.	.02
197	500 Mk.	.01
193-197	set of 5 val.	.06
200	2 Mk.	.01
201	3 Mk.	.01
202	4 Mk.	.01
202a	4 Mk. imp.	.25
203	5 Mk.	.01
204	6 Mk., Type II	.01
204a	6 Mk., Type I	.01
205	8 Mk., Type I	.01
205a	8 Mk., type II	.02
206	does not exist; all stamps sold as such show at least some trace of pink background.	
207	20 Mk., Type II	.01
208	30 Mk., Type II	.01
209	40 Mk., Type II	.01
200-209	set of 12 val.	.45
200-209	without 202a	.07
211	50 Mk.	.01
212	100 Mk.	.01
213	200 Mk.	.01
214	300 Mk.	.01
215	400 Mk.	.01
216	500 Mk.	.01
217	1000 Mk.	.01
218	2000 Mk.	.03
218a	2000 Mk.	.01
219	3000 Mk.	.01
Sets of numerals Type A 31 211 to 219 and 235-236-236a, 12 val.		.10
220	50 Mk.	.06
221	5 Mk.	.01
222	10 Mk.	.01
223	12 Mk.	.01
224	20 Mk.	.01
225	25 Mk.	.01
226	30 Mk.	.01
227	40 Mk.	.01
228	50 Mk.	.01
221-228	set of 8 val.	.05
229	100 Mk.	.01
229a	purple	.03
230	200 Mk.	.01
231	300 Mk.	.01
232	400 Mk.	.01
233	500 Mk.	.01
234	1000 Mk.	.01
229-231	set of 6 val.	.04
235	4000 Mk.	.01
236	5000 Mk.	.01
236	5000 Mk. sea green	.05
236a	100,000 Mk.	.01
237	5000 Mk.	.03
238	10000 Mk.	.01
238a	5000 Mk.	.61
239	50000 Mk.	.01
240	75000 Mk.	.01
241	8T Mk./30 Pfg.	.01
241a	inside of entire sheet of No. 241	4.50
242	5T Mk./40 Pfg.	.01
242a	8T Mk./30 Pfg.	.75
243	15T Mk./40 Mk.	.01
244	20T Mk./12 Mk.	.01
245	20T Mk./25 Mk.	.03
246	20T Mk./200 Mk.	.02
247	25T Mk./25 Mk.	.01
248	30T Mk./10 Mk.	.01
249	30T Mk./200 Mk.	.01
250	75T Mk./300 Mk.	.01
251	75T Mk./400 Mk.	.01
252	75T Mk./1000 Mk.	.01
253	100T Mk./100 Mk.	.01
254	100T Mk./400 Mk.	.01
255	125T Mk./1000 Mk.	.01
256	250T Mk./200 Mk.	.01
257	250T Mk./300 Mk.	.02
258	250T Mk./400 Mk.	.02
259	250T Mk./500 Mk.	.01
260	250T Mk./500 Mk.	.01
261	800T Mk./5 Pfg.	.01
262	800T Mk./10 Pfg.	.01
262a	800T Mk./100 Pfg.	32.50
263	800T Mk./200 Mk.	.01
264	800T Mk./300 Mk.	.01
264a	800T Mk./300 Mk. dark green	1.50
265	800T Mk./400 Mk.	.01
266	800T Mk./400 Mk.	.01
266a	800T Mk./500 Mk. red orange	1.50
264a-266a	pair	3.00
267	800T Mk./500 Mk.	.01
268	800T Mk./1000 Mk.	.01
269	2 Mn. Mk./200 Mk.	.01
269a	same dull red	.03
270	2 Mn. Mk./300 Mk.	.01
271	2 Mn. Mk./500 Mk.	.01
272	2 Mn. Mk./5T Mk.	.01
273	400T Mk./15 Pfg.	.01
274	400T Mk./25 Pfg.	.01
275	400T Mk./30 Pfg.	.01
276	400T Mk./40 Pfg.	.01
277	2 Mn. Mk./200 Mk.	.01
278	2 Mn. Mk./5T Mk.	.01
241-278	set of 38 val. without "a" items	.15
280	500T Mk.	.01
281	1 Mn. Mk.	.01
282	2 Mn. Mk.	.01
284	4 Mn. Mk.	.01
285	5 Mn. Mk.	.01
286	10 Mn. Mk.	.01
287	20 Mn. Mk.	.01
288	30 Mn. Mk.	.01
289	50 Mn. Mk.	.01
290	100 Mn. Mk.	.01
291	200 Mn. Mk.	.01
293	500 Mn. Mk.	.01
294	1 Mld. Mk.	.01
295	2 Mld. Mk.	.01
296	5 Mld. Mk.	.01
297	10 Mld. Mk.	.01
298	20 Mld. Mk.	.01
299	50 Mld. Mk.	.02
280-299	set of 18 val.	.18
301	10 Mn. Mk.	.01
302	20 Mn. Mk.	.01
303	50 Mn. Mk.	.01
304	200 Mn. Mk.	.01
305	1 Mld. Mk.	.01
306	2 Mld. Mk.	.01
307	5 Mld. Mk.	.01
308	20 Mld. Mk.	.02
309	50 Mld. Mk.	.04
301-309	set of 9 val.	.10
310	1 Mld./100 Mk.	.01
311	5 Mld./2 Mn. Mk.	.02
312	5 Mld./4 Mn. Mk.	.02
313	5 Mld./10 Mn. Mk.	.02
314	10 Mld./20 Mn. Mk.	.02
315	10 Mld./50 Mn. Mk.	.03
316	10 Mld./100 Mn. Mk.	.03
319	5 Mld./10 Mn. Mk.	.5
320	10 Mld./20 Mn. Mk.	
321	10 Mld./50 Mn. Mk.	
310-321	set of 10 val.	

GOLD CURRENCY

323	3 Pfg.	
324	5 Pfg.	
325	10 Pfg.	
326	20 Pfg.	
327	50 Pfg.	
328	100 Pfg.	
323-328	set of 6 val.	
330	3 Pfg.	
331	5 Pfg.	
332	10 Pfg.	
333	20 Pfg.	
334	30 Pfg.	
335	40 Pfg.	
336	50 Pfg.	
330-336	set of 7 val.	
337	60 Pfg.	
338	80 Pfg.	
339	1 Mk.	
340	2 Mk.	
341	3 Mk.	
343	10 Pfg.	
344	20 Pfg.	

Munich Exposition Issue

345	5 Pfg.	
346	10 Pfg.	
345-346	set of 2 val.	

Rheinland 1000 Year Jubilee I

347	5 Pfg.	
348	10 Pfg.	
349	20 Pfg.	
347-349	set of 3 val.	
350	5 Mk.	

FAMOUS MEN

351	3 Pfg.	
352	5 Pfg.	
352a	5 Pfg.	
353	10 Pfg.	
354	15 Pfg.	
355	20 Pfg.	
356	25 Pfg.	
357	30 Pfg.	
358	40 Pfg.	
359	50 Pfg.	
360	80 Pfg.	
351-360	set of 10 val.	
361	3 Pfg.	
362	8 Pfg.	

I. A. A. (International Labor Bureau)

363	8 Pfg.	
364	15 Pfg.	
365	25 Pfg.	
363-365	set of 3 val.	

ISSUE OF PRESIDENTS

366	3 Pfg.	
367	5 Pfg.	
368	8 Pfg.	
369	10 Pfg.	
370	15 Pfg.	
371	20 Pfg.	
372	25 Pfg.	
373	30 Pfg.	
374	40 Pfg.	
375	45 Pfg	
376	50 Pfg.	
377	60 Pfg.	
378	80 Pfg.	
366-378	set of 13 val.	

AIR POST STAMPS

401	10 Pfg.	
402	40 Pfg.	
403	25 Pfg.	
404	40 Pfg.	
405	50 Pfg.	
406	60 Pfg.	
407	80 Pfg.	
408	1 Mk.	
409	2 Mk.	
410	3 Mk.	
411	5 Mk.	
412	10 Mk.	
413	25 Mk.	
415	100 Mk.	
416	5 Mk.	
417	10 Mk.	
418	25 Mk.	
420	100 Mk.	
421	200 Mk.	
401-421	set of 19 val.	
422	5 Pfg.	
423	10 Pfg.	
424	20 Pfg.	
425	50 Pfg.	
426	100 Pfg.	
427	200 Pfg.	
428	300 Pfg.	
422-428	set of 7 val.	
429	5 Pfg.	
430	10 Pfg.	
431	20 Pfg.	
432	50 Pfg.	
433	1 Mk.	
434	2 Mk.	
435	3 Mk.	
436	15 Pfg.	
429-436	set of 8 val.	

ZEPPELIN ISSUE

437	2 Mk.	
438	4 Mk.	
One post card with $437 and one letter with $438 **carried on first trans-Atlantic flight of the Graf Zeppelin** set		

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CHARITY STAMPS

No.		Price
	10x5 Pfg.	.04
	15x5 Pfg.	.04
6	set of 2 val.	.07
	6x4 Mk.	.02
	12x8 Mk.	.02
8	set of 2 val.	.03
	5 Mk. x 100 Mk.	.01
	25 Mk. x 500 Mk.	.01
	20 Mk. x 1000 Mk.	.15
1	set of 3 val.	.16
	4x5 Pfg.	.20
	4x10 Pfg.	.40
	4x20 Pfg.	.80
	4x50 Pfg.	2.00
5	set of 4 val.	3.00
	5x5 Pfg.	.04
	10x10 Pfg.	.08
	20x20 Pfg.	.16
8	set of 3 val.	.28
	5x5 Pfg.	.04
	10x10 Pfg.	.08
	20x20 Pfg.	.16
	50x50 Pfg.	.40
2	set of 4 val.	.68

HINDENBURG SET

	8+8 Pfg.	.08
	15+15 Pfg.	.15
	25+25 Pfg.	.25
	50+50 Pfg.	.50
6	set of 4 val.	.95

1928 ISSUE

	5+5 Pfg.	.04
	8+7 Pfg.	.06
	15+15 Pfg.	.12
	25+25 Pfg.	.20
	50+50 Pfg.	.40
	set of 5 val.	.80

OFFICIAL STAMPS

	5 Pfg.	.05
	10 Pfg.	.01
	15 Pfg.	.01
	20 Pfg.	.01
	30 Pfg.	.01
	40 Pfg.	.01

Scott No.		Price
557	50 Pfg.	.01
558	1 Mk.	.01
559	1.25 Mk.	.01
560	2.00 Mk.	.15
561	5 Mk.	.01
561a		1.25
562	10 Pfg.	.02
563	60 Pfg.	.01
564	75 Pfg.	.02
565	2 Mk.	.01
566	3 Mk.	.01
567	10 Mk.	.01
568	10 Mk.	.02
569	20 Mk.	.01
570	50 Mk.	.01
571	100 Mk.	.01
551-571	set of 21 val.	.40
572	20 Mk.	.01
573	30 Mk.	.01
574	40 Mk.	.01
577	200 Mk.	.01
578	300 Mk.	.01
579	400 Mk.	.01
580	500 Mk	.01
572-580	set of 7 val.	.05
581	5T/5 Mk.	.01
582	20T/30 Pfg.	.01
583	100T/15 Pfg.	.01
584	250T/10 Pfg.	.01
585	800T/30 Pfg.	.05
586	75T/50 Mk.	.01
587	400T/15 Pfg.	.01
588	800T/30 Pfg.	.01
589	1 Mn. Mk./75 Pfg.	.01
590	2 Mn. Mk./10 Pfg.	.01
591	5 Mn. Mk./100 Pfg.	.01
581-591	set of 11 val.	.15
592	100 Mn. Mk.	.01
593	200 Mn. Mk.	.01
594	2 Mld. Mk.	.03
595	5 Mld. Mk.	.05
596	10 Mld. Mk.	.08
597	20 Mld. Mk.	.12
598	50 Mld. Mk.	.15
592-598	set of 7 val.	.40
599	3 Pfg.	.02
600	5 Pfg.	.02

Scott No.		Price
601	10 Pfg.	.04
602	20 Pfg.	.08
603	50 Pfg.	.15
604	100 Pfg.	.30
599-604	set of 6 val.	.55
605	3 Pfg.	.10
606	5 Pfg.	.03
607	10 Pfg.	.06
608	20 Pfg.	.09
609	30 Pfg.	.15
610	40 Pfg.	.18
611	50 Pfg.	.90
612	60 Pfg.	.27

Scott No.		Price
613	80 Pfg.	.36
605-613	set of 8 val.	1.15
614	3 Pfg.	.02
615	5 Pfg.	.02
616	8 Pfg.	.04
617	10 Pfg.	.04
618	15 Pfg.	.06
619	20 Pfg.	.08
620	30 Pfg.	.12
621	40 Pfg.	.16
622	60 Pfg.	.24
614-622	set of 9 val.	.75
801-887	on request.	

Blocks of 4 can be furnished of all the foregoing items usually at four times the price of a single stamp. Blocks of 4 of stamps listed at 1c, 2c and 3c, excepting of Gold Currency values, will be furnished at 3 times the price of a single stamp. Numbers 228 and 562 were printed in COILS only; therefore vertical strips or pairs only can be furnished of these. **Prices for all German stamps, Imperforates and unlisted varieties, not contained in this list will be furnished on request.**

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AMAICA EXHAUSTS, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

3s orange and violet, Statue of arles Metcalfe, script CA water- l, issued August 23, 1921, ex- d in March, 1929, and according to confirmed report, will not be re- . Although printed in greater y than the 3s Roman CA of De- 10, 1920, priced by Gibbons at e 3s script CA should prove good y, as fairly large quantities were ically.

in the last year, this denomination en dropped from the Postage and e series of Turks and Caicos Is- Leeward Islands, Antigua, Do- Montserrat and Grenada.

3s of the 1919-21 pictorial series, a nation new to Jamaica's Postage evenue stamps, was announced in *zette* of December 9, 1920, for is- December 10, 1920. The one and rinting on Roman CA paper was d on Nov. 8, 1920, 213 sheets (of 6,390 stamps.

Roman CA paper, the stamp had a ort life, as supplies of the ½d, 2d, d, 4d, 1s, 2s, 3s and 10s script CA ispatched by the Crown Agents in ond quarter of 1921, but withheld ssue until the Roman CA stock ted.

3s script CA was issued August 21; in all three printings were and invoiced on dates as follows:

	Sheets.	*Stamps*
), 1921	488	14,640
), 1924	196	5,880
), 1927	208	6,240
	892	26,760

quantities sold by the Crown in London to stamp dealers, etc., course additional.

King George V, Nyasaland pe, Nov. 3, 1927

first supply of the ½d King V, Nyasaland keyplate type, script ued Nov. 3, 1927, printed in the quarter of 1927, was in sheets of nps, with plate No. 1 in the usual s in the upper margin (of the eft and upper right panes), and lower margin (of the lower left er right panes).

he lot dispatched in the 3rd quar- 1928, were from a combination he two upper panes being from e No. 1, 120 set, and the two anes, from plate No. 3, 120 set. 0 stamp sheets, therefore, have plate No. 1 in the upper margin of the upper panes, and plate No. 3 in the lower margin of the lower panes.

In the same quarter, supplies of ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s and 2s were dispatched to the Colony.

3.—2s Booklets (½d and 1d) Sept. 5, 1928

In the third quarter of 1928, stamp booklets (sold at 2s each) were dispatched, containing 12 ½d King George, Nyasaland type, and 18 1d Arawak making Cassava, script CA watermarked. These were issued Sept. 5, 1928. The previous lot, issued Jan. 5, 1927, contained 12 ½d Jamaica Exhibition, and 18 1d Arawak making Cassava.

4.—1d and 9d King George V, Cayman Islands Type, 1929

The first printings of the 9d dull violet, and 1d carmine, issued March 5 and March 15, 1929, respectively, were invoiced on Jan. 15, 1929, and dispatched to Jamaica by the s. s. Bayano, in the following quantities:

1d,	1,338,000
9d,	608,400

In addition, 431 copies of each, overprinted "Specimen", were sent to the Universal Postal Union at Berne.

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The Club still numbers among its very active members two who were with it at the start in 1892. August Munch, who was secretary for over 20 years, and Jas. A. Loveland, a British Colonial enthusiast. Just recently we lost one of our standbys, Dr. W. C. Bowers.

The present officers are: President, Fred J. Wieler; 1st Vice-Pres., Geo. Gordon, Jr.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Gordon Taylor; Sec'y & Treas., R. S. Foster, 1604 Laurel Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

The Bridgeport Philatelic Club extends a cordial invitation to any and all philatelists to stop in and visit if in the neighborhood.

Stop Press News

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Lauren Tremper exhibited his collection of Bureau Prints. Of the 1342 varieties, he has 1134. Dr. E. Lindauer showed some unusual covers. Dr. Mitchell showed a number of interesting U. S. covers with unusual cancellations.

C. C. SYLVESTER, Sec.

WORCESTER AT PROVIDENCE

Four members of the Worcester Stamp Society visited the Rhode Island Society, April 23, and entertained the local body. Marcus W. White showed U. S. Envelopes, and in volume after volume discoursed upon dies, denominations and colors. The mounting was attractively done, and all-in-all the exhibit was keenly enjoyed.

W. H. COLWELL.

SEEVER ARRESTED

An elderly man complaining of bad eyesight, very stooped, was arrested, and was held on the complaint of the Reliant Stamp Company. There has been a party of this description making an annual trip through this state and New England, reported selling counterfeits. Any experience with the party answering this description, should be reported, by wire, to the Reliant Stamp Company or Tom V. Binmore.

BUREAU PRINT PRECANCELS

C. A. CARROLL, Editor,
300 the Prado, Atlanta, Ga.

Collectors are urged to send new issues of Bureau Prints to the editor for inspection and prompt return.

The following new issues of Bureau Prints have been seen since the last chronicle in these coloumns: *Old Types, Coils:* Reading, Pa., 1c; Syracuse, N. Y., 3c; Wilmington, Del., 2c; Youngstown, Ohio, 1c.

B-11, Ordinary: Baltimore, Md., 9c; Cleveland, Ohio, 4c; Columbus, Ohio, 10c; Davenport, Iowa, 1c; Denver, Col., 3c; Los Angeles, Cal., 3c; Minneapolis, Minn., 1½c, 8c, 10c; Nashville, Tenn., 1½c; New York City, 9c; Providence, R. I., 1½c; St. Paul, Minn., 4c, 5c; Springfield, Mass., 1c; Worcester, Mass., 5c.

B-11, Coils: Dayton, Ohio, 1½c; Detroit, Mich., 1½c; Indianapolis, Ind., 1c; Memphis, Tenn., 1½c; Pittsburgh, Pa., 1½c; Raleigh, N. C., 2c.

ALL POSTALLY USED		ALL POSTALLY USED
Ceylon 1922-25, 1R	cat. $ .35	.15
1922-25, 2R	" .75	.35
Cyprus 1922-23, 1½pia	" .50	.22
1922-23, 2¾pia	" .50	.22
1924, 2¾pia	" .75	.50
Gibraltar 1921-7, 2sh	" 1.00	.60
Hejaz 1922, 2pi, ₹29	" .60	.28
Malay 1918, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	" .23	.10
Malta 1907-11, 2½p	" .18	.08
1914-18, ¼, ½, 1p	" .15	.05
1926, 2½p	" ..	.30
1926, 3p	" ..	.30
Nigeria 1914-15, 4, 6, 1sh	" .65	.30
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

"State" Stamps

As previously announced in this column, the series of current postage stamps from 1c to 10c inclusive, surcharged for use in Nebraska and Kansas, were distributed in these two states during the middle of April. Mr. P. R. Crooker sends for inspection the first cover that has been noted, namely—a 2-cent overprinted "Nebr" and used from North Platte, Nebraska, April 18, 1929, at 10.00 A. M. This was on a business communication received by Mr. Crooker's firm, and was not philatelically used. We will look forward for further early covers and will be glad to announce the different varieties as they are found cancelled upon the cover.

The Philatelic Agency at Washington has already received their supply and are making up mail orders, so that they may be posted early May first, the day upon which they will be placed on sale in Washington. As previously announced, they will mail no first-day covers, as covers from Washington will not be actual first-day covers, as the stamps were all previously placed on sale in the two states for which they were issued.

At this time, the Philatelic Agency has taken increased space and new clerks, so that today twenty-two are actively engaged in taking care of the business of the Agency. Sales to date for the fiscal year have totaled $208,000.00, and if all of the orders which are coming in by the hundreds daily can be filled by July first, the receipts may exceed previous expectations and finally reach nearly $300,000.00, quite a tidy sum for the purchase of current issues.

These figures show better than anything else the increased activity in stamp collecting, and too much praise cannot be extended the officials in Washington who have made this possible, for their activities and manner of announcing new issues and new flights has done much to impress the general public with the interest to be derived from stamp collecting.

2c George Rogers Clark

Mr. Samuel J. Smith has submitted for inspection a copy of the 2-cent red and black "Vincennes" variety in which the little ribbon in the upper right corner bearing the date "1929" is defective, in that there is a slight break above the "9". This stamp is the twenty-ninth stamp on the right pane of plate 19729 and 19721. Mr. Smith writes that it is constant on the sheets that he has inspected.

1½c Surcharged Envelopes

Through the courtesy of Mr. P. R. Crooker of Canajoharie, New York, I am favored with a neatly gotten-up list of all known varieties of the 1½c Provisional Envelope issued a few years back. This list is similar to a former booklet covering the 2-cent overprinted varieties, and mentions all sizes, papers, watermarks and knives, including the numerous errors. Its most important feature is an exact illustration of each type of overprint used by the several cities. The list is not issued as a money-making proposition, and if the compilers are fortunate in selling sufficient to pay for the cost, they will consider themselves fortunate. Copies are available at $1.00 each, and are well worth the amount, for those interested in the subject. Blank spaces are left for the checking of any new varieties that may be located from time to time.

I wish to thank Major Harry Morell for notes of interest.

Australia.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* has received from one of their correspondents information regarding the West Australia Centenary stamp which is due to be issued next September. The suggested design is the famous Black Swan on a plain background with the inscription at the top, "Centenary of West Australia 1829-1929," and with the value, 1½p, in each of the bottom corners. Also the promised Air stamp was expected to be issued the last of March.

British Guiana. — Recent supplies from this colony show some distinct shade variations according to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly*. The 6c, after a spell in light blue, has returned to bright ultramarine, while the 12c now comes in a fuller deeper shade of orange, with the value tablet in deep purple. The 24c shows a most distinct shade of bright purple with deeper blue-green label against the earlier washed out dull purple color.

Egypt.—Our attention is called to the 10m, King Fuad type, which is now being issued in bright terra cotta, a very different shade from the original red. Copies are at hand from Mr. R. Roberts.

Mexico.—Information from Victor M. Suarez advises that a new air mail stamp of 35 centavos value will soon be issued. 200,000 will be printed after which the plates will be destroyed. A new commemorative set is soon to appear in memory of Captain Emilio Carranza, the Mexican flyer, who died in this country July 13, 1928, when returning to Mexico City from New York. The issue will consist of six values, printed in two colors, the design being the wo Senor Francisco Gutierrez.

Netherlands. — According to *pion's Bulletin* three new values a nounced in connection with the aeri vice between Holland and Dutch I They are Fl. 1.50, 4.50 and 7.50, a n copies in all.

Paraguay.—Two Air Mail s have been received from Whitfield & Co. They are both oblong in and each bears the words, "Via A in addition to the name of the coun the top and "Pesos" at the bottom. 2.85P is grey-green and shows a p wings with the usual five pointed s the centre, while the 5.65P is brow pictures a bird with a letter.

Salvador.—M. Champion learn a new issue of Air Mail stamps is to appear.

San Marino.—The stamps men in a recent issue have just been re from Mr. R. Roberts, and are ver examples of line engraved work. T)earance and execution are of a ver order, and reflect great credit o firm who produce them.

St. Kitts.—We have received Mr. R. Roberts the 1sh black on en all through, and the 5sh green an mine on lemon, both script waterm

Uruguay.—Mr. R. Roberts sen chronicle the following peso values type of A100, but measuring 2 x29mm, and perf. 12½. They a work of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London, and are of sheets of rows of 10). 2p deep green, 3p blue, 4p violet and 5p maroon.

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member shall be allowed to hold office." This was one of my pet provisions, growing out of my deep interest in keeping the Yankees on their side of the line! It was incorporated in the first Constitution, but amended at the first convention, by which time the S. P. A. was attracting nation-wide attention.

The initial official roster follows: Pres., J. M. Chappell; Sec., B. Russell; Treas., J. H. Conley; Ex. Supt., L. W. Hummer; Trustees, J. C. Chappell, I. L. Dorroh, A. M. Rareshide.

A dozen or more advertisements appear, including E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., featuring his New York branch office.

Issue No. 2 contains 12 pages, seven given over to a rather ambitious Constitution; twenty applications were posted. No. 3 opens with a delightful article, "The Southern Collector", by Roy Farrell Greene, who is now engaged in editing President Wilson's papers; another evidence of stamp training.

The membership list thus proceeds: 16, C. I. Nasits, Galveston, Texas; 17, C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.; 18, S. E. Simpson, Tuskegee, Ala.; 19, M. E. Hummer, Macon, Miss.; 20, C. A. Peterson, Chicago, Ill.; 21, C. L. Shelton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 22, L. F. Cromer, Galveston, Texas; 23, J. W. Shaw, Fayetteville, N. C.; 24, I. Kornick, Memphis, Tenn.; 25, B. A. Cattlaw, Chicago; 26, G. H. Nimocks, Fayetteville, N. C.; 27, H. Flackskamm, St. Louis, Mo.; 28, Theodore Baa, New York; 29, D. C. Bowling, New Orleans; 30, Rev. John Davis, Little Rock, Ark.; 31, N. Wheat, Rock Springs, Texas; 32, G. H. Thompson, Fayetteville, N. C.; 33, C. P. Drake, Comache, Texas; 34, E. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas.

Messrs. Kissinger and Heusinger appear to have been assigned other numbers at some reorganization period, as the former originally held the number now being distinguished by Editor Severn of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

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I am indebted for all the above historic data to Mr. Russell. Upon my rejoining the S. P. A. a few years ago, Secretary Lycett asked me for data concerning the parent society, and as I had scarcely thought of stamps for more than a quarter-century, I wrote my old friend and he promptly replied with the information that many years ago his stamps and complete files had been destroyed in a bank fire, but that in his boyhood trunk, stored in an attic, he had located six copies of the *Dixie Philatelist* and was forwarding them to me. These historic documents comprise the only existing authentic record of the origin of the Southern Philatelic Association, and are now in the custody of the Secretary, who arranged for my use of them in preparing this story.

Of the 15 charter members I am perhaps the only active collector, and as previously indicated, my stamp interest was in abeyance many years. Mr. Dorroh, No. 6, is now a successful attorney, and Mr. Coley, No. 13, is the proprietor of an important business, in their old home towns.

So far as I can learn, the remaining eleven are no longer living. President Chappell died some ten years ago.

The S. P. A. has undergone several reorganizations, one under the direction of Mr. Joel H. DuBose, of Atlanta, Ga., who holds No. 85. Unfortunately he has none of the data which would be of value to bring the history to a more recent date. As one of the charter members it is a source of deep gratification to me that the original initials have been preserved and that "No. 2" was still available to me upon my reinstatement in 1924.

And now may I be permitted to mention *why* I love Confederate stamps above all others, though I collect U. S. in all branches and such foreign stamps as delight my eye? Briefly, the Yanks raided Munford in 1864 and after the battle, in which there were several fatalities, some of them located the post office and took possession of all cash and valuables, throwing the entire stock of stamps upon the floor and trampling upon them. All the men of the community being in the army, my mother was running the post office and only a few years ago described this incident. My collection is not large, but it includes a beautiful "TEN" with perfect cancel "Shelbyville, Tenn., May 20," tying stamp and applied the second time—the cover addressed to my mother—then unmarried—by her brother; a second cover postmarked Shelbyville, May 30th, but "Due 10"—indicating stamps were all gone, or Uncle Henry' dime had gone. To support these (and numerous others without st I have the original telegram receive nouncing this soldier's death, as res wound four months earlier, on headed "U. S. Military Telegraph", 1865—the rate from Augusta, G Alabama being $5.00; also the Bibl ered with homespun woven by my mother around 1855, which this s carried four years, and which was sent home by the hospital chaplain. here is a strip of four ordinary 10 tiny cover from a Texas soldier r —routed via Aoreauville, La., a Woodville, Miss.—evidently the d was so great it looked like forty was about right.

And on my father's side, he home each week and the letters we served, but only three had stam removed these three 35 years ago, a visit to the old home recently the original covers, addressed t grandfather! He was on the firi most of the time, where stamps we available, the letters being endorsed 10." While these stampless cove of great interest to me, they are i supported by a Springfield rifle st 1863, captured from a Federal sold May 6, 1865—just four weeks afte eral Lee's surrender. This muzzle has never been separated from its der flask. The site of this engage Waynesville, N. C., is indicated by stantial pyramidal marker ins "Last skirmish of the War Betwe States—1st Lieut. R. T. Conley in mand of Confederate Forces."

My oldest cover—also stampless folded letter dated 1827, red Nas Tenn., postmark, addressed to my father at Huntsville, Ala.—12½ cer 100 miles. I saved a few of these a large boxful in grandmother's about 1892—and all the "remai later were burned.

I purchase such covers and stam I may, but my advice to all youthf lectors is to select as a background fighting granddads, and especially who liked to write home. For in such a fire-eating Rebel as another tive who wrote to my mother on a sheet of captured note paper bea reproduction of the U. S. flag—' souvenir of the battlefield I send y once loved, but now hated banner, I am resolved to fight against unti forever driven from our beloved I

But perhaps all these fellows we lectors at heart, and how glad l These items, of small intrinsic enable me to appreciate even the r Union Patriotics now becoming s sirable, which perhaps I could no done when I insisted no Yank s hold office in the S. P. A.!

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SECTION II—CHARACTERISTIC CANCELLATIONS OF THE 3 CENT ROSE, 1861
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SECTION I

The question of just how minutely one should specialize in stamp collecting is a proposition of perennial freshness. Differing conceptions, both as to the philatelic pleasureableness and the financial profitableness, of specialism, have been frequently advanced, winning many an ally or strewing the field with many an antagonist. The writer will not intentionally revive old controversies. In the compass of three articles he will endeavor to tell the simple story of his personal experiences, both as to the alluringness and feasibleness, of choosing a specific stamp for specialism. The hope is entertained that some who have hitherto been interested only in general collecting may begin the delightful adventure of one or more attractive side-line specializations.

The advanced collector today is seldom to be found who has not chosen some United States stamp for cancellation specialism. Such side-lines in philatelic collecting have become such an obsession with many that they confess a diminishing interest in the general and diffusive method of accumulating, and have settled upon either a few countries or a few issues of a single country, with the intent of making an exhaustive study of their cancellations, and incidentally their shades, watermarks and paper varieties. What to such an one at first is only a fad, soon develops into a gripping habit, furnishing the pursuer both fascination and adventure.

We select for the purposes of these narratives a stamp of more than sixty-five years' standing, around which much of romance and historic association clusters—the 3c rose and shades of the U. S. issue of 1861. It is the most abundantly known United States stamp of equal age. Its specialization collecting is the more feasible and appealing because of its availability. The grills of 1867 and 1868 are not included within the scope of these articles.

For a second time within twenty years this stamp has again taken primary place with cancellation specialists. The 3c green of 1870 to 1882, in the opinion of many, has shared first place more often. This 1861 stamp of less vivid color, but of more sentimental and historic value, is now again rapidly rivaling in favor its rich-hued successor. Then, too, the 3c rose of 1861 has the admitted advantage of ten to fifteen years seniority.

The profusion of shades of this stamp, its numerous and varied town cancellations on the stamp itself—which are found less commonly on the 3c green—together with its more intimate association with spectacular and epochal national events, combine to lift it into a place where there are few rivals in the galaxy of the stamp world.

Several leading firms in the metropolitan area, and dealers elsewhere, give it as their judgment that inquiries for cancellations on this stamp have exceeded in number, during the past two years, those for any other stamp.

Perhaps no stamp issued by our government prior to 1890 is more prolific in shades. These range from pale rose through a score of variations of rose until one arrives at a dark brownish rose. When thirty or more shades are carefully graduated on an album page one has an attractive exhibit.

This stamp presents a by-product that few issues have offered in the same proportion: namely, the double perforation. There are six varieties of these. In the vertical type we have a double row of parallel perforations at the right, or at the left, or at both right and left. In the horizontal type we have the top, bottom, or double at both ends. These are not easily obtainable now-a-days. Diligent inquiry and search will bring measurable success.

There was less uniformity and standardization of the paper stock in the printing of this stamp than in other issues. The 1,722,000,000 stamps put into circulation, over a period of seven years, would partially account for this. The above total printed included the grills. The paper ranges from very thin, approximately onion and India paper of the present day, to very thick and heavy. Some papers were exceedingly white, and almost enamelled on the reverse. The vertical and horizontal laid papers are distinct varieties often difficult to fix with certainty.

Pairs and strips of this stamp are not as abundant as reports would sometimes lead one to believe. However, when these are pursued persistently the returns are satisfying. Some have conjectured that because of the unusual conditions obtaining during the war of the rebellion, with tens of thousands of men absent from home, and official communications from Washington, D. C., being despatched in unusual number, that letters requiring more than the normal three cents must therefore be uncommonly

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On Friday, April 5, 1929, Mr. W. T. Pollitz sold at auction in Boston, the collection of Confederate States on the original cover, belonging to Mr. Robert M. Stone of Boston. This collection of covers was possibly the finest lot of Confederate items that has come upon the market, via the auction route, in a number of years. Mr. Stone was quite particular in his choice of covers, hence, they sold at exceedingly attractive quotations, the catalog being disregarded in most cases entirely. While there were none of the great rarities in the lot, there were unusual strips and individual items which brought prices tending to show that the demand for fine Confederates is beginning to equal the demand for choice U. S. issues. Everything described is on the entire cover, unless otherwise noted.

Among the Provisional Issues, a 5c Baton Rouge, showing an advertisement in corner, cataloging $85.00, sold at $137.50. A Charleston 5c amber envelope superb with dated cancellation, cataloging $30.00, brought $37.00. This is a very scarce item in fine condition, as fully 90% are fair only. A Macon 5c yellow, slightly rubbed, sold at $54.00, while a Mobile 5c tied to an advertising cover, reached $37.50. A superb pair sold at $90.00. A 2c black lightly tied on advertising cover, found a new owner at $156.00, while a Petersburg 5c on slightly torn cover, but stamp superb. reached $92.50. One of the choicest pieces in the sale was a New Orleans 2c blue, superb strip of five, tied to a neat cover with a New Orleans postmark, and this sold at $510.00. A 5c on Patriotic cover reached $55.00. A superb pair described as with "boardwalk margins" showing a New Orleans postmark, a "Missent", also Port Lavaca, Texas, dated postmark, changed hands at $45.00.

There were several "Blockade Runners" in the Stone collection and regarding these, Mr. Pollitz gives some interesting details, which it might be well to repeat. In late May of 1861, the Postmaster General ordered that all postal communications with the southern states should cease after May 31st. The express companies then undertook to transport the mails between the north and the south. On August 10, 1861, President Lincoln proclaimed that all commercial intercourse between the states was unlawful. On August 26th, the Postmaster General ordered the arrest of anyone furthering the written intercourse between the north and the south. Most of this business of carrying letters "thru the lines" was done by the Adams Express Co., they having two clearing houses, one on the north side at Louisville, and the other on the south side, at Nashville. Covers so carried and bearing postmarks of the Express Company, as well as the post offices in which the letter originated, sold at prices of $97.50, $110.00, $118.00 and $152.00, the latter price being paid for a neat cover bearing label of the American Express Company tied by blue Nashville, August 24th cancellation.

Official Envelopes, that is, envelopes overprinted for use of the several departments of the Confederate States, sold at prices ranging from $10.10 to $58.00.

Among the general issues, single copies of the 5c green sold from $4.30 up, a superb copy with Smithfield, Va., postmark reaching $25.75. One cover showing the same stamp with the "University Alabama" advertisement on the back, found a new owner at $35.50. Among the 10c blue of Hoyer & Ludwig, the choicest piece was a superb copy with flaw in upper left star tied with a Tudor Hall, Va., postmark, and this sold at $36.00. Other copies brought from $20.00 to $27.00, in accordance with desirability. Among the 5c blue, No. 203, a superb copy used with a 5c green from Chattanooga, sold at $50.00, while four copies cancelled Austin, Texas, on the same cover, reached $57.00. A small neat cover with red circular Pittslvania Court House, Va., May 16th, reached $80.00. A fine single 2c green brought $140.00, and a superb 10c rose in the real carmine shade sold at $126.00. Another outstanding item in the collection was a superb copy of the 10c rose used in connection with the 10c blue, on a forwarded cover showing Charleston, S. C., and Flat Rock, N. C., postmarks, both stamps in superb condition, which was knocked down at $400.00. A pair of the 10c rose from Mobile brought $220.00, and single copies in fine condition of the ordinary stamp went at prices from $26.00 to $91.00, the latter being paid for a superb copy on a small cover from Little Rock, Ark. A strip of three of the 10c Patterson along with a single tied to a Lexington, Va., cover brought $36.00, while a superb copy in a deep shade, from Warrenton, Ga., reached $22.00.

A 2c brown in a very fine pair along with the 10c, No. 210, both neatly tied, containing a printed letter, making an appeal in behalf of the Wayside Home of Charleston, reached $315.00. A magnificent strip of five of the same stamp with four enormous margins from Sparta, Ga., sold at $387.50, whereas a single copy from Richmond sold at $60.00.

In the case of the Outer Line variety, Mr. Stone had but two items, but both very choice. A superb copy on a neat cover from Chattanooga sold at $120.00, whereas a vertical pair of which but two are known, used from Richmond, sold at $700.00. A very fine pair of the "E cent, with one stamp slightly cut reached $180.00. Among the latt sues, it is noted that a superb st three No. 211 sold at $46.00, a copy with green circular Chester House, S. C., at $20.50, one with cancellation from Augusta, Ga., at and a superb pair on official cover the Confederate Post Office at Prisoner's letters showing the Con ate stamp used with a 3c 1861, s prices varying from $20.50 to $50.0

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TREASURE HUNTING

By Captain A. C. Townsend.

III.

As stated in my preceding article, Washington simply reeked with treasure around 1886, and for a few years I built up my collection and made enough money selling duplicates to buy myself a bicycle, tennis rackets, and about everything else that a growing boy wanted. I was the envy of a good many playmates who did not know the secret of my pocket money, and suspected me of having a rich father.

Sets of cardboard proofs of U. S. stamps were common, and I bought a good many for a dollar or two and sold them for five dollars, until I discovered that a good many of them were on India paper and could easily be soaked off, making them worth quite a bit more.

In one of my rambles I found a man in the Dept. of Justice who had a little screen on his desk to keep the sun from his face, and that screen was covered on both sides with Justice stamps he had taken a fancy to paste on it. They were all a bit sun-faded, but I bought them and had a great time soaking them off.

Another discovery was a gunny-sack full of Treasury Depts. The owner, a department clerk, told me that when he heard they were to be discontinued he had simply torn off all that came into his hands, taken them home and dropped them in the sack. I dickered with him on the price, and we finally agreed on $75.

I had no such money, so went to my father for it, and was promptly refused. He simply could not realize the value of stamps, and my collecting was a continual source of irritation to him. He claimed that I wasted entirely too much time on them that should be spent in study, so my request for so much money was emphatically turned down.

Then I went to a business friend, the Treasurer of our church, who was much in sympathy with boys and had a host of friends among them. When the story was told him he questioned me closely to see if I knew what I was talking about, and then loaned me the money. I promptly sorted and sold the lot to the only Washington dealer at that time for $225.

Then my school days came to an end. High School was over, and I went to work. Father put me with a friend to get some knowledge of engineering, and between hard work during office hours and my love for tennis, stamps were entirely forgotten.

Two years later, on an engineering job at Danville, Va., a family with whom I was boarding spoke of having a lot of Civil War letters from the husband, and I at once offered to buy the lot.

We went down cellar and there, in a wooden box, was the finest lot of Confederates I have ever seen—a number of the 1861 5c green and 10c blue, many of the 5c and 10c of 1862, and a lot of the later issues. In taking the letters

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St. Helena. The 7/6 is officially withdrawn.

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About that time I met H. F. Colman. I had decided to study law and had started in at night school. Colman lived near me, and when I told him I had sold my beloved collection to get school fees he didn't believe me. He thought stamps were a lot of nonsense.

He was then in the Genl. Land Office. I took the Civil Service examination, passed, and by chance was assigned there and put in his room. We often walked to and from office together—and I still talked stamps. Colman still said I was nutty, or words to that effect. But one day he ran across a set of proofs and asked me what they were worth. I told him I would give five dollars for them. He bought them for a dollar and brought them to me with a good deal of doubt in his eyes. When I gave him the five dollars he looked astonished!

He said, "Say, honestly, can you sell those things for more than that?" "Like a streak," I replied. "How much will you get for 'em?" "Ten dollars." "Well, I'll be doggoned," said H. F. "How long has this thing been going on?" And right there was the start of H. F. Colman as a stamp merchant. Last year he retired wealthy, and is living in his fine home on the Pacific coast. We had dinner together when he went thru Chicago last November, dear old boy.

During the next few years he and I did a lot of profitable stamp business. I finished law and, having realized long ago that I didn't want to practice, rolled my diploma, put it in a trunk and opened a stamp sales office, with Colman as a silent, but very active, partner. In the next article you will be told of the finding of the first Ten Cent Baltimore.

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Guarantees By Stamp Dealers

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING A TIME LIMIT ON RETURN OF FAKES

By HERMANN FOCKE.

On page 248 of the issue of April 8 the question is once more raised as to the definition of the "guarantee" that a stamp dealer should give to his customers of the genuineness of the stamps he sells. Though I have never dealt, but, as one might call it, just dabbled in stamps for about 44 years, on the other hand I have sold many things for over 30 years and, therefore, have, I believe, a rudimentary idea of the ethics of business, and may for that reason be excused for expressing my humble opinion on the above subject.

In my present line of selling produce and merchandise in general I naturally assume the moral responsibility of supplying my customers with the quality of goods which I am offering them. If it be a parcel of coffee, I sell on a sample, which is supposed to represent truly the quality of the entire lot, although this is, from a practical standpoint, impossible to guarantee. If, therefore, it develops on closer inspection that the quality of the lot is not equal to that of the sample, I am called upon to adjust any possible loss that may arise therefrom to the buyer, and eventually accept the cancellation of the sale; but a claim must be made within a reasonable time, which according to the size of the parcel sold is accepted to be from ten to thirty days.

In a way this should apply also to the sale of stamps or any other article, and to expect that a dealer should give a permanent guarantee, and that this guarantee should even be regarded transferable to a second buyer who acquires the stamp or stamps from the dealer's first customer, is in my opinion well nigh preposterous, because for the same reason it might be assumed that the dealer's guarantee or responsibility should be binding to his children and children's children after his death.

A guarantee of genuineness would apply, I presume, principally, to stamps of an exceptionally high value, ergo the so-called classics of which only a limited number is ever offered for sale, and of which more or less dangerous forgeries may exist, but most of these are either stamped with some well-known expert's mark, or they are so well described in the many philatelic works, that a buyer could convince himself of their genuineness to his entire satisfaction, before he makes the deal binding.

If, however, he is not satisfied, he then may ask the dealer for his guarantee in writing, but it should rest with him to take steps at once to obtain further proof, so that there shall remain in his mind no doubt about the genuineness of the purchased stamp, and thereupon he should release the dealer of his further responsibility.

This method would solve all the other questions raised in the article under reference, such as the amount to be refunded, interest on the original investment, and proof as to the dealer having been the seller of the particular stamp.

It may not always be possible to obtain infallible proof of genuineness of a certain stamp within a short time. Philatelic history has proved this on more than one occasion, and the time limit might be extended to as much as one year, but not more. I, myself, have had my experience where it took almost a year to obtain positive proof of a stamp being a forgery, in having bought, many years ago, from a small dealer in South America, a wonderful specimen of Switzerland No. 1, the famous pigeon of on a written guarantee that my would be refunded if it should be that the stamp was a forgery.

The stamp was on a wrapper, as sender the address of a prin Basle and addressed to a party in other town in Switzerland, with marks of both places, and I should have thought of any possible frau I not had knowledge of the dan forgeries which existed of this par stamp. To make certain, I sent th to a well-known dealer in Euro have it expertised; he passed on it ably, and so did several Swiss spe of his acquaintance, but not entire isfied, he sent the piece to a famo lector in Switzerland, who after careful study pronounced it to be, out doubt, the best executed coun that he had seen.

My man refunded the money furnished him with the docum proof, but insisted, nevertheless, th stamp was genuine.

On the other hand I have pur repeatedly valuable stamps from ble dealers, without guarantee, whi terwards turned out to be forger prints, etc., but the discovery was after a lapse of time, and I never of making a claim, because I had to take steps to find out my mist time. I could also cite several in

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I pointed out to highly reputed rs that stamps which they were offg for sale, either over the counter auction lots, were not genuine, and admitted their mistake, which only to show that even the best of them e mistaken.
fine:—find out in time and don't .

R. MITCHELL'S BUREAU
Catalog Supplement

By C. A. Carroll.

e first supplement to the fourth edif Dr. Mitchell's Bureau Print Cataas issued the last week in April by . Hudson, Plainfield, N. J., dealer. supplement bears the date of April proposes to make certain changes pricing of items listed in the last u catalog, but makes no attempt to le previously unlisted items, nor h is surprising) does it attempt to the items omitted from the fourth n through error.
ain in this supplement Dr. Mitchell plainly that he is dead set against varieties, especially coils, that have ought up in quantities at face and ing sold at high figures. Practicll downward revisions in the supplere directed at this class of ial. New Britain, La Crosse, Oklaa City and other high priced coils in for the Doctor's merited rebuff. uched Portland, Me., very lightly, gh he must know that at least three s have considerable supplies of There are still others to be brought before an equitable basis has been ed.
e rises have been largely confined e compound perf. ordinaries in the pes. In this direction, most of the changes in the next regular edition e expected. The compounds are the property in ordinaries, without a , and blocks are going to be espescarce from certain cities. The nore, Cincinnati, Memphis and delphia one cent all move upward. ugh these are small values from cities, they are all definitely on the de and will go much higher. The is true of the usually plentiful five from Baltimore, Columbus and Paul.
Mitchell may do well to look close- the formerly rarities from New ns, Girard and Houston. Some of will not be quite as good in the e as they were when the fourth edi- came from the press.

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FLORIDA STATE PRECANCELS
YOUTH WILL NOT BE DENIED IN RICHARD GARDNER OF QUINCY

By Prof. A. F. Gamber, Precancel Editor.

Down in Quincy, Florida, resides a youth of about 17 summers whose Florida precancel collection leads the world in its class.

A little over three years ago, while in the office of the Rotnem Stamp Company of Minneapolis one day, he conceived the idea of such a specialized collection. With him, to decide was to act, and he has been acting on that decision ever since. Just to give you an idea how decisively he acts: I remember his coming into the office of the Rotnem Company during the summer of 1927 to make a bid on just one Florida item that was listed for a coming auction sale. He made his bid on an auction sheet by writing the word "MINE" opposite the lot number. Effective, to say the least.

I have his collection here before me as I write. To me it is the most interesting and striking one I have ever seen, for the age of the one assembling it; striking in quantity (735 varieties from a state which is not at all prolific in its issues); striking in the immaculate condition of each item; striking in the arrangement and attractive mounting. Any man of mature years might well be proud to own this collection just as it stands. I surely would, for one.

Draw a little closer, precancel friends, while we dwell for a moment on what this go-getting youngster has gathered from the four corners of these United States. Florida's precancel towns divide themselves rather sharply into two classes, the smaller towns using rubber handstamps only, of which there is a constantly increasing number, and four large cities, Jacksonville, Miami, St. Petersburg and Tampa, which have used electros almost exclusively. At this moment I can't think of any other state where this cleavage is quite as sharp.

Bradenton and Deland are of the former category—tourist towns, using most of their precancels on tourist parcel post. You see he has most of them here, all in fine condition. In spite of its size, Jacksonville is a very hard town to come anywhere near completing. The type II (state name spelled out) is scarce, some of them really rare. Here he has the 8c 1908 in perfect condition, and, wonder of wonders, one of the Parcel Posts, the 15c, first one I have ever seen. In the FLA type he has a fine showing of the perf. 12 and 10's, and a better one of the old perf. 11's. Here are most of the doubles, and a strip of five of that real rarity, the old 10c double, one inverted, fit to be framed. In the 1922 set he has all but one or two (I doubt if the 17c is known reading up). In the short set of the old issue in the current tiny type he is complete, as well as in the 1922, 1923, and 1927 issues.

Lake City and Lake Worth won't detain us, anyone who can boast of one or two from each place is lucky. Here is a nice lot of Leesburg, then comes Miami. Those multigraph productions are mighty hard to find, he has nine of them. Not so good in the printed type on the old series, but nearly everything since 1922. Monticello, another handstamp town, everything known and then some. So with Orlando, with one or two exceptions. Five pages of Pensacola, there ought to be a law against any one person having so much from so hard a town. Plant City is well represented, considering its scarcity. His town of Quincy uses nothing but 1c and 1½c, here they are in quantity.

St. Augustine, that charming town, with the spell of Spanish colonial days still upon some parts of it, is all here. And now for St. Pete, like Jacksonville, hard to get in the earlies. Believe it or not, here are 11 pages of that city. That 50c double of the 1912 issue in the type still in use, takes my eye. And how about those two immaculate Parcel Posts in the big handstamped type? Who could ask for more? That boy's good, no joking!

And Tampa's earlies are not so easy to come by, either, though its heavy cigar shipments have distributed them more widely than those of the three other big cities have been. The handstamps are an exception to this, as they are used only in emergencies, when the supply of printed precancels is temporarily exhausted. The best Tampa type is the typeset one, catalogued as type IV. It would be interesting to know why this pretty type was ever resorted to, and why it was so quickly discarded. The reason that would occur to most precancel collectors is, that it was used because the electro was either mislaid or damaged for the time being. Anyway, this collection contains the fullest showing of them that I have yet seen.

We may conclude this write-up with a glance at his array of West Palm Beach, which is quite full and very interesting.

If there is a moral to all this, I think it is that juniors, if they be really in earnest, can hold up their end with adult collectors all the time. No man with all the precancel knowledge in the world could have built better or faster than has this boy. What boy, did you say? Why, Richard Gardner, of Quincy, Florida. If you want fuller information about his way of collecting, or have information on Florida precancels that you think he can use, drop him a line, he's quick on the corresponding trigger, and as likeable a chap as you'll meet in many a day. When I asked him for a photo to accompany this, he said to run one of John Gilbert's and let it go at that. It might, you know.

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SPERLING SALE CONTINUED

A REVIEW OF PRICES REALIZED ON THE BRITISH COLONIAL SECTION

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On April 12 to 20, 1929, the Scott Stamp & Coin Company sold at auction at the Collectors Club in New York, the British Colonial portion of the E. M. Sperling collection.

The outstanding piece of the four session sale, was a copy of the Canada 1851-12p black, lightly cancelled. The variety had margins on three sides, while at the top there was but a trace of margin, with the line slightly touched above the "12". This copy which catalogues $1,000 00 came from the Ferrari collection and being one of the most popular stamps of North America, brought $771.00, in spite of the small margin at the top. A proof of the same stamp on India paper surcharged "Specimen" was purchased at $15.50. Among the Bahamas were several errors, a Special Delivery 5p with double surcharge selling at $27.00. With inverted surcharge the same stamp reached $71.00, while a cover showing a double surcharge, one inverted, found a new owner at $41.00. The vertical pair of the 1p surcharged "War Tax" of which one copy was normal and the lower variety double surcharge, one inverted, went into a famous collection of West Indies at $75.00. The same stamp in horizontal pair double surcharge, one inverted, reached $82.50. The Bangkok issues brought good prices throughout, few items going at less than half catalogue, and some brought substantial quotations, such as the 90c listed at $50.00, selling at $45.00. Barbados, 1878, 1p on half of 5sh sold from $40.00 to $75.00, depending upon condition and variety. In Bechuanaland, the very scarce 2p with green surcharge, No. 27, which is missing in most collections, sold at $42.00. A rare Bermuda 3p on 1 penny went at $74.00, while a piece of cover showing a British Columbia 1865 5c rose and 10c blue Nos. 3 and 4, the former stamp badly damaged at the bottom, found a new owner at $140.00. The later issues of the same colony brought very substantial figures, ranging from three-quarters to well over full catalogue. Not a single country in the entire sale brought better proportions of catalogue quotations, tending to show that the higher Gibbons' prices are more in line than prevailing Scott quotations.

A fine copy of British East Africa 1898 50R lilac mint sold at $60.00. Among the early British Guiana an 1852 1c, No. 6, sold at $87.00, while a rubbed copy of the 4c sold at $20.50, again tending to prove that it pays to buy superb copies in all cases. An 1856 4c, No. 14, the finest of this country in the collection, sold at $240.00. Canada throughout brought substantial prices and wherever the stamps were described as "very fine", they reached full catalogue or more. An 1852 6p, No. 15, on thick paper sold at $28.00, the 10p, No. 7, at $47.00, the 6p, No. 13, at $82.00, and a vertical strip of four with imprint of the 10c, No. 16a, full o. g., and very fine, passed into a well-known Canadian collection at $105.-00, although it catalogues as individual stamps but $60.00. A Cape of Good Hope 1sh dark green, No. 6a, in block of four mint brought $72.00, while a Cayman Islands 2½p on 4p, No. 20, reached $55.00. Ceylon went at fairly low proportions of catalogue with very few exceptions, while an error No. 146a, of which it is said but three copies exist, sold at $26.00.

Two very popular stamps to British Colonial collectors, are Lagos 1884, 5sh and 10sh, No. 24 and No. 25, very fine mint copies of each brought $40.50 and $90.00, respectively. The 1914, 10sh, mint superb, sold at $32.50. A New Brunswick 1851, 6p olive-yellow, with small thin spot, reached $33.00, while the shilling touched at top, sold at $111.00. Fine copies of this stamp are quite rare and are difficult to obtain. Among the early Newfoundland, all of the rarities were in second rate condition, so brought but small proportion of catalogue. Unfortunately, the same remarks applied to many of the other rarities, such as the Nova Scotia, 1 shilling, cut into at top, close margins on other sides with heavy cancellation which sold at $33.00. Among the St. Vincent were some really choice specimens such as the 1871 5sh rose, superb, cataloguing at $150.00, selling at $176.00. The ½p on half of 6p, No. 30, mint, brought $23.50, and the three rare surcharges, No. 31, No. 32 and No. 33, the latter however with a thin spot, sold at $49.00, $48.00 and $101.00, respectively. A Southern Nigeria £1 1902 mint, reached $31.00, while the $25 Federated Malay States, No. 17, sold at $36.00.

A mint Togo, 2m, No. 63, reached $265.00. Turks Islands when in fine condition brought good prices, the 2½ on 1sh, No. 31, selling at $50.00 and No. 38 at $34.00—nearly full catalogue. The high values of the late issue of Zanzibar which have always been difficult to obtain brought prices which reflected their rarity, in most cases, going over catalogue. The 1908 20R, listing at $30.00, selling at $36.50, the 30R at $55.00, and the 40R, in spite of a gum crease, at $31.00.

The sessions were well attended and the Scott Company announces the selling of the Sperling French Colonies at an early date.

FORGED MALTA INVERTED SURCHARGE

Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, writes under date of April 16, 1929: "During the last three months, three prominent dealers have reported to me that they have been offered copies of the three pence overprinted POSTAGE, 1926, with inverted surcharge. The stamp is Scott No. 122, and Gibbons 149. I think it is necessary that collectors in general be warned against these stamps, as the specimens that have been submitted to me are undoubted forgeries."

HERE AND THERE—

WE have received a breezy letter Elmer D. Colcord in which he ments upon the George Rogers Vincennes stamp. He feels a little p because the stamp cannot be fou hardly any post office, and in this h be joined by many of our subscriber refers to the shades of carmine th stamp offers, and especially to th rieties that can be obtained through ty registration in the printing. Mr. cord thinks that one might speciali the pronunciation of the Clark-Vinc stamp. Among other specimens in hi lection he has the "Vin-see-knees," scenes," "Van-scenes," "Van-Sane," sen," "Vince-knees," "Van-Sawn," "Vine-Senz." It appears to us that Colcord is trying to qualify as an tant to Mr. Farr and his "Fun Fo

WE have had submitted by Ge Jaeger the new one santimi L with the Swastika watermark. same as before.

HERMAN W. BOERS inform that a 2c cigarette tax stamp Michigan is in the offing due to the ing of such a bill by both branch the Michigan legislature.

WE thank some kind friend who member of the Los Angeles Fi telic Club for the sending of a menu of the annual banquet held Mo evening, April 8, at the Commercial in Los Angeles. It is a very nice pr tion and the program furnished upon occasion indicated that a live ba committee was on the job. The that this committee consisted of a B a Weisbrod, a Russell and a Plate v indicate the abilities of the committ provide a good program. Upon the er is a handsome block of four o Clark stamps appropriately cancelle

WE are informed by Francis H that the Philatelic Agency at W ington has exhausted its supply o Hawaii, 5c Ericsson, and the 4c 192 plate. This will be interesting news

Stop Press News

ortant Washington News

TMASTER GENERAL HAS IN-TED SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW SET OF STAMPS

ressman Ackerman also advises t a new Edison Commemora-ve may be expected this month

(Special Wire to the WEEKLY)

WASHINGTON, May 7.

e Postmaster General has invited stions for new designs for a full f adhesive postage stamps. A new n Commemorative is expected this n. In the new tariff bill just re-l to the House, it is recommended he duty be removed from United stamps.

ERNEST R. ACKERMAN, M. C.

above wire from Congressman man is one of great importance. ave rarely published in the WEEKLY ort a paragraph in which so much ews is conveyed. These three items l of great importance, and our sub-rs will appreciate the promptness which we are able to convey this nation. Further particulars will no be furnished next week by Mr.

INDIANAPOLIS SHOW

rd D. Shockley, Box 1495, Indian-Indiana, will be glad to handle mail covers sent to him in connec-ith the Indianapolis Aviation Show, 7 to June 2. There will be a dif-colored cachet each day. Mr. ley adds "give weight to the pes."

ITISH COMMEMORATIVES

n the Universal Postal Union con-n London this month a set of com-rative stamps is to be issued that honor to the occasion. Not very is known in regard to design and inations. Rumor has it that ive values will be included in the he British stamp journals give particulars, but we shall soon he details.

SOME FIRST FLIGHTS

night flight, May 1, CAM 20, cachet and postmark by courtesy ry E. Klotzbach.

flight, May 1, CAM 28, St. Louis-, Omaha cachet and postmark by y of R. L. Bell, Fort Dodge, Ditto with Kansas City cachet stmark.

flight, May 6, CAM 19, Balti-Md., cachet and postmark by cour-bert E. Gorham. We are indebt-Michael Miller for a similar y.

TED STAMP SOCIETIES

11th annual convention of the Stamp Societies will be held at Mass., May 30. Letters sent to Halvorsen, Hotel Lincoln, Salem, will be returned with convention

GRAF ZEPPELIN RETURN TRIP

(Clipping from E. D. Mullin)

Upon the strength of information received from the Post Office Department, we announced that the mail for the return trip of the Graf Zeppelin should be sent immediately to Lakehurst, N. J. According to the best available information, the Graf is now scheduled to leave Germany May 15 for Lakehurst, N. J., and the return trip is tentatively set for May 25. Mail must be marked "by Graf Zeppelin from Lakehurst, N. J.," and the Government reserves the right to send the mail by steamer unless instructed upon the cover to return to sender.

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Yours sincerely,

GUY W. A. CAMP,
President S. P. A.

BERG STOCK TO BE SOLD

We recently announced the death of Th. Berg who had become well-known in the stamp trade as a firm believer in the value of British Colonials. A stock of approximately $50,000 in value is to be disposed of by O. Mathieson, Winterton, N. Y., the administrator of the estate. Advertisement in our next issue.

AN ODD "NEBR" VARIETY

Joseph J. Gloeb, publisher of the *Precancel Bee*, calls our attention to a very interesting variety of the 2c "Nebr" stamp. He submits a pair upon one of which the overprint is a trifle taller than the other. The difference is clearly marked and sufficient to attract the attention of a casual observer. We quote from Mr. Gloeb's letter written from Omaha under date of May 1:—

"Note closely on the pair of 2c that the types vary somewhat. The overprint on the upper stamp shows the type a little taller than the overprint on the lower stamp. I drove out to Fremont this A. M. where I got these stamps. I bought two sheets of the 2c, and I noticed that the 5th and 6th rows showed Nebr in taller letters—this happened on one sheet. On the other sheet I noticed just the 5th row showing the taller letters. I don't believe the types used were of different character or size—it looks to me like a stretching of the plates when they were curved, consequently making the letters in certain rows appear taller. Yet, it seems funny that two rows on one sheet, and only one row in the other shows that variety. These will probably not be classed as errors but will nevertheless constitute a variety."

HE GUM THAT FAILS

e has been many remarks ranging icetious to fractious about the ten-of the gum on our stamps to s job. Many users say that they make the stamp stick, and others by saying that the gum should masticated off the backs of the We yield the palm to the chap rote to the New York *Times* as and long may he spread humid-humor:

WO-CENT STAMPS FOUND TO BE STICKIEST

Editor of The New York Times:

e stamp-sticking controversy both sides are right. Some stamps stick. Some don't. Those that don't are printed more faintly or with lighter ink.

I got a sheet of the pale pink sort recently and found that they were all short on gum. One letter came back to me because the postage had dropped off. I daubed paste on the others.

So now I buy stamps as I buy strawberries, selecting the ripe, red ones.

I should add that I am using the same stamp-moistening machine that I got sixty years ago, and it has not yet run dry.

EDWIN E. SLOSSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11, 1929.

(Clipped by Mr. Gardner Teall.)

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5	10.00	6.00	34	1.50	.80	52a	12.00	7.00	75	15.00	9.00
6	12.00	7.00	35	2.00	1.10	53	2.50	1.35	80	2.00	1.25
10	1.50	.80	36	2.50	1.35	54	8.00	4.75	82a	1.50	.90
11	1.50	.80	39	1.25	.65	55	13.50	8.00	86	20.00	12.00
16	1.00	.60	42	2 00	1.20	57	75.00	40.00	87	2.50	1.60
18	1.25	.65	43	2.50	1.35	62	3.00	1.75	88	50.00	30.00
19	2.50	1.30	44	12.00	7.00	63	8.00	4.75	89	5.00	3.20
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Sevard's Twinkles

Have you ever heard of a one-legged man having a pain in the foot of his missing leg? Of course, that is possible, and occurs in theory many times. Since Gray wrote his famous treatise on human anatomy, no advance has been made, except for an appendix, yet we feel that any publication which pulsates from the heart of New York City, especially in the auricles, is pretty far from a Maryland ventricle box permit. Have a heart.

We read that over 2,600 towns here and about are asking for air mail airports. Each one will in turn ask for a dedication cachet, and we suppose we are supposed to develop temperatures over such measly things. As a branch of stamp collecting, such cachets lack rank, and at present, the position of the official hostess for them hasn't been decided. For local history, these cachets are all they are intended to be,—advertisements for using air mail in that particular section, but to stamp collectors, they do not add to any philatelic history but what has been written previously. The import of any stamp or cover is merely in proving an assertion of philatelic history. Local import must not be confused with national progress.

Pen cancels today are not rare. One finds them in large cities, as well as in small communities. But the ones from rural towns are interesting, in that the pen cancel is usually composed of written words, like Special Delivery, Insured, Registered, with dates, town names, and official P. M.'s. Special mail in a small community is not to be taken lightly, and hence, the heavy pen and ink sketches.

The box cancel is a small rectangle containing the town's name, with the state abbreviation. There is no date in connection with this cancel, and is supposedly to be used for other than first class mail matter in smaller offices. These rectangles often appear on first class matter in colors. They are not rare, although most copies seen are from the Corn Belt states. A busy postmaster with farm machinery spare parts coming in and mail orders going out, must be excused for violating a few regulations.

Many have often noticed the crimp in the envelope paper on the circular dies, especially below or near the N in CENTS. Any embossing press has a tendency to crimp paper by reason of the uneven drawing up of the paper. In large quantity work, like that of embossing the 2c envelope, one may encounter many reasons for finding a crimp, but the continual finding of the crimp in the same place should result in a remedy for its elimination. The majority of the crimps appear on the die A size 13 envelopes with 1925 horizontal watermark. Whether the crimp will continue with the 1929 watermark is a condition to be studied. Nobody is going to put a crimp in the envelope collecting if we can help it.

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OUR advertising columns may be depended upon to present the news of the week in a practical way that is apt to make some of the reading columns none too colorful by comparison. We select the advertisement of Mr. Charles J. Phillips as illustrating the predominant news value that a paid announcement may have. We find that Mr. Phillips has been empowered to sell Mr. Arthur Hind's incomparable collection of United States and Confederate States intact for the sum of $550,000, or somewhat over a half million dollars. Mr. Phillips, who handled the great Duveen collection, may be congratulated upon having been entrusted to dispose of the wonderful accumulation belonging to Mr. Hind. Thus in placing himself in Mr. Phillips' hands, Mr. Hind has bestowed on him a mark of distinction and confidence. Mr. Hind by no means is retiring as a collector, but his collection of U. S. and Confederate States is so exceedingly complete, reposing as it does in eleven extra large volumes, that he rarely has an opportunity to add to it. The inference is that as a consequence of this difficulty, Mr. Hind's interest in this group has ebbed, but the statement may be made with certainty that he is not losing his collecting inclination. The decision to sell the lot intact is one that will be approved as there is a popular regard for Mr. Hind's U. S. and Confederates that would be succeeded by regret if it were known that the stamps comprising this matchless showing would be scattered all over the philatelic domain. It is safe to say that the collection is the most magnificent one in the world of the whole group, and the condition of the stamps is said to be exceptionally good. The price placed on it will make an impression, and now that the collection will be transferred in right, title and interest, Mr. Hind's monumental achievement will be followed with a keen eye. Truly, this collection may well be called, "Americana." The term extends beyond philately by implication, and the day is coming when collectors of Americana will recognize stamp issues as typifying an important place in our "ana."

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WE wish again to say that we do not wish to be represented as favoring the issue of special stamps to mark various occasions that interested persons are promoting. Several enthusiastic readers evidently have written to say that we are campaigning for several commemorative issues, but such is not the case. We mention suggestions of the kind without bias, in a news sense and usually our stand is a neutral one.

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THE Washington Philatelic Society scores in graciousness, and we are glad that the members were considerate enough to send resolutions of sympathy to King George. Many collectors felt that the King's illness was brought home to them a little nearer than to the man on the street because of philatelic kinship; and though they may have wanted to show their solicitude, they did not know how to proceed to do so. The Washington philatelists took means that were successfully adopted, as will be seen from the following notice that has come to us in an envelope bearing the return card of the Washington *Star*, a newspaper that may have carried the story. At any rate we are pleased to have the news: "Sympathy for a fellow stamp collector, King George of England, in his recent serious illness, expressed by the Washington Philatelic Society in formal resolutions, has brought an acknowledgment from the British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, conveying the thanks of Queen Mary. In a letter from the British Embassy, dated April 8, Ambassador Howard writes: 'Gentlemen: I transmitted to His Majesty's Principal of State for Foreign Affairs the kind message of sympathy which you addressed to His Majesty the King on the occasion of your annual banquet of December last. I have now been instructed by Sir Austin Chamberlain to convey to you the sincere thanks of Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of the King for your kind interest, which was warmly appreciated.' King George is the owner of what is reported to be the most important collection of stamps of Great Britain and British Colonies in the world. His collection has served to pass the hours of enforced idleness on former occasions of indisposition, and he may be assumed to have found diversion in studying his stamps when his condition has permitted during his recent illness."

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WE have had in hand for some days a special dispatch to the Indianapolis *News* telling of a stamp famine in Nashville, Indiana, caused by an innocent wish to conform to the fitness of things. A committee in Nashville having in charge the preparations for the Brown county blossom festival, used green ink on its stationery, and with an eye for a color scheme selected two of the one cent green for the postage on each letter. Before a halt was called, so industrious was the committee, the stock of the one cent stamps of the local office was exhausted. Thereupon, the tourists passing through that charming town were forced to abstain from postal card activities, thereby depriving Nashville of a bit of attention. The hopeful P. M. of Nashville felt that the deprivation was only temporary and that in response to his cry of distress, a supply of the humble one cent stamp would soon be installed. The postmaster at Nashville, Indiana, should be given a cheer for not at ing to furnish a provisional st during the crisis.

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A LETTER has been received correspondent who signs "Behind the Scenes," and who p to give a glimpse of those who "p strings to make the puppets dance envelope of this anonymous critic marked New York, and in answer cynical comments, we say that fe fessions, pursuits or pastimes ca pare favorably with philately i immunity from manufactured Propaganda is almost wholly ab our world and no organized effo made to create public philatelic sen It is true that philatelic worke aware of the benefits that com publicity in the form of printed and exhibitions, and consequentl work to that end. No sinister inf are created and no harmful doct preached in collecting circles tha be dignified with the term, propa While philately may not be invul our correspondent's shafts strike mor in one of the thickest spots, will have to get other arrows quiver if he hopes to make an imp

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A CORRESPONDENT in New Mr. Herschell Astor, has been ous enough to send us a booklet Return-Request Letter Stamps, C containing almost the four pages These booklets of forty-eight stam not seen often nowadays, but the these stickers was not uncommon late '80's, when the labels were en to provide a return address for u erable letters that bore them. Th lithographed labels in slate bo words: "Trade Mark. If not ered in 6 days, return to National Return Association, Chicago, Ill., A." On each book was the user's number. Every now and then, these stamps comes to the surface the object of inquiry, notwithst that these labels have been de frequently in the stamp press. The ger of the enterprise was J. E. head, who had a name as an in and whose signs are remembered Chicagoans. Mr. P. M. Wolsieff one of the last patrons of this asso whose labels cannot claim any p standing, even though they did some association with a posta venience.

Two Days After 302

Auction Sale Catalog was mailed the bids for it started to come in. It is a good sale. Do not delay sending bids early. It helps both of us. And, by the way, this is a splendid 19th & 20th Century sale of United States, British Colonies, etc. Look the catalog over.

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OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Mentioned the Mazatlan, Mexico, route last week. Started March 9, halted at Durango, and carried on to Mazatlan April 8. Leslie A. Boone now reports that only about 30 letters made this complete first trip, and less than 200 from Matamoras Apr. 8th, 1st complete service.***Still another mention of the Brownsville flight, then I'm going to leave that for a while. Mr. L. B. Gatchell, editor of the Contract Section of the catalog, tells me that the postmaster at Brownsville was undoubtedly working under great difficulties due to the illness of his wife, who died the following week. Not that all the responsibility for the varieties previously noted belongs to him, but I simply mention this in the hopes that you folks that started a bunch of hot letters in that direction may be led to wait a bit next time till you know what it's all about.

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There's a lot of other good information in the advance copy of Mr. Gatchell's department in *The Air Mail Collector*, dealing with contracts, but I haven't room to give it all here, if I did have nerve enough to grab it. Look it up in the May issue, if you haven't already seen it.

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The C. of C., Albuquerque, N. M., is offering to receive letters for the first flight that they hope to have on a new route soon. Nothing announced, but if you like to be safe, that's one way.***The early bird was about the only one who got in on the first flight out of Baltimore on the New York-Washington shuttle route May 5th. Notice came just a few days prior to the opening date, too late even for our "Stop Press". It's worth noting, incidentally, that this stop is in effect only for the shuttle morning and evening planes, and not the regular night trip to Atlanta. Full service will doubtless be given as soon as the Baltimore field is lighted.

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The Oakland Chamber of Commerce has been holding covers for the much mentioned speedboat service for some time, and the end is not yet. Therefore they fixed up a special cachet and mailed all these out May 1st on the first night flight from the Oakland airport. They will provide the speedboat cachet when, as, and if that service starts in the future.

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Just as I was writing these notes, the mail brought in an interesting cover from Townsend F. Southard. He'd heard that the Eaker flight to Panama, dawn-to-dusk, would carry mail, and sent a bunch of covers to Brownsville for it, addressed to David, C. Z. The Brownsville P. M. sent it by the first FAM flight to Mexico City. It shows postmarks of Brownsville Mar. 9, Cristobal Mar. 17, Transito-Panama Mar. 20, David Mar. 23; thence returned to sender unclaimed—David Apr. 6, Panama-Transito Apr. 14, Miami Apr. 23, Fort Lauderdale (missent) Apr. 24, and West Palm Beach Apr. 24—and all for 27c postage.

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DEDICATIONS AND OTHER UNOFFICIALS

Pontiac, Mich., dedication June 15 and 16. Probable cachet by C. of C.***Durant, Okla., has postponed for several months, but C. of C. will hold covers—Ditto on Amarillo, Texas.***A cachet will be used at the Newark, N. J., Aviation Show soon to be held. Valentine Feind, 280 S. 8th St., Newark, kindly offers to look after covers. Time will be either July or September.***Tarkio, Mo., will dedicate May 21. Matter of cachet still uncertain, but it looks like a fine chance for a Lindbergh tie-up.

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Several unusual dedication covers in recently. Belgrade, Mont., dedicated Apr. 22. Nobody provided a cachet, so the P. M. obligingly wanting to do something for those who had sent in covers, hit them all with the registry hand stamp instead of the regular postmarker. Thanks!***Goldendale, Wash., was another place that evidently had to make a last minute provision for cachet. It's obviously a mimeographed job, and it looks like the stencil had been cut in a hurry. The most evident slip of the typewriter is the year date of 1928 instead of 1929. A few have the 9 added in ink. Date was Apr. 24th.

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Bay City, Mich., is another city not sure yet about a cachet. They'll probably have one if they get the covers coming in. Probable date is early June.*** Palestine, Texas, mentioned a few weeks ago, mailed only 250 air mail, and 50 2c letters March 30, with their dedicatory cachet, provided by the C. of C. Ought to be good.***Walla Walla, Wash., C. of C. is taking letters for their dedication, soon to occur.

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The Cape Henry, Va., cachet applied Apr. 26, commemorating the landing of Capt. Newport and Party in 1607, came through in good order, applied in black and red by local civic organizations.*** The American Legion at Waynesboro, Pa., sponsored the dedication of the local airport April 27th, and applied an attractive cachet in purple.***Corsicana, Texas, also chose Apr. 27th, but, instead of a cachet, attached a printed red, white, and blue sticker, with the commemorative dedication statement and signed by the Mayor, R. W. Wheelock. In addition, all my covers bore the signature of P. Mayer, Postmaster. Bet their hands were tired.

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New ones coming thick and fast. Among the ones reported or confirmed this week are McAlister, Okla., July 1, possible cachet by C. of C.; Sumter, S. C., sometime in the early summer, also a possible cachet if they get in a lot of covers; Santa Rosa, Cal., postponed to May 18; Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 13th, a cachet now assured by C. of C. with probable flight to Buffalo; and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., now practically sure of a C. of C. cachet—early summer.***Supplementing last week's note, local Chambers of Commerce are coöperating with the CAM 26 contractors, and will have a special folder for mailing on May 20th, with the special Lindbergh Day cachet. The various Chambers will doubtless address these for you if you send postage.

PERFECTION IS THE KEYNOTE OF MY NEXT **AUCTION**

This sale will be held on May 27th and will include an unusually large number of lots described as very fine, superb, and perfection. There are over 400 lots of United States, including a perfection o. g. block of four of the 50c perf. 10 no wmk. with side margin. There are numerous other 20th century blocks, rare coils, etc., and scarce early imperforates. The foreign are also a wonderful lot, particularly strong in British Colonials. If you are an active bidder at auction it will pay you to write for a catalogue, which will be mailed free on request. [01c

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Collectors We Have Met

Once in a while we run across a collector who is not afraid to spend money to get a certain stamp to fill in a set, no matter what the cost may be. Anyone who bids at auction or attends a large sale, knows that stamps often sell at full catalogue or double catalogue value. Now what is the collector going to do who is always crying for 50% off catalogue prices? The louder he cries the more fussy he claims to be getting, so that if he is sent a superb stamp at only 25% off catalogue he immediately gets peeved and says that he can do better elsewhere.

There are many inconsistent collectors. They want superb copies at 50% discount, but it is strange how they will buy straight edges or damaged ones at 60% or 75% off catalogue. Certainly it would be better and cheaper in the long run to buy a fine copy at 25% discount instead of a poor copy at 75% discount.

Many collectors also get the idea that because stamps of certain countries can be bought at big discounts that they can buy United States and mint British Colonies, and a host of other popular stamps at such discounts.—A. C. LeDuc.

Panes

In printing the larger sheets of stamps the impressions are arranged in two or more blocks on the plate and these sections are, in the printed stamps, referred to as *panes*. For instance, many of the current stamps for certain British colonies are issued in sheets of 240 specimens, but these sheets are divided into four panes of 60 stamps each. A narrow strip of margin separates the panes vertically and a wider strip horizontally.

Around each pane (or the block of stamps if the sheet is not divided into panes) of most of the British and British Colonial stamps printed by De La Rue & Co. since 1887 what is known as a *Jubilee line* is shown. This is a line in the same color of the stamp—or in the color of one or both sections of the design if the stamps happen to be bicolored—which is placed about one-eighth of an inch from the outside margin of the outer stamps, so as to prevent undue pressure occurring on the edges of the plates. At first the lines were continuous, but for the last eight years or so the lines have been cut into lengths corresponding with the height of the stamps on the side margins, and with the width of the labels on the upper and lower margins. They are known as Jubilee lines from the fact that they were first used in 1887—the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

Junior Contest

BEACH CONGER, JR.

Before announcing the names of the winners of the contest, I would like to state that, because of the quality of the entries, it was impossible to pick first, second, and third places for the prize winners. I have classed the winners in two groups, the first four all having obtained the score of 100, and the next six having received 98¾.

Seymour Green, 39 S. Wyoming Ave., Ardmore, Pa.; Gordon Walker, 1602 Brandon Rd., Petersburg, Va.; Laddy Markus, Gillette State Hosp., St. Paul, Minn.; Ronald Childs, Tionesta, Pa.

E. P. Chamberlayne, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, Va.; William Keyes, Jr., 833 S. Stanley Ave., Los Angeles; Lester Marmorstein, 58 Howe Ave., Passaic, N. J.; H. L. Fell, Jr., 506 W. 37th Street, Savannah, Ga.; Arthur F. Doe, Jr., Sheepscot, Maine; Maxine Herzler, 300 N. 19th St., Richmond, Ind.

The contest on the whole was a huge success, judging from the number of responses received. There was an allowance to be made for several answers which could be made to one question, but all were taken into consideration and judged carefully. A large number of contestants received the next highest grade of 97½. Better luck next time! The answers follow:

Part 1

(1.) China, (2.) Canada, (3.) Brazil and France, (4.) Great Britain and Roman States, (5.) Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Mexico, etc., (6.) New Zealand, (7.) Value 2 centavos, (8.) Union of South Africa, (9.) Austria, Bosnia Herz., (10.) New Zealand, (11.) Martha Washington, Pocahontas, (12.) Russia, (13.) Siam, (14.) Japan, (15-20.) Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Cuba, Guam, Canal Zone.

Part 2

(1.) Azores, (2.) Bavaria, (3.) Bosnia, (4.) Brunswick, (5.) Czechoslovakia, (6.) Serbia, (7.) Danish West Indies, (8.) Germany, (9.) Estonia, (10.) Ireland, (11.) Venezuela, (12.) Spain, (13.) Philippines, (14.) Switzerland, (15.) Iceland, (16.) Crete, (17.) Latvia, (18.) Lithuania, (19.) Hungary, (20.) Norway, (21.) Russia, (22.) Austria, (23.) Orange Free State, (24.) Turkey, (25.) Poland, (26.) Prussia, (27.) Albania, (28.) Jugo-Slavia, (29.) Sweden, (30.) Cuba, Porto Rico.

Part 3

(1.) Port., (2.) Fr., (3.) G. B., (4.) It., (5.) Fr., (6.) G. B., (7.) Bel., (8.) Neth., (9.) G. B., (10.) Fr., (11.) Port., (12.) Den., (13.) Fr., (14.) G. B., (15.) Ger., (16.) Ger., (17.) G. B., (18.) Port., (19.) Port., (20.) G. B., (21.) G. B., (22.) G. B., (23.) Fr., (24.) G. B., (25.) Fr., (26.) Sp., (27.) G. B., (28.) Fr., (29.) G. B., (30.) Port.

Kionga

In 1916 certain stamps of Lourenzo Marques were surcharged with new values and the word Kionga. There seems to be little known about these stamps or how much use was ever made of them. They were supposed to have been used in a part of German East Africa occupied by a Portuguese Colonial Force. This area of Kionga was transferred to the colony of Mozambique after the end of the World War, and now constitutes a part of that territory.—A. C. LeDuc.

Be Proud Of Your Hobby

By A. HIPPCHEN.

There are many collectors who are real honest to goodness philatelists, but they keep under cover; for some reason or other they do not want it to be known that they collect pieces of paper. This may have been all right in the past, but today, no one need fear anything or anyone's opinion if he is a collector. The stamp collector today is looked upon as a man more than the average man; he is looked upon as a little farther advanced; he is looked upon as a man of character because he collects stamps. He is just so far ahead of the man that does not collect stamps, that he is better posted on things in general, he therefore has more knowledge than the non-collector. The non-collector with a blank look in his face will ask the question, "Why collect these pieces?" What is there to it! He at once admits that he is so far behind the times, and little does he realize how much he is missing, a wonderful fascination, a wonderful recreation.

You have every reason to be proud that you are blessed as one of those that enjoy the most wonderful of all hobbies, Stamp Collecting. Be proud, admit that you are a real collector, let everyone know that you are a collector of postage stamps; talk stamps, give others a start by donating a few stamps to them, that they may also enjoy this hobby. Do not be selfish. Everyone has some duplicates, send a few to a friend, or give a few to a non-collector; tell him what he is really missing, joys derived from the art of stamp collecting; tell him in your own way, just what a kick you get out of it. You must realize that a lot of fellows cannot understand until they are shown. You being a collector, are a much wiser man, you are farther advanced; it is therefore up to you to try and help your fellow man. You have not the slightest idea how much good you may be doing. You know full well that a man that collects stamps has no time to be downcast; his stamps keep his mind on the finer things of life, his mind is continuously traveling to various countries, he sees the beautiful art of nature depicted in his stamps. The fascination and pleasure of collecting is almost unexplainable in words. Therefore I say again, tell others; get others interested in collecting, talk stamps, sing stamps, and even dream stamps; there certainly is a lot of satisfaction to it. You will agree with me.

I am talking from a purely hobby point of view, not as an investment; not for what you get out of it in a monetary way, but from the pleasures you derive, from the joy of things we do in this hustle and bustle of life. We always look toward getting a kick out of things we do, and if you can tell me a better thing, a better hobby whereby you can get a bigger kick, tell me about it.

If you were a golf player, you would tog up in a golf outfit, short pants, woolen sox, spiked shoes, carrying a couple sticks in your arm, you would walk miles to the golf course, or ride if you had a gas buggy, and you would feel proud that you are one of these ball chasers, still as one who collects postage stamps you keep it under cover. So put on your stamp togs, put your stamp book under your arm, go to your nearest stamp club, or to a non-collector's home, show them you play stamps, show them that it is your hobby and be proud of it. It may be out of order in this article, but I am going to mention that the Postage Stamp Club of Chicago is a real philatelic club with club-rooms in the heart of Chicago. Don't blame me for mentioning this, as being the president I am somewhat interested in the club.

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Asked the 'rikisha man.
"I'm not", she answered,
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A lot has been said about the 24c U air stamp with inverted center, but, c plains Chester W. Hodgson, no catal has noted this same issue with inve border. Mr. H. also notes a variet the current 5c U. S. airs, which has center and border inverted, one of wh he states, was recently placed on a l *upside down.* (Ches, you had us st ing on our head trying to get a me concept of that monstrosity.)

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—BIG BIL

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Now really, B. B., does it take so m "lickering" to stick on a stamp?

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Dedicated to Our Contributors

(Apologies to Greenlief W.)

Blessings on thee, writer man,
Delighter of the Forum Fan.
Send another item soon,
Another merry lilting tune;
Make the ol' bull's eye go "Whang
With some more high-powered slang
Seasoned, twisty, full o' tang.
From my heart I give thee joy;
You're the berries. Atta boy!

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Had you ever thought
what would happen
if a stutterer
tried to pronounce
the Fun Forum headi

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We'll take it, Doc.—"Your Fun For certainly came out fine in the last nu ber of MEKEEL'S. Am studying up small homeopathic dose for your colu and will send it soon."—REV. H. N. V.

MODERN AUSTRALIAN RARITY

By Donald McDonald.

t cannot happen very often in these s of keen Philately that a high-value tish Colonial stamp should be issued, form its proper function, and then ost completely disappear from mortal , yet this has occurred with a stamp ed in Australia in 1922 and which seems definitely to be in the class of ties. The stamp in question is the £1 mmonwealth of Australia (1915-1922 e) overprinted for use in New nea with the inscription "N.W. PACIFIC ANDS" in what is generally known as fifth or uniform setting (S.G. No.). Readers will remember that in arly days this overprint occurred on values up to £1 in three minor varie- but that in 1918 this anomaly disap- ed and an overprint came into use ch was uniform over the whole sheet.

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ey were chronicled in due course in philatelic press and came on the et in the ordinary way in both mint used states. But at the same time hroniclers began to list the £1 stamp ving appeared to complete the series, from the chronicles it of course got the catalogues. But nobody seemed to have seen it; it was never found ocks or auctions; and we know now the announcement of its birth was ature, but the fact remains that it nto the catalogues and there it has ined ever since.

1923 there was published an official f the numbers of stamps overprinted New Guinea, and from this it ap- d that no £1 stamps were prepared een August, 1916—when the old rint alluded to above was in use— July, 1922, and, further, that during latter month a parcel of 960 £1 s was sent from Melbourne to New ea.

t still no £1 stamps with the uni- overprint appeared on the market o fresh chronicles of its occurrence published, even in the Australian als. The writer had been search- dealers' stocks and auction cata- s for it since 1919, and had done est to ransack the philatelic litera- of England and Australia in search ything authentic about it, all en- without result. Consequently in in the course of an article on the n-West Pacific Islands stamps, he doubt upon its existence, and sug- d that the 960 stamps of 1922 must been a remainder with the old over- This article was reprinted in Aus- , and the only comment which ed the author was that several of ealers in Sydney had never seen a of the stamp, and, further, that was not one in the collection of Mr. . White, the finest extant. But in ourse of some correspondence on bject of the article with Mr. A. A. blum, the well-known Australian list, occasion was taken to ask him tely for his views on this question, t last, a year or so ago, Mr. Rosen- was able to state "the £1 5th setting btedly exists as I have recently two copies; they are in the pale and brown shades of the last print- f the £1 Commonwealth bicoloured iffer considerably from the 4th set- (the old overprint).

here at last was authentic informa- of the existence of the stamp—ap- tly to the extent of two copies in ontinent of Australia—which was enough to encourage the writer to continue his search, and this, at last, after eight years, has just been rewarded by the discovery of the mint strip of 3, which drifted into the offices of a famous Strand auctioneer, buried in a large five-volume general collection.

To have to search for a stamp in the London market for five years after its issue argues a considerable scarcity, and to be unable to get any information for four of those years from the Australian continent about an Australian stamp makes it evident that we are dealing with a very rare item. The little issue, appearing by itself without any notice or advertisement, must have passed almost entirely to its legitimate function of stamping wireless telegrams in the Radio stations of New Guinea, after which the cancelled copies would eventually be officially destroyed. There is of course a possibility that the edicts as to destruction may have been evaded, as they have been once before, and that some cancelled copies may yet appear on the market, but it seems unlikely after so long a lapse of time. As to unused copies, they must be very scarce indeed—Mr. Rosenblum does not mention the state of the two copies he saw—and a strip of 3 must be almost unique.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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THE PHILATELIST AT HOME

By A. O. Crane.

After inditing his previous contribution to the *Monthly Journal*, entitled "The Philatelist on Tour," in which he dealt with the philatelic possibilities of a trip abroad, it occurred to the writer that it would be only fair to pen a further article in consolation (if consolation be needed) of the great majority of stamp collectors who must be content with stay-at-home lives, at the same time presenting to them, for their especial benefit, certain aspects of their hobby which, perchance, have not before appeared in print.

At the outset, let it be stated that the writer can confirm from actual experience the opinion expressed by another writer in the *Monthly Journal* that those who pursue their travels through the medium of their stamp collections enjoy, in some respects, a pleasanter and certainly a more comfortable trip than those who journey by steamer and train—and occasionally less up-to-date means of transport. To quote but one instance out of many he wots of, the student of the current pictorial series of Iraq postage stamps has the advantage of beholding modern scenes and of examining ancient ruins and sculptures in that interesting country without experiencing the manifold discomforts of travel by still primitive railway and river-steamboat communications, eked out with sundry Ford car services, or the trials of existence in a fly-infested desert country where the summer shade-temperature climbs to 127 degrees and only highly-chlorinated water is fit to drink.

Then, again, Philately at home affords delights peculiarly its own. What could be more enjoyable than, say, on a chilly evening or a wet afternoon, when you can't go out and trim that hedge and you've finished putting up that shelf for the wife, to draw your favourite chair up to the fireside, and then, with pipe on and album supported comfortably on your knees, "Gibbons" at your elbow to remind you, if necessary, of what your stamps depict, a handy encyclopedia within easy reach, and the sharer of your joys and sorrows (even, perhaps, of your philatelic ones!) contentedly engaged on some knitted arrangement for the youngster, to set out upon a quiet philatelic ramble along the ever-fresh, never-ending and yet never-tiring highways and byways of your stamp-collection? Even if you *are* brought back, at the end of your rambling, to more material matters by your good lady remarking, "It's time for supper, dear," or, "Will you put the cat out?" you may take it from the writer that he has wished in vain for many an actual journey to be brought to an end in some such manner as that!

Travelling, no doubt, offers certain special facilities for the acquisition of postage stamps; but it is at home that the collector experiences the deeper delights of his hobby. After all, the owner of a general collection, small though it may be, has the world at his hand. Without moving from his arm-chair, and without a farthing of expense, he can at will transport himself in imagination to any spot within the four corners of the earth, lingering wheresoever and for as long as he listeth. For him, space, time, expense and discomfort are annihilated. Nay, for him, time can even go backward; for he has power to see the world, not only as it is, but also as it has been. An instant after viewing the Panama Canal, he can stand and watch the Roumanian Army crossing the Danube, as they did in 1877; a turn of a page, and he can behold the arrival of Vasco da Gama's fleet off Calicut, or the landing of Columbus in America.

Denied though he may be the opportunity of seeing the world for himself, the stay-at-home philatelist, by the very nature of his hobby, yet finds himself at every turn brought into intimate contact with oversea lands and peoples. Every stamp—or, at any rate, every postally used stamp—in his collection is, as it were, a little bit chipped off that corner of the world, past or present, from which

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Although, in the formation of his collection, the stay-at-home collector does not enjoy those special facilities that fall to the lot of his globe-trotting brother, he has, by the very fact of his possessing a fixed base, a field all his own for the acquisition of postage stamps, putting aside, for the moment, the usual recourse to dealers. It is a field, too, that can be worked without expense — an important consideration in these strenuous days of post-war reconstruction, with taxation and the cost of living so high that the average collector finds it incumbent on him to apply his wonted expenditure on his hobby to more important purposes, leaving his cherished collection, not without regret, to struggle along as best it can for the time being.

Fortunately, by an unusually pleasant freak of fate, the changed conditions which have obliged the ordinary collector to curtail his expenditure on his hobby have induced other new conditions which make it possible for him to keep his collection more or less up-to-date, at least, without expense; to wit, a freer exchange of correspondence as between country and country. Taking advantage of his settled position, the stay-at-home philatelist has here an opportunity for the accumulating of specimens that ought not to be missed—and yet which very often are missed. Many collectors have an oversea mail of their own; many more have relations with foreign or colonial correspondence that permit them to retain the covers, as, for example, in the office of a business firm having oversea connections; still more have friends or acquaintances who become possessed or who can become possessed of foreign or colonial stamps in one way or another, but who are not themselves collectors. The philatelist who has most of these different avenues open to him should be the luckiest; but let him profit by them to the full for the garnering of the material thus brought within his reach. Let him exploit, as far as he may, not only his own direct source of obtaining stamps, but also those indirect channels open to him through his friends. To do this successfully he must not hide his light behind a bushel. Absurd though it may seem, there are still many adult philatelists with a tendency to pursue their hobby in seclusion and to feel ashamed to own themselves in public as its devotees — an attitude reminiscent of the old days when stamp collecting was at best regarded as a hobby suitable only for schoolboys. In the present more enlightened age, the general public recognize the educative and recreative value of Philately, and adult philatelists of today have every reason to pride themselves on their choice of a hobby. Do not then be reluctant in speaking of your hobby to your friends, even though they themselves are not philatelists. On the contrary, cultivate the habit of referring to it as often as you do to other elements of your everyday life. Show your collection on every suitable occasion. By these means you will, in a surprisingly short time, awaken in your friends, perhaps not an interest in Philately, but an interest in *your* interest in stamps, and, as foreign or colonial stamps come their way, they will think more and more of your regard for them, and with friendly kindness will put themselves to the small trouble of saving for you the stamps they get. Oversea friends can be particularly helpful in this way. For your part, you must see to it that you show the highest appreciation of their efforts on your behalf, being especially careful not to betray any lack of interest in even the commonest and most utterly spoilt specimens that are brought to you, as otherwise you will only discourage your recruiters. It is permissible, of course, to give tactfully a little instruction in the detachment of stamps from covers and their storage prior to their being handed over to you, in order to prevent damage occurring through the non-philatelist's natural ignorance in such matters as these. With the exercise of a little patience you will in this way be able to organize an efficient little stamp-accumulating service that will bring you in, very often, an amazing variety and number of specimens from which to select at your leisure the choicest copies for your collection. The better-class duplicates you can exchange with philatelic acquaintances or through the medium of exchange-club sheets, or with one of the several dealers who maintain an exchange service, these dealers being usually very fair in their offers. The duplicates you cannot dispose of to the advantage of your collection should be passed on to a junior collector, who will doubtless find a use for a large number of them. It all helps to keep the hobby alive.

This system of collecting without expense will generally enable the ordinary stamp-loving citizen to keep his collection more or less running with the times; while, apart from this purely philatelic consideration, it provides a valuable medium for propaganda work and, more particularly, for realizing the social possibilities of our hobby, which, it is to be regretted, are not more widely recognized. After all, there is not the slightest reason why a little circle of friends, both philatelic and otherwise, should not discuss stamps as they would, say, old furniture, or gardening, or wireless; and he who puts into operation the scheme outlined above will very often find himself, without any conscious effort on his part, the only philatelist of a little group who are, nevertheless, all talking about stamps. The ladies, above all, should not be overlooked; for the temperamental constitution that renders them, except in a minority of cases, impervious to the charms of our hobby, makes them at the same time ideal stamp recruiters!—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

AN UNSEVERED PAIR

A Philatelic Romance

She was more beautiful than the Queen on the stamps of Nova Scotia.

She was a beginner and I an advanced specialist, but I won her, won her through the medium of the perforation gauge. This is what happened.

"Mr. Tete Beche, will you show me how to use the perforation gauge?"

"I shall be most happy, Miss Roulette," I replied.

"How do you do it?" she said. "Do you count the holes in the stamp before you put it on the gauge or after?"

"You don't count the holes at all," I said, "bring the gauge and I'll show you."

She brought the gauge. It was an "Ideal" one. We put it to an ideal use.

"It's this way, you see," I said, putting the edge of a penny stamp along the 14. "When the teeth of the perforation exactly fit the round dots on the gauge it's 14."

"I see," she said; "but how do you know it's 14 in the first place?"

"I knew this one was already because I've gauged it before. But if I didn't know I'd look at the stamp and make a guess. If it looked like 14 I'd try it, and then if it didn't fit I'd try 13½ or 14½, and so on until I got it right."

"I see. Let's try another stamp," she said.

We tried a dozen others. The light of evening was beginning to fail. We had to look so closely at the stamps our heads almost touched. Anything else you might teach one without coming so close, but to teach the use of the perforation gauge you must get very close indeed. She was an apt pupil, and we bent together over the little bit of grey cardboard until it became too dark to see.

But even when it got too dark to see we still sat very close together, and Miss Roulette sighed and remarked what a pity it was that the evenings got dark so soon. She declared it was a shame to light a lamp while it was still daylight, and yet it was such a bore that there hadn't been light enough to finish the lesson.

"Still, I think I'll remember how to do it," she said, and then she sighed again.

"Miss Roulette," I said, "I'm going home to-morrow."

"Oh, yes," she said, "and you'll be sure and try and get me a set of those funny provisionals. The ones with the red line and the blue line, and one dot not there and the other one up above."

I promised I would be sure and get it, and then we drifted on into talk a rare stamps and great finds.

All the time making up my mind to s of the subject that was nearer to heart than philately. I am natural shy man, but when I really make up mind to a thing I generally carr through.

"Of all the great stamps which w you soonest have in your collecti she said.

It was now quite dark and my c age was rising.

"There is something I would ra have," I said, "than any stamp in world."

"An entire envelope or something that sort," she said, puzzled.

"No, guess again."

"What is it like?"

"Well," I said, "there's a head beautifully modelled, and I might that it is not perforated, but Roule and I have never been able quite to g it yet."

"What can it be?" she said.

"Can't you guess?"

"No, I give it up."

"It's a young lady with an enthus for stamp collecting," I said in a whi

She gave a little start of surprise.

"Miss Roulette," I cried, eagerly love you better than my collection, w rather have you than a post office fu 'post office' Mauritiuses, and I cou go away without telling you."

She bent towards me in the twil She didn't get up and run away or anything, and my heart was be faster then when I found the 1½d red with an error in the lettering.

"Dear Miss Roulette, don't say n pleaded.

She didn't say anything at all, but hand slipped into mine, and somehow lips got very close in the darkness, I knew that I had gauged her corre

Next month the philatelic journals nounced a philatelic wedding, and started on our honeymoon with ou albums and a perforation gauge to tinue our lessons at leisure.

In our home there is a little bit of cardboard bearing the famous leg "The Ideal." Little wonder we trea it and look fondly back to the deepe gloom of an autumn evening when we used it together and became for e more an unsevered pair.—*New Zea Philatelist.*

BITS OF NEWS:—

MEMBERS of the A. P. S. who desirous of taking a boat trip t Minneapolis Convention should write T. Bush, Bellefonte, Pa. He is plan a fine trip and has reserved twenty s rooms. Full particulars can be obta by writing him.

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ion. Experience in handling this has not confirmed this supposition. possible, however, that strips of five and six stamps were used more only in Civil War days than in the '60's and thereafter. The practise ing one stamp of higher denomina- for heavier letters, instead of al of smaller value, was not so gener- in vogue in Civil War and pre-war as it was in succeeding periods. comparative poverty of the masses g war times appeared to restrict se of letter postage to the minimum ree cents.

irs of this stamp are listed at 10 . When in fine or very fine condi- they are worth half again as much. alists in this issue would be quite to buy an indefinite number of in good condition at the catalogue or half more. When fine pairs are ed on approval invariably they are ed in excess of Scott's price. The ve scarcity of good horizontal strips our or more stamps give them a et value from one-fourth to one- the price of blocks of four. Used s, when well-centered and lightly elled, are worth fifty per cent above Scott's quotations. Few such well-conditioned blocks are obtainable. Blocks of slightly less merit may well bring catalogue value, $7.00 for the unused, and $5.00 for the used. Such prices are reasonable for good blocks, but much too low for fine or superb ones.

Album pages of pairs and strips of this stamp make a strong appeal to the eye and to the sentiment; and they are recommended for accumulation.

(In the next article the "Characteristic Cancellations of the 3 Cent Rose, 1861," will be discussed.)

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A YOUNG ORGANIZATION THAT HAS GOT A STRONG HOLD ON INDIANAPOLIS

By L. O. WARD, *Sec.*

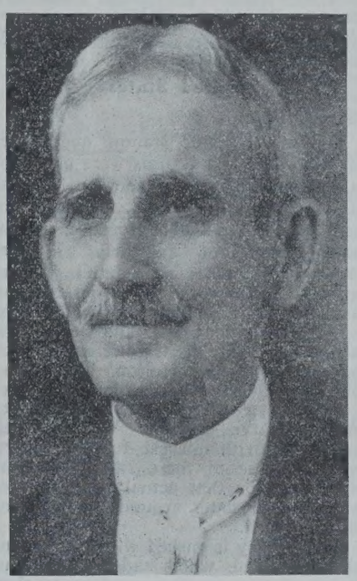
Early in the fall of 1927, three collectors in Indianapolis compiled a list of stamp collectors with the idea of forming a stamp club. Notices were mailed out that designated December 2 as the date for the first meeting. Much to the surprise and pleasure of the originators of the idea, 25 collectors attended the first meeting. H. H. Coburn was elected President; Le Grand Payne, Vice-Pres.; L. O. Ward, Sec.-Treas.; and Dr. Ert J. Rogers, Travilla Ioor and Kenneth Loucks the Executive Committee. At the meeting of December 16 the name of Indiana Stamp Club was accepted together with the Constitution and By-laws practically as drafted by the Executive Committee.

Under the guidance of H. H. Coburn the Club developed into a real live organization, meeting the first and third Friday nights in each month. Our membership roll began to grow until we had forty members. The Club began to be recognized by other clubs of adjoining states as well as in Indiana. The local post office contributed much valuable information to our records, and Postmaster Bryson assured us of his earnest cooperation in every detail. Postal Cashier Brown also gave the collectors of Indianapolis a great deal of assistance. Raymond V. Bahr, of Springfield, Ill., visited many of our meetings and always had a message of interest, and we all enjoyed his experiences. The Club has always felt very much indebted to Mr. Bahr for his many presents of air mail covers and other stamps to be auctioned off for the benefit of the Club.

A. W. C. Brumfield, our jovial auctioneer, assisted the officers greatly in arranging programs. Many of the talks were given by members of the Club while others were contributed by collectors and persons of note, outside. Brumfield handled many an auction for the Club, usually highly amusing as well as profitable.

In May, 1928, the meeting place of the club was shifted from the C. of C. Building to the film plant of H. H. Coburn Motion Picture Corp., on invitation of Mr. Coburn. The studio room was the scene of the balance of the meetings in 1928. In addition to stamps we had other forms of entertainment supplied by Mr. Coburn, such as visits through his film plant and the showing of movies of former years. This was all very interesting and took our minds off of stamps on the hot summer nights.

The first meeting of 1929 was held Jan. 4, at the C. of C. Building. Le Grand Payne was elected Pres.; Marion Clarke, Vice-Pres.; L. O. Ward, re-elected Sec.-Treas.; and Floyd Shockley, C. O. Warnock and G. M. Padgett, Executive Committee. In appreciation of the work done for the Club, H. H. Coburn, retiring president, was presented with a token of appreciation in the form of a parchment.



LE GRAND PAYNE
Pres. Indiana Stamp Club

With the new year came many new applications for membership. The membership was soon boosted to over fifty. President Payne appointed many committees to cover almost every angle of stamp collecting and to handle other details of the Club. The program committee has functioned very well this year so far. Probably the meeting most amusing was March 1, when the "Veterans of Vincennes" told of their experiences at buying and mailing letters February 25 at Vincennes. It had been the first experience of a first day rush for most of them and from what they said probably will be the last.

The Club boasts of members who have very cherished collections. President Payne has a U. S. collection that is a top notcher. Dr. Ert J. Rogers is a specialist in general 20th Century, and Marion Clarke has a very interesting collection of U. S. Commemoratives with a history of the events commemorated. Floyd Shockley, G. M. Padgett and J. H. Zix are air mail enthusiasts. A. P. Vestal is a collector of U. S. Revenues and playing card stamps. Miss Johnson, who claims to be the first woman collector in Indianapolis, has had and disposed of more stamps than most of us have ever seen. H. Edgar French, New Castle, Ind., in addition to a very fine general collection is a specialist in South and Central American countries. H. H. Coburn has some prized stamps and he is now making a collection of stamps cataloguing $1 and over. The rest of us have our pets, and under the skin we are all related to that dear old hobby, Philately.

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GREECE AIR MAIL

Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, writes: "I am enclosing one of the 468 covers flown from Athens to Alexandria on the first flight on April 1, 1929. The Greek special cachet reads: 'Aerial Communication between Great Britain-Greece-India. The First of the Experimental Flights. April 1, 1929.' All the cachets were applied in violet ink." We are indebted to Mr. Drossos for two covers that were sent on the first Athens to London flight. The cachet was the same but of smaller size, and the wording was: "India-Greece-Great Britain" with the date of April 11th. Mr. Drossos says: "The total number of flown covers on the Athens-London first flight was 422 and not 430, as some were not sent off as they were not properly franked. No mails were carried from India or Egypt to Athens, or from England to Athens, nor have the necessary arrangements yet been made for the service. Mails may be sent only from Greece. The cachet of the return flight was always applied in black ink. The other cancellation is the usual Athens air mail marking."

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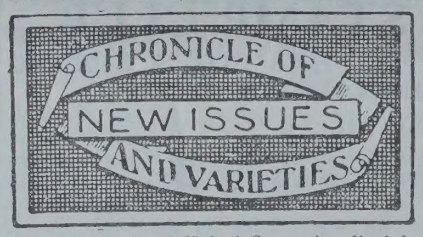

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United States

"State" Stamps

The new "State" stamps overprinted for Nebraska and Kansas were placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency on May 1st, as previously announced, although the stamps were available for use in the states themselves, as early as April 15th, as we note Mr. C. O. Conkey reports the use of the 1c from Newton, Kans., on April 15th, this post office having received the 1c, 6c and 8c on that date. The *Philatelic Gazette* reports that an inquiry at the Holton, Kans., post office elicits the information that they have none and do not know when they will be placed on sale. We, however, will await with interest further reports as to the use of these stamps and are of the opinion that actual first-day covers will bear dates around the 12th and 13th of April.

The Agency is rushed with orders, and while thousands which had been made up during the two weeks previous to their being placed on sale were sent out on the first day, nevertheless, it will take several weeks to complete the numerous orders on hand. There were a good number of local collectors, as well as those from nearby places at the Agency on the first day. Those who have viewed the stamps are disappointed in their appearance, and in the case of the 7c black with black overprint, the surcharge is hardly noticed without close examination.

Several of our readers have made inquiry as to why the states of Nebraska and Kansas were selected in order to try the experiment. It has just been learned that the post office inspector responsible for the surcharge, is the one in charge of the inspectors in these two states, hence, the scheme is being tried out under his supervision. If it works out satisfactorily and in accordance with his expectations, no doubt, other states will follow, although it is stated at Washington that fully a year will have elapsed before any conclusion will have been reached. The quantity of overprints made are supposed to be sufficient to take care of the requirements of these two states for one year, with the exception of course, of the larger post offices previously listed in this column where the unsurcharged stamps will continue to be on sale.

It is suggested that those having access to quantities of these stamps in unused condition, should watch them carefully for wide-spaced varieties in blocks, such as have been found on the Hawaiian and Molly Pitcher issues. There is no likelihood of any inverted overprints, in view of the fact that the stamps are printed and surcharged on the same press. The sheets are not fed individually to a hand press for overprinting.

Canal Zone

Both the United States and the Philippine Governments have made it possible for collectors to obtain fine copies of current issues at Washington. In view of the fact that there has been complaints from quite a few that stamps from the Canal Zone were not being received in well-centered condition, the suggestion was made to the Panama Canal Commission at Washington that arrangements be made to purchase Canal Zone stamps at that point. The matter was referred to the Executive Department at the Zone, and they reply under date of April 15th that they have reached the conclusion that because of the nearness of the United States to the Canal Zone that there is no material delay in filling orders for stamp collectors by the post office at Balboa Heights, which is now the Canal Zone Philatelic Agency.

While I have personally always found it most satisfactory to buy stamps from the Zone through an agent to whom I gladly paid a commission, nevertheless, there has been complaint here of late that the Zone authorities encourage the sale through dealers, which is not satisfactory to them. This further information has been conveyed to the Panama Canal authorities at Washington, and if others are interested in having the Canal Zone stamps on sale in this country, a letter to Mr. A. L. Flint, % Panama Canal, Washington, D. C., will no doubt help to influence their decision.

Mr. V. Nazar calls attention to the various spacings to be found on the 1½c flat type overprinted "Canal Zone." It is found on the same sheet that these vary from 8mm to 9½mm.

Transparent Envelope

The Markilo Company, manufacturers of celluloid envelopes, which are used quite extensively by the stamp fraternity, has just designed something new which will aid collectors of entire covers. This consists of a transparent celluloid envelope, punched at the sides for use in a special binder, the envelope measuring 8½x11. Within the envelope is a transparent support, somewhat similar to the standard approval card, although made of the same transparent material as the envelope. Entire covers may be mounted in the little pockets and seen from both sides. While it was designed for Bank Notes, it will appeal especially to the cover collector.

Antigua.—The *Crown Agents Bulletin* states that 1p has reverted to red, and the 1½p has been printed in brown and supplies of both have been despatched to the Colony. Also the 1/- black on emerald has been printed on script paper.

Brunei.—The *Crown Agents Bulletin* announce that the 4c has been changed from maroon to orange, and that supplies have been despatched.

Falkland Islands.—The new issue of stamps for this colony will consist of an ornamental vignette of King George under which are representations of Penguins and a Whale. The name of the Colony appears at the top and the duty immediately below on the right and left of the stamp. "Postage & Revenue" is shown at the foot. The following values are on order according to the *Crown Agents Bulletin* ½p green, 1p red, 2p grey, 2½p blue, 6p purple, 1sh black on emerald, 2sh6p red on blue, 5sh green on yellow, 10sh red on emerald, and 1 pound black on red.

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Mexico.—According to inform received by Mr. Carter Glass, Jr., a resident of Mexico City, the col the new air mail stamp of 35c wi green.

Norway.—A series of four valu stamps to commemorate Niels H Abel has been received from Whi King & Co. Each stamp bears the of the distinguished man together the dates "1802 1829." A portrai pears at the left side of the stamp figures of value at the right. Color values are 10ö green, 15ö brown, rose red, and 30ö blue.

Paraguay.—Another value in new Air Post series is to hand Whitfield King & Co. It is Pesos maroon.

Tripoli.—A set of six values be the inscription "3 Fiera Campionar Tripoli" has been sent for chronic Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield Ki Co. The first three values are u format of different designs, whil other ones are oblong in size, both h the crown watermark and perf. 14. ues and shades are 30+20c maroo black, 50+20c green and black, L1 20c scarlet and black, L1.75+20c and black, L2.55+50c brown and L5+L1 violet and black.

Uruguay.—Regarding the set of values of a larger size than hereto Mr. Arthur O. Litt advises tha learns from a correspondent that were 5,000 complete sets printe which 500 sets were sent to Bern 500 sets were placed in the archiv the Uruguayan Government.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

There is no need to draw attenti the early issues of Argentina. Their atelic attractions are well known, will start my survey with the "Plg man" type of 1911. This type firs peared in the shape of two stamps, 5 12c printed in taille-douce, and wer lowed by a longer, typographed s with Large Sun watermark, succeed its turn by a similar series with H comb watermark. This waterma found in two distinct supplies of p one from Germany, which was the r inal, and a later making, during the from Italy. The texture of these papers and the appearance of the w mark is quite distinct. A suppl French paper, without watermark, also used in 1915 for printings of th 2c and 5c. In these typographed "Plg man" stamps there are usually two forations, 13½ and 13½ by 12½, v lend further variety to a colle There are also a number of shad colour. Finally a number of stamps be found with watermark horizonta stead of vertical, though the horiz watermark is the normal in some va

The next issue of interest is th 1917, the design of which is a portra General San Martin. The two per tions and the vertical and horizontal p tions of the honeycomb watermark pe in this issue, which was replaced in by paper which had no general w mark. There was, however, a p

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In 1920 the same San Martin design was repeated (again with the two perforations in some values) on paper showing a new watermark, a sun enclosing the letters "RA," repeated at close intervals throughout the sheet. In 1921 there was a reversion to a watermark of a single sun with a face, similar to that of the 1896 issue, but in the following year a larger variant of the Multiple Sun with "RA" was used. Finally, to bring the story of the San Martin type to a close, a further 1922 printing of the 2c and 20c was made on paper without watermark in its texture, but which had the Multiple Sun and "RA" device applied as an overprint in grey.

Another interesting group consists of the 5c stamps in the design of the Pan-American Postal Congress issue of 1921, which showed a female figure with a letter in each hand, standing with outstretched arms before a globe. The issue of the 5c in a reduced size of the Pan-American type was the result of the discovery of forgeries of the 5c San Martin type, which were being circulated on a large scale. So urgent was the need that this forged stamp should be replaced, that there was no time to change the design, so that the first printing bore the inscription "Buenos Aires" and the date of the Congress at the foot. This was followed by a stamp, still in the Congress design, but with "Republica Argentina" at foot. The first printing of each of these was on paper without watermark. This was followed by a printing of both on paper with the second Multiple Sun and "RA" watermark, while the 5c, inscribed "Republica Argentina" also figures in the printing on paper with the grey overprinted "watermark" described above. It is worth noting that some very marked retouches have been discovered in this 5c stamp.

In 1923 another San Martin portrait replaced the earlier one. The values from ½c to 50c had a dot below the figure of value, and the watermark was the second Multiple Sun and "RA." Why it should have been decided to erase this dot, is not known, but later printings of these values (on paper with the same watermark) appeared without it. In some cases faint traces of the dot remained, but the 5c is the only value in which specimens with a clear dot and without any dot may be found *se tenant*.

The peso values of this series are found with two watermarks, first the Honeycomb, and later the Multiple Sun and "RA."

Not many months ago there was delay in the arrival of supplies of paper from Europe and as a temporary expedient certain values of the series without stop were printed on Postal Savings paper, watermarked "AP" (AHORRO POSTAL) in a lantern shaped device. Only small printings were made on this paper and the 20c, 10c and 1 peso are scarce, in the order named. When the new paper arrived it was found to differ from the previous supplies of Multiple Sun and "RA" paper, the central circle of the Sun being of a different size.

In the Postal Centenary issue of 1926 there are a number of interesting flaws, resulting in the dates which appear on some stamps reading incorrectly.

As retouches have been discovered in the Pan-American type of 5c, it is quite possible that flaws and retouches may be found in other of the modern issues, which certainly provide the collector with a field of considerable variety. To these may be added the same issues with the overprints of various Government departments, some of which are very hard to obtain.—*Filatelia.*

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From the *New Zealand Stamp Collector* we take the following paragraphs relating to this important discovery:—

"The discovery of a copy of the 1d orange on unwatermarked paper and perf. 13, which was reported in last month's journal, has evidently created a considerable stir. The various newspapers throughout New Zealand reported the find, and at least one editor has since been inundated with enquiries from people who either themselves possessed or knew someone else who possessed another copy of this stamp. However, investigations have not yet brought another specimen to light.

"When the stamp was first found, it was referred to Mr. R. F. Joyce, an acknowledged authority on the 'Full-face' issues, and subsequently it was sent to Dr. Prins of Auckland. Both of these gentlemen have now given written opinions as to its bona fides.

"Collectors in New Zealand will be interested to learn that the stamp will not leave the Dominion as it will in future adorn the very fine collection owned by the Hon. Sir R. Heaton Rhodes."

As Mr. Joyce's opinion on the stamp should be of interest to collectors and will be of value for reference purposes in the future we print it hereunder:—

"KAIAPOI, May 10, 1928.

Never since Mr. A. T. Bate discovered the two 3d Pelures has there been such a find in New Zealand stamps as the stamp you send for inspection. We have no evidence that the 3d pelures were anything more than a trial, found unsatisfactory, and never issued. Your stamp on the other hand is the 'Lost Atlantis' of New Zealand stamps, first of the Dunedin Perfs., and incidentally, the rarest New Zealand stamp—so far only one copy known.

Having had the opportunity of comparing it with the many perf. 13's in Sir Heaton Rhodes' magnificent collection, I can say without any hesitation that it is genuine, and a very early perforate stamp, probably late '61 or early '62, and a true mate to the 2d and 6d of the Richardson printing.

That the stamp might exist has been suggested before and one is at first astonished that it has not been discovered before in sufficient numbers to adorn a number of collections. The explanation is perhaps not far to seek. I suggest that as perforated stamps were coming in to Dunedin in plenty from overseas, and as Ferguson and Mitchell had a perforating machine they tried it out on some stamps. Now, as we all know, Dunedin is the home of Scotchmen, and a careful Scot would not use any but the lowest denomination stamps for experimental purposes. As there was no half-penny stamp out at the period he would naturally start with a penny. Now, there was a very little use for the penny stamp in Dunedin early in '62. The lowest letter rate was 2d, newspapers for the most part were free, and soldiers who used the penny in exercise of their special privilege were at this time stationed in the more northern parts of New Zealand. So it is unlikely that Ferguson and Mitchell would have many penny stamps on hand, and as any tampering with the postage stamps might meet with disapproval they were not likely to jeopardise the value of a whole sheet without first having the sanction of the Postmaster. One can easily understand then that a small block was done, of a sample of the lowest value, and taken along to the Postmaster, whose approval was gained and perhaps the contract that we know was entered into was founded on this first effort.

Whoever had the block, one can quite easily understand that they would use them up for postage purposes right away, and as so many thousands of 'Full Face Queens' have now gone through expert hands, the block must have been a very small one for the solitary copy to come to hand at this late hour.

You ask me of its value. Very difficult to say. If the stamp had been allowed the freedom of European and American markets, I should not be surprised to hear of its changing hands at a figure of £1,000 or over. I think there are quite a few collectors who would pay £500 to secure it. Apart from its rarity it is such a magnificent copy in every way. Were it of a common variety the most critical collector would call it almost superb. You have added a new sun to our universe and it should be the brightest star in the Southern Cross.

Congratulations,
R. FRANCIS JOYCE, F.R.P.S.L."

Concerning this, Mr. R. J. G. Collins writes:

"I cannot refrain from making some reference in this column to the discovery, which I was fortunate in making recently, of a magnificent copy of what was hitherto an unknown variety, of the 'full-face' issue. I refer, of course, to the 1d orange printed by J. Richardson at Auckland on thick white wove unwatermarked paper, and perforated 13 by Messrs. Ferguson and Mitchell at Dunedin.

"It was a coincidence that this stamp should have come to light just at the time when my article on the Dunedin perfs. was being set up for the *N.Z.S.C.*

"Apart altogether from its market value, a discovery of this description would excite the most phlegmatic specialist, and such a discovery must, I imagine, be somewhat akin to that of an explorer who is the first to encounter a new land.

"Various theories will no doubt be propounded to explain this variety, and in an opinion which Mr. Joyce has given and which is printed on another page, it will be seen that Mr. Joyce believes that the 1d, the 2d pale blue, and the 6d were in the nature of an experiment in perforating the stamps by Ferguson and Mitchell. With Mr. Joyce's theory I am in full accord.

"As to the exact date when the experiment was made, there is, at the present time, only the circumstantial evidence that the 1d and at least one of the 2d pale blue and one of the 6d stamps are all cancelled with '18' in an oval of thin bars, an obliteration which does not appear to have been in general use from about July, 1862, to some time in 1865.

"The earliest dated copy of a perf. 13 stamp is given in the 'History of New Zealand Stamps' as 'December, 1862,' but the majority of these varieties are found cancelled from about the middle of 1863 to the end of 1864.

"It will be seen that Mr. Joyce suggests that the 1d, 2d pale blue and 6d were possibly perforated late in 1861 or early in 1862, and if this is correct then there must have been an interval between the experimental perforating and the general use of the machine for various stamps in the Dunedin Post Office.

"The earliest recorded dated copy of the 2d deep dull blue on unwatermarked paper and perf. 13 is in July, 1863, and Mr. B. Goodfellow believes that these stamps were printed by J. Davies and not by Richardson (vide *London Philatelist*, Vol. 33, page 11). Davies commenced printing the stamps in February, 1862, and although Richardson's contract did not expire until April, 1862, it is unlikely that the Government would have allowed an outside printer to produce stamps after arrangements had been made to do the work officially.

"The 1d, 2d pale blue, and 6d values are accepted as having been printed by Richardson, and hence would have been in stock not later than February, 1863, and if the perf. 13's were not the result of an experiment, a few sheets must have been run through the machine with a stock of pelures or of the stamps with 'star' watermark. Against this supposition the comparatively large size of the holes would presume an early use of the machine and secondly the '18' obliteration on all three values would appear to allocate these stamps to a date not later than June or July, 1862."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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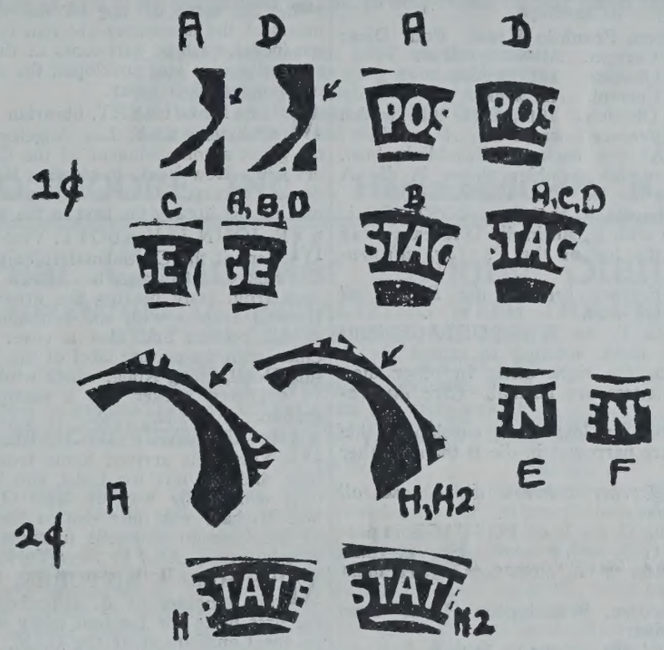

Many of the descriptions of the 1916 United States envelope dies, as given in the standard Bartels envelope catalogs, are too vague to be of real value in distinguishing the various dies. For this reason the following series of "die tests" is presented, the merit claimed for them being that they afford a definite method of distinguishing the various dies, no matter whether the specimen to be tested comes from a new or a worn hub. Those who have followed the 1916 issues during the past twelve years have noticed minor variations in some of the dies, which may be due to retouching of master dies or electrotypes. For instance, numerous specimens of 2c die A might be assembled, each noticeably different from the others, yet all unmistakably die A; these die tests are accurate for all such examples.

Several dies which are adequately described in the Bartels' 1924 and 1929 catalogs have been omitted, but every die now current is described here. As a perusal of the article will show, only a few of the 1916 dies are now in use. With a few exceptions, however, the obsolete dies are not scarce, and a complete collection of them may be made for a relatively small outlay.

To the practiced eye each die "looks" different from every other; the experienced collector can distinguish each die at a glance, by the general appearance of the stamp—in case of Washington heads, by the different shape of the head on each die; but this ability is the result of practice, and until that is acquired, a more objective test is necessary. Hence, these "tests" are submitted.

It may be mentioned that the 1916 dies have been in use for five different envelope contracts, which can be distinguished by different watermarks in the paper. In the first contract, the watermark consists of the monogram "US" with the date 1915 through the letters. Succeeding contracts are watermarked with the same style of "US", but with the dates 1919, 1921, 1925, and 1929 respectively. Two or three varieties of watermark are found in each contract, the date being horizontally across the top or bottom of the US, or diagonally through it.

Two styles of envelopes are used, high back and low back, which fact is sometimes of aid in separating various dies of entire envelopes. One-cent die C, and 1½c, 2c, and 3c dies H and H2, are found in high back only, with the exception of Bartels' number 2885. One-

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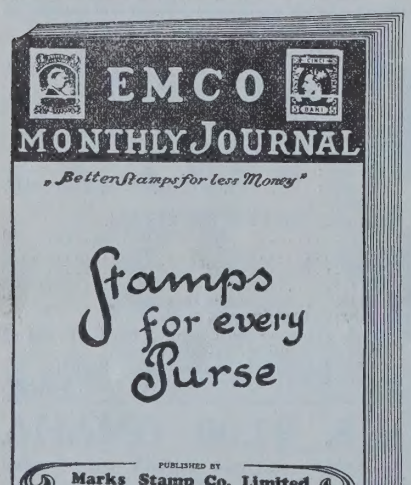

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1c Green, Franklin Head. Four Dies:

A. Current. All watermarks.
B. Obsolete. 1915 wmks.
C. Current. All wmks.
D. Obsolete. 1915, 1919, 1921 wmks.

1. Difference between dies A and D.

a. At the back of Franklin's bust, more of his shoulder shows in die A than in die D. (*See illustration.*)

b. In die A, the O of POSTAGE is in line with P, but in die D it leans away from the top of the P. (*See illustration.*)

2. Difference between die B and all other dies.

In die B, the T of POSTAGE leans to the right, seeming to crowd the A over to the right also. In other dies, these letters are normal. (*See illustration.*)

NOTE.—In low back envelopes, side flaps are narrower in die B than in other dies.

3. Difference between die C and all others.

In die C, the E of POSTAGE is proportionately taller and narrower than this letter in all other dies. (*See illustration.*)

1½c Brown, Washington Head. Two Dies:

A and H2. Same as 2c dies.

2c Red, Washington Head. Nine Dies:

A. Current. All wmks.
B, C, D, G. Obsolete. 1915 wmks.
E and F. Obsolete. 1915, 1919, 1921, a few 1925 wmks.
H. Obsolescent. 1915, 1919, 1921, 1925 wmks. One variety of 1929 wmk. noted thus far.
H2. Current. 1921, 1925, 1929 wmks.

Dies A, B, C, D, H, H2 all have large heads.

Dies E, F, G have small heads.

1. For dies B, C, D, and G, see Bartels' 1924 or 1929 catalog.

2. Difference between die A and dies H and H2.

In die A there is more of a depression or dent in the back of the head, at the top, than in H and H2. (*See illustration.*)

3. Difference between die H and die H2.

The top bars of all the T's in die H2 have been lengthened. (*See illustration.*)

4. Difference between die E and die F.

In die E the N of CENTS is broader than in die F. (*See illustration.*)

3c Purple, Washington Head. Four Dies:

A, E, F, H. Same as 2c dies.

4c Black, Franklin Head. Only one die.

5c Blue, Washington Head. Only one die.

OFF-SIDE—

MR. L. D. PEASLEE, Cincinnati, Ohio, has sent in a copy of the Cincinnati *Post* of May 3rd, which incorporates a philatelic feature. As a border along the sides of one of the departments of the newspaper are two rows of ten inches, each of half-tones of the current adhesives and envelopes, the stamps overlapping each other.

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THE roster of the Long Beach Stamp Collectors Club, Long Beach, California, is a register of some of the first philatelists of that section. Thirty-eight men and women are rated philatelically in the membership list. The club was organized late in 1926 and became affiliated with the American Philatelic Society in 1928.

THE Chicago Aero Philatelic Society will hold a large auction of air mail at its meeting on June 4th, under the direction of Mr. H. Wasmer.

THE Morton High School of Cicero, Ill., recently held an exhibition of hobbies. According to R. E. Dunlop, stamp collecting was well represented by several of the best collections in Cicero.

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Class 1—Plain smudge or blotch: representing no particular design (1).

Class 2—Fancy smudge: an attempt at a design, circular, square or oblong (23).

Class 3—Unequal segments: square or round obliterator; two, three or more unequal segments (3).

Class 4—Uniform segments: uniform-sized segments; square, round; two, three or more (4).

Class 5—Encircled segments: regular or irregular segments within circle or rectangle; two segments, three or more (16).

Class 6—Wedge segments: triangular or wedged shaped; points turning inward; regular or irregular; 4, 6, 8 or 10 segments (7).

Class 7—Fancy segments: each segment with hollow center; numerous small segments, with ring at a hub-centered effect (34).

Class 8—Irregular, unequal bar gridiron: parallels of unequal size, length and spacing; the design either round, square or octagonal, but without border (2).

Class 9—Uniform gridiron: parallel bars or lines of uniform breadth; even spacing between; bars may be of unequal length; design round, square, octagonal; without border (6).

Class 10—Framed gridiron: similar to last two, but with border or frame (10).

Class 11—Wavy parallels gridiron: lines wavy (42).

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Class 52—Month and day dated, without year: but with town (21).
Class 53—Special dated: county, hour, paid, direction, Quaker, manuscript (47).
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Class 55—Miscellaneous obliterations: of uncertain classifications.

The relative scarcity of the above types is indicated by the use of a numeral in braces following each class, beginning with (1) as the most common, the ascending numerals indicating increasing scarcity. This judgment does not profess to be the final word.

The proportion of blue cancellations and their value as compared with the prevailing black are matters for comment, in view of the pricing of these by Scott at 5c and 3c, respectively.

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The range of fancy cancellations in blue ink is less than this proportion would imply. Fancy cancellations in blue are now much, very much, more difficult to obtain than in black.

Ultramarine ink was not used frequently in the postmarks of Civil War days. Often one is perplexed in trying to distinguish the ultramarine from the many shades of blue approximating it. Red ink for obliterations was often used. Clear, clean cancellations in red are exceedingly attractive, and he who possesses an album page of such is indeed fortunate. Greens—mucky, faded, medium and bright—are next in scarcity among colored inks. The bright, easily distinguished, brown is seldom found, and its worth is more than the Specialized U. S. catalogue would quote. Faded, dingy browns are not so rare. Violet is distinctive in appearance, and is seldom seen. Purples are more common. Indisputable olive-green ink is very rare: while orange, when in reality it is the unmistakable orange, is absent from most collections.

It may be observed that there is possible a more highly specialized grouping of certain classes of cancellations than is provided for in the fifty-five classes indicated above. A subdivision of types may be pursued ad infinitum. For instance, the manuscript or pen type may be listed as one pen stroke, two, three, four, five, and six or more. Each of these, after the one stroke, may be farther classified as parallel and mixed strokes. Then finally there is the miscellaneous pen obliterations, as town, person's name, date, etc.

The numerous targets lend themselves to a diversified classification and make a beautiful display when carefully arranged by types. Beginning with the three concentric circles, one may segregate his specimens by number of rings, up to ten or twelve. Then, again, one may group according to regular and even-widthed rings; then again by the uneven and irregular thickness of the rings. Try assembling a page of targets where from ninety-five to one hundred per cent of each cancellation is distinct and well-centered upon the stamp, and the result will be highly satisfying to the eye.

(In the third and concluding article there will be discussed, "Date Cancellations of the 3 Cent Rose, 1861.")

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We have been favored by Hoover Brothers with a review copy of the Precancel Catalog published by the Rotnem Stamp Co., and now the property of Hoover Brothers. Instead of offering a set review of this catalog, we think it advisable to quote from the letter of W. B. Hoover in view of the fact that we can endorse all that he has claimed for this publication:—

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EDITORIAL

THE *United States Daily* of May 6, 1929, contains a most interesting expression from the postmaster general, Walter F. Brown, who has literally broadcast the news that a new issue of United States stamps is impending, since he has invited suggestions for designs of a new set of stamps. Mr. Brown disclosed the intention of the department in a radio address over National Broadcasting system, and in view of the importance of the proposal, we quote his words: "The suggestion has been made that we issue a new series of stamps, possessing genuine, artistic merit and based upon some well-considered scheme, instead of the present conglomerate group of portraits of presidents, and other statesmen, monuments, animals, and scenic wonders. One scheme suggested would depict our natural history in a series of pictures of notable events. Another scheme would depict our agricultural development by a series emphasizing agriculture, lumbering, mining, manufacturing, fisheries and shipping, etc. Perhaps not to find the portraits of our glorious statesmen of the past on our stamps might be shocking to our people. Perhaps for a few years they would like a change that would combine novelty with artistic merit. We are inviting expressions concerning this suggestion from patrons of the Post Office Department."

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HERE we have an implied promise that will be met with a buzz of excitement in the philatelic camp and that the news was not forecast in any way adds to its piquancy. Too, it is noticed that the new postmaster general asks counsel from all the patrons of the department, and this fact indicates that he wants the coöperation of the people in his procedure. This is commendable and we are certain that the public will respond in a way to convince the honorable gentleman that the postage stamp is a thing near and dear to many of the populace. Collectors now have the chance of their lives, and instead of tendering their ideas with a feeling of diffidence, they find the portals are thrown wide to admit their suggestions. We have reason to know that philatelists are prolific in their advice on the subject of stamps, and we are glad that the new postmaster general will be impressed by the number of opinions and range of views that will come from philatelists. It is natural that students of stamps have a more intimate regard for them than outsiders, and it would be pleasing to find that among the subjects chosen for stamp portraiture are some that originated in the teeming minds of our subscribers.

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HERE is a story in two episodes. First of all, Mr. B. L. Voorhees sold a collection at auction, and the owner of the stamps wrote: "Received your check today for which I thank you. Permit me to say that I know of no way in which the sale of my stamps could have been improved upon. The amount received was more than satisfactory. I am returning the lots refused, and wish to accept your offer made by you. I have received a letter of inquiry from a Mr. ——— and have replied to him as favorably as I know how." The contented collector's friend proved to be a Tartar and the Tobasco Twins are as mild as a May morn in comparison with him. Here is the typographical display: "I am surprised at your treatment of my stamps. You evidently did not try to sell them; you only listed a few of them and lumped the rest as an inferior collection. When you wrote me that you thought you could get me . . . for them, I wrote you to do the best you could with them. If you did your best, I pity the one you do your worst for. Henry Ford says he never made a mistake, he only gets experience. Well, I have had mine and if I ever trust any stamp auctioneer again, it will be after I have found out whether they are honest people. I was a fool to expect honest treatment from Chicago, the city of murders, robbers, hi-jackers and political corruption. The whole transaction looks as though some one got some valuable stamps for a song. I honestly think that the U. S. Postal authorities ought to be informed of your business of using the mails as you do." Mr. Voorhees, like the victims in the comic strip who have been crowned by a brick, can only say, "Zowie!"

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THE Chicago *Tribune* recently published the following letter in the Voice of the People department: "Oriental Lore. Chicago.—Am I being kidded? I was just asked by a friend to save cancelled stamps to be used for buying Chinese baby girls. I was informed that the Chinese threw their new born baby girls in the river, because they had no use for them; they preferred boys, so they could train them for their army. Several other people I know are saving stamps for the same purpose. If you could enlighten me on this in the way of a few lines in the envelope enclosed, I will appreciate it very much. I would like to have some written information to prove my statement, if this is correct. Virginia Green." We sent the following letter to the newspaper: "So long ago as in the '60's, the journals that were devoted to philately or stamp collecting published warnings against the practice of overly enterprising persons who promoted various schemes to enlist the public to gather stamps, ostensibly for philanthropic purposes. In reality, advantage was being taken of persons, charitably inclined, who were encouraged to collect cancelled postage stamps with the worthy object of saving babies from being thrown to the Ganges in India; or of selling them to the Chinese, who were alleged to have a mania for papering their walls with them or to civilize an African bushman. There were many variants of these proposals, including the million stamp mania which have had currency since 1860 when stamp collecting gained a commercial standing. The *modus operandi* of any of the plans was left to the imagination which easily was transported to remote countries and curious customs. Distressingly enough, the suspicion was aroused that the stamps that were obtained reached the channels of trade for the benefit of those who remained in the background, but sponsored the drive. In later years, what are commonly known as 'missionary stamps' are gathered at the suggestion of different ecclesiastical bodies, and those who send stamps for disposal may feel that these stamps are marketed in an intelligent manner and the proceeds applied to a deserving end. These stamps usually are sold to dealers by the pound. It is possible that Virginia Green has been asked to save stamps to save babies through the intercessions of missionaries who may derive a fraction of their funds through the sale of stamps."

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IN the latter part of April or April 27th, to be exact, the third assistant postmaster general said that postmasters at offices that had been supplied with overprinted Kansas and Nebraska stamps are prohibited from having them re-cancelled locally as "sufficient stocks of regular issue stamps in the required denominations should be provided to meet the precancelling requirements at such post offices." In speaking of the Scott issues, the remarks of a Washington correspondent are given place here: "The correspondence received from collectors on the subject of the State overprinted stamps is of a variety and vivacity to use a mild term, to make the officers wonder if erroneous information about

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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

Official Flights

This has been one busy week for this department, all right. These May 1st flights and extensions and night flights have been coming in the last several days, and, as was to be expected, there were some surprises for the foresighted who covered everything in sight. These notes will necessarily be somewhat incomplete as yet, for the only covers received so far are those addressed this way. Those outgoing have yet to be returned to me, for the most part.

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Springfield, Ohio, received its first service on Route 16 May 1st. Cachet in black, same as used for CAM 16 opening. Southbound covers cancelled around 4.30 A. M.; northbound 8.30 P. M. The two northbound planes landed at Wooster airport in a storm on their way to Cleveland, and mail went from here by train. ***Express service also started from Springfield on the same trip. Covers received bear the usual first flight markings, and are signed by the General Agent.

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The other first flight was the new CAM 28,-St. Louis-Kansas City-Omaha. Here too, colored cachets were conspicuous by their absence, and the Department is evidently enforcing the black only rule from now on. The cachet is pictorial—somewhat of the recent Canadian type—and very attractive, showing a plane flying over a farm scene.

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The only cachet on CAM 26's change of schedule May 1st was the usual Ogden "Busy Hub" cachet in magenta—also used to backstamp covers received.***On CAM 4 Los Angeles sprung a surprise with a round cachet, supplied by the contractors, and applied at the P. O. reading, "First Flight—Night Schedule, Los Angeles, California 7.00 P. M., May 1, 1929." I understand that this was decided on only at the last minute.

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CAM 20 contractors applied a cachet for the afternoon and night flights May 1st. Design is the same for all cities—a circular cachet showing a beacon at work. Cleveland and Buffalo read, "First Night Flight" only, while the other cities have it "First Afternoon-Night Flight." Cleveland and Buffalo are black, Rochester purple, and the rest blue, on my covers at least. By the way, Albany shows an Air Mail Field cancellation that I hadn't noticed before.

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The Transcontinental - Chicago - San Francisco, has its points of interest all right. Omaha, Des Moines, Elko, Cedar Rapids, Lincoln and Cheyenne came through with nothing more exciting than air mail field at Cheyenne. North Platte gives us that, plus "North Platte, Nebraska, Buffalo Bill's Home Town", whatever that may have to do with two trips of air mail per day. Reno comes in with a pink and robin's egg blue oval, "First Flight Night Air Service, etc.", that looks like the contractors' handiwork. A really original cachet showing a map, dark and light for night and day flying, was applied by the contractors to such mail as was sent to them at San Francisco. I have blue and purple. Oakland really blew itself. Some covers have the above cachet front or back in green or red; some have a cachet by the C. of C. showing an air view of the Oakland Airport, in purple, blue or black on the back or front; many have both, and we have cancellations from the Air Mail Field, Airport Sta., and the regular Oakland one.

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Covers mailed from India on the first Karachi-London flight April 7 reached here the 25th, whereas one mailed the same date, but missing service for some reason arrived in the regular mail May 3rd.***Many collectors sent covers for the first Japan-Korea flight April 1st, following a note in the A. A. M. S. *Bulletin.* These covers have just come back, attractively cacheted. About 1,200 each way.

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Newspaper dispatches recently told of the arrival of the first Pan-American plane at Mollendo, Peru, with mail from the north. I wrote the Miami Postmaster, asking if any mail had been dispatched from the U. S. for points south of Canal Zone, and he says there has been none thus far. Evidently the P. A. A. has started local service south of the Zone of some sort or other, for the press story was quite detailed. I wonder what was done with point to point covers in the hands of agents and postmasters in Colombia, Ecuador, and Chile? I'd welcome any information on this. Postmaster Pittman states that he does not know, either officially, or unofficially when the service from the U. S. will begin, the points to be served, the frequency, nor the rates of postage required; so that's that. You know as much about it as I do.

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Mr. J. P. Penning reports that on April 21st he sent out 425 sets of the autographed covers for the CAM 11 anniversary, and then had orders for 100 more. To those who got in too late he sent two from the air show May 2 and 3, and two on the first night flight on Route 11, all autographed by the pilots. There were about 1,100 unsigned anniversary sets mailed, also.***The mail from the Pittsburgh Balloon Races was to be carried in one of the balloons, and mailed at the point of landing.***The first official nonstop pick-up of mail will take place some place on CAM 11 in June or July. Ordinary air mail as usual, pilot signed covers 10c additional. This looks like a good one. Covers to J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene, Homestead, Pa. Do NOT send stamps for the 10c signature charge, but coin or money order. My thanks to Mr. Penning for an anniversary cover signed by all four pilots.

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Toledo will celebrate the first anniversary of transcontinental air mail June 3rd, and the postmaster has announced that a special cachet will be applied to air mail on that date. Send them along. W. H. Wolfgang, 2274 Whitney Ave., says all covers sent to him will be cheerfully taken care of.

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At the last minute the Boeing Co., contractors on route 18, sent to Perham C.

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Careful About Condition

Considerable care should be exercised in the choice of specimens even if one's collection consists of only quite common stamps. The beginner in his haste to obtain so many hundreds or thousands is apt to include the first specimen that comes to hand so long as it is a new variety. And what woeful apologies for stamps some of these "undesirables" are! dirty, torn, dog-eared and weather-beaten they are fit only for the furnace. Badly torn or damaged specimens should be discarded at once as they will always prove an eyesore to the careful collector and even as "space-fillers" are undesirable. Dirty or heavily cancelled stamps should also be refused as even when they have no actual damage their presence detracts from the appearance of a whole page of other immaculate specimens. Unused stamps without gum, if clean, and thinned stamps, if the thinning is not apparent on the face, might be included if rare or until better specimens can be obtained. But as far as possible only clean, perfect stamps should be included.

A. R.

Certain countries have issued "Acknowledgment of Receipt" stamps which name is abbreviated to "A. R." The best known examples are those issued by Panama and Colombia. These stamps are attached to registered letters and the

fee for them pays for the return of a receipt to the sender of the letter. In the United States, a notation is written or rubber stamped on the letter, and ordinary stamps are used for the return receipt fee.—A. C. LeDuc.

Question Box

By R. C. Young.

Will you kindly give a beginner some much needed information through the columns of your department in Mekeel's?

(1.) Stamps at the edge of a sheet have one, and sometimes two straight edges. Are such stamps considered undesirable by senior collectors?

Ans. Yes, but they rightfully have their place as U. S. varieties.

(2.) Large corporations sometimes perforate their initials in all stamps they use to prevent their resale by thieves. Are such stamps considered as damaged by collectors or are they of equal value as those that are not so marked?

Ans. These perforated initials depreciate greatly the value of the stamp.

(3.) Certain U. S. stamps are printed with ink that runs into the white paper when soaked to remove from envelopes. Are such stamps considered of less value?

Ans. Yes in proportion as they lose their color.

(4.) Should pairs of used stamps be affixed to album with one hinge or two?

Ans. Use just enough of a hinge to steady your pair.

(5.) How should precancels and coil stamps be arranged in an album? Should they be mixed in with the "regular" stamps according to issue and denomination, or should they be kept in a separate part of the album? If the latter, should they be arranged according to issue, denomination or (in the case of precancels) according to locality where issued?

Ans. Suit your own fancy about this.

I trust that these questions will be considered of such general interest to Juniors as to receive answers on the Juniors' page.

Misinformed

A short time ago, I received a circular letter from the advertising manager of a weekly magazine, soliciting advertising for a special number in July. He mentioned the 154th year of American Independence and (get this) "154 years of Uncle Sam's stamp issue"! It doesn't seem possible that anyone can be so misinformed, certainly no one in a responsible position with a well-known magazine. I thought it would be time well spent, so I told him a few things about stamp issues, including the fact that these United States did not issue stamps until August 5, 1847, and that Great Britain had led the way and Brazil had followed suit only a short time before this.—A. C. LeDuc.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

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The poet Wordsworth was no devotee of the Beloved Hobby, yet the following lines of his might appropriately adorn the column of our New Issue editor:

Vernal fruitions and desires
Are linked in endless chase;
While as one kindly growth retires
Another takes its place.

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Here lie the remains
Of Two Gun Glover,
Who lighted his pipe
With my Zeppelin cover.

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WE LEARN FROM A HEADLINE THAT ONE FEATURE WRITER HAS DESIGNATED STAMPS AS DESIRABLE "WAFERS". IF UNUSED WITH FULL GUM WE'D SUGGEST THEN THEY BE CALLED "AFTER-DINNER MINTS".—GOSSIP.

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"Meesther," said Pat, just behind, "If yes step on me cor-rn agin I'll give yez one meself."

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CUPID SHOT AN ARROW AT A LOCAL COLLECTOR THE OTHER DAY AND THE LAD WENT RIGHT DOWN TOWN AND SPENT HIS LAST CENT FOR BARGAIN PACKETS. AIN'T LOVE WONDERFUL?

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On April the first some wag cut the center from a Clark stamp, inverted it in relation to its frame, and sent it to our New Issue editor who chronicles it as "a neat job". The Forum has just been willed a parrot that once belonged to the editor of a stamp paper. Wonder if this same surgeon would not cut out and invert Polly's vocabulary for us.

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FORUM PRIMER

See the boy smoke.
Does he roll his own?
Yes, from waxed paper.
Where does he get the paper?
From father's stamp album.
Father will be pleased to know it.
Will the boy smoke then?
No, but his pants will.

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Varnish, says the "Bazaar," does not improve a violin's tone. When spattered on his stamps, it doesn't improve a collector's tone much either.

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 351*)

Nahl one of their cachets to be applied to Sacramento mail May 1st. He was holding some covers for the speedboat service, and sent them at the same time. In all, just 96 covers were mailed with this cachet, which is the same as mentioned for San Francisco and Oakland above. Covers sent to the P. M. at Sacramento came in with a 2-line cachet, red, in large letters—"First Nite Fligh 1, 1929."

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Mail, totalling 212 items for Gua City, 59 for El Salvador, left April 17 in a Ford plane. Due to l field conditions, did not reach Gua City till the 19th. Return fligh made April 28, arriving at Mexic the same day. Covers bear the Aereo cancellation of Guatemala.

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Airport Dedications, Etc.

Shamokin, Pa., Aero Exhibit Municipal Airport, June 1. No w cachet, but ———.***Agawam A Inc., W. F. Bright, Mgr., is the p send your covers for the Agawam, dedication, slated for July or A with a cachet.***The Western A press, 117 W. Ninth St., Los A Calif., will have a special mail c flight from their new airport at A bra, Calif., in late June or early Ju will look after covers.***Winnipeg has an aircraft show of consi size on for May 24th and 25th.*** Mont., will dedicate in July; havet cided as to cachet. Dr. A. A. Hu Chairman of the Airport Com.** dia, Fla., comes off before long, a C. of C. may have a cachet.***Ol Wash., sometime this summer, an C. is handling covers.***Wilkes Pa., now sets June 22 and 23, a have a special mail flight.***Cape N. J., July 4. No cachet so Grand Haven, Mich., ditto.*** Miss., in July or August, cachet, m maybe not.

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The Second National Airplane League of America Contests are held in Detroit June 20, 21, and 22 special cachet is promised by the sp Covers to John J. Riordan, 1738 fellow Ave., Detroit.***Toledo A Club will stage an Aircraft Exhibit bergh Day, May 21st. A cachet used, and covers should go to Minick, Commerce Guardian Toledo.

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The Gardner Trophy Air Races held at Parks Airport at East St. Ill., May 28, 29, and 30. The E Louis C. of C. is sponsoring a cachet to be applied in a differen each day. Covers to L. H. Form Spivey Bldg., East St. Louis. M lower left corners dates of m please.

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Did you notice the various ty handwriting with which Mayor ock signed the Corsicana covers tioned last week? Maybe he's am trous.***Pierre, S. D., dedicated 30—no cachet, but signed by the ***Tracy, Calif., April 26, 27, a with all covers mailed the 28th, so I know. They used a neat winged sponsored by the American Legion covers incidentally, were all also cancelled right over the stamps, & Chi. R. P. O. Tr. No. 28 12M 30, 1929".

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Just as I write these notes, the brings in P. M. G. Brown in a t his department, and he's saying there's a real demand for a new of U. S. stamps, the department wi sider suggestions. Sounds interes

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National Balloon Races at Pitt cachets were purple, black and May 2, 3, and 4, respectively.*** town, S. D., dedication was May cachet on mine, but all signed Mayor.***Seattle had a Lundborg May 1st, and the Swedish Consu

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tar 1921-7, 2sh	"	1.00	.60
1922, 2pi, #29	"	.60	.28
1918, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	"	.23	.10
1907-11, 2½p	"	.18	.08
14-18, ¼, ½, 1p	"	.15	.05
26, 2½p	"	..	.30
26, 3p		..	.30
a 1914-15, 4, 6, 1sh	"	.65	.30
caland 1925, ½, 1p	"	.23	.12
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the cachet. How's that for an *Huron, S. D., sends in two in- ig ones. They had a celebration edication over the 2nd, 3rd, and overs mailed on the 2nd had a red label, "This article shipped by air pid Air Lines, Inc. Huron, S. D.- City, S. D." On May 4th they a cachet by what looks like a raph process in more colors than med St. Petersburg pelican. It roughly sketched plane, on whose are the words, "G. R. McArthur+ C.", and other inscriptions below ning the service from "Chicago to ack Hills". Different!

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iac, Mich., dedication, June 4th.*** 24 contractor is furnishing a cachet ir Races, St. Louis-Indianapolis,). Covers to Floyd Shockley, Box Indianapolis.***Covers for St. send to J. W. Stoutzenburg, Ma- d, Mo.***Kerrville, Texas, soon, by C. of C.

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United States

"State" Stamps

It has just been learned that the requisitions from the Post Office Department to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, authorizing shipments of the State stamps to the several post offices in Kansas and Nebraska, were dated April 11th. As the stamps had been previously prepared by the Bureau, this means that shipments, no doubt, started on April 12th and 13th. As a result, covers dated around the 14th or 15th, are likely to be first-day items.

Mr. William A. Temple reports quite a few denominations of both types being used on April 22nd and 24th. So far, the earliest dated cover that has been brought to our attention is April 15th.

Judging from the stock at the Philatelic Agency, only two plates were used in the case of each denomination, although it is quite possible in the stocks sent to the States that other plates of the 1c, 1½c and 2c may be found. The same plates were used for overprinting in the case of both states on all denominations from 1c to 10c inclusive, with the exception of the 1½c and 2c. Each state had different plates in the case of these two denominations. The plates noted are as follows:

NEBRASKA

Denomination.	*Plate Nos.*
1c	19338-39
1½c	19182-92
2c	19204-05
3c	18803-04
4c	18038-82
5c	18907-08
6c	18030-37
7c	18736-40
8c	18191-92
9c	18742-44
10c	19234-35

KANSAS

The plate numbers are identical with those given above for Nebraska in the case of the 1c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c and 10c. The plates for the other two denominations were:

Denomination.	*Plate Nos.*
1½c	19181-91
2c	19379-436

The first day over the counter sales at the Philatelic Agency, amounted to $6,000.00, and a notice was posted calling the attention of collectors to the fact that plate numbers were only furnished in half sheets of fifty. The same ruling applies in the case of those ordering through the mails. The demand for plate numbers has been such that the Department feels it necessary to take such a step to prevent the extra wastage in picking out from numerous sheets simply a plate number block.

The *Postal Bulletin* for April 30th, reproduces a communication of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, dated April 27th, instructing postmasters at post offices in Kansas and Nebraska not to precancel the State stamps.

In reply to numerous inquiries, we would state that these new varieties are good for postage throughout the United States and other points where our regular stamps may be used.

New Issue Coming

In our Chronicle of April 8th, we called the attention of the new Postmaster General to the fact that the time is now opportune for a new series of postage stamps, and suggested that instead of having numerous portraits as at present, that we follow the procedure of many other countries and depict natural scenes as well as scenes representative of industry. In view of our suggestion, the recent notice to the public in general by the Postmaster General is of interest. He now asks for suggestions from the public as to new designs and wants to know what scenes should be depicted on such a new series. Under the circumstances, the public is invited for the first time to make suggestions, although the stamp collecting fraternity has taken it upon themselves many times to advise the Postmaster General, and in a good number of cases, the suggestions have been favorably acted upon.

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Suggested New Issues

As previously mentioned, the Department has decided to issue a stamp commemorative of the Ohio River engineering projects, and the variety will appear early in October.

Congressman Eaton has introduced a bill in Congress, authorizing the Postmaster General to issue a new 2c postage stamp bearing a picture of the Mount of the Holy Cross in Colorado. Mr. J. G. B. Grimes submits a clipping wherein it is stated that such a stamp is in no way tainted with commercialism, as Mount of the Holy Cross is one of the most inspiring scenic attractions in the world.

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In mentioning the designs, it may be also of interest for the Department to consider the bi-colored stamps now being used by a number of countries which are no doubt being produced almost as cheaply as our own one color varieties. This is a new process whereby the border and center are printed at one time.

Receipts for Domestic Mail

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We wish to thank Messrs. Hiram E. Deats, D. R. Hetherington, Willis M. Pott, Albert N. Brown and J. H. Brackett, for notes of interest.

Australia.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 9p violet, small multiple watermark, perf. 12. The inscription at the foot is "John Ash, Australian Note and Stamp Printer".

Czechoslovakia.—A set of four values of line-engraved stamps bearing the Shield and Arms of this country have been sent for chronicle by Mr. R. Roberts. They are unwatermarked, perf. 10, and of the following values and colors: 20h scarlet, 25h blue-green, 30h mauve, and 40h brown.

Dominican Republic.—It is reported that a special issue of postage stamps is imminent to commemorate the signing of the Boundary Treaty between San Domingo and Hayti. Five values will comprise the set, viz., ½, 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos, which will be circulated concurrently with the present stamps showing the Columbus Palace. This information comes from a correspondent of *Stamp Collecting*.

Dutch Indies.—Several changes in the current series are foreshadowed according to *Stamp Collecting*. New stamps of the 15c blue and 35c brown are on the point of being issued. The color of the 3c is to be changed from rose to green, that of the 4c from green to yellow bistre, and that of the 20c from blue to orange. The 30c postage due stamp, obsolete for some years, is to be re-issued in its original shade, viz., vermilion.

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Stop Press News

NEW EDISON STAMP

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his story was sent in as a part of Ward's department copy for May We lift it for this week's "Stop " in order to increase our prestige urveyor of news.—Ed.)

m informed through the courtesy of Postmaster General that he has re-ed the Bureau of Engraving and ing to submit for his inspection de- of a proposed 2-cent stamp com-rating the fiftieth anniversary of ncandescent lamp. The stamp will ly show the electric lamp and will on the name of Thomas A. Edison, f course, will not bear his portrait, e portrait of a living person upon np is prohibited by law.

ile the Postmaster General has not rized the issue of the stamp, it is ted that on receipt of the design, it eceive his approval and that a new may be expected in short order. It ieved that Senator Edge is instru-l in having such a stamp prepared was one of the first to discuss the t with the Postmaster General.

main activities in connection with lebrations of the anniversary of the ion of the incandescent lamp will around Dearborn, Michigan, dur-October. It is expected that Mr. n will be the guest of Mr. Henry and many other dignitaries, includ-ne President of the United States, e present for the occasion.

s will be a second commemorative the new Postmaster General, and he new series coming possibly before nd of the year, we are glad to see ne Postmaster General will continue ood work of his predecessor. As o information is available as to the er to be printed, as this subject will e given consideration until the va- is officially authorized.

ZEPPELIN FREIGHT

New York *Times* states that a pair rillas, a genuine Rubens and a Ger-grand piano are slated to be among raf Zeppelin's freight cargo when rigible takes off on its second trans-ic flight.

ZEPPELIN TO CIRCLE GLOBE

After Present Round Trip will Return to Lakehurst

The post office department has been advised that plans are being made for the Graf Zeppelin airship to make a round-the-world trip, starting and ending at Lakehurst, N. J.

A trip from Germany to the United States and back is due to start May 15, after which the post office department was advised the airship would return to this country to start circling the globe.

The commander of the Graf Zeppelin, Dr. Hugo Eckener, was said to have stated to American representatives in Germany that he wishes to make the round-the-world trip an "all American affair" and that he hopes to carry considerable mail to far eastern points for the United States.

NO ZEPPELIN CACHET

There Will Be, However, an Official Marking of Some Kind

In announcing regulations for sending mail via the second trip of the Graf Zeppelin to Germany the P. O. Dept. has stated that no special cancellation would be used. This was a consistent ruling inasmuch as obviously no first flight cachet could be used as the flight in question was the second crossing.

Replying to suggestions made by the American Air Mail Society through its Secretary, Hon. W. Irving Glover stated that the Department would arrange to use some official marking to identify the nature of the mail and to eliminate as far as possible the great number of private markings, which no doubt would be used should no official marking be provided. This official marking would either be in the form of a rubber stamp or perhaps a printed label, probably the former, the text being "United States Mail via Graf Zeppelin", or words to that effect.

Of equal importance is the announcement by Mr. Glover that the Department has been advised by the Zeppelin authorities that the start and finish of the Zeppelin Around-the-World trip starting about July 8 will be at Lakehurst, and that U. S. A. mail will be carried on this occasion. As this will be a real first flight, Mr. Glover states that it is practically certain that the Department will coöperate by providing a first flight special cachet for this mail. Rates have not been determined as yet.

L. B. GATCHELL.

NOTES FROM SO. AMERICA

Paraguay recently issued a provisional set of air mail stamps consisting of 3.40, 6.80 and 17p. 10,000 of each were printed. A new permanent set has appeared consisting of the following values: 2.85, 5.65, 11.30 pesos.

Uruguay has issued postage stamps $2, $3, $4, $5, all in the Artigas type.

The air mail route from Buenos Aires to Asuncion, was opened March 22, but mails have been carried in the opposite direction since January.

A. H. DAVIS.

OMAHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Omaha Philatelic Society will have an exhibition of stamps May 29-June 14, inclusive, at the Omaha Art Institute. Between forty and fifty frames of stamps will be shown. During the week of May 6 several frames will be on display in one of the downtown windows, showing just how the balance of the exhibition will appear. The Omaha Philatelic Society now has a membership of ninety members, and new members are being added at almost every meeting.

CARL E. LUNDGREN, Sec.

AIR FLIGHT NOTES

"The expected happened. The *Postal Bulletin* of May 9th announced that the first trip of FAM 9, Cristobal-Mollendo, Peru, would leave Miami May 14, Cristobal May 17, the first flight cachet to be applied at Cristobal only. San Juan, Porto Rico, also dispatched first mail on the same date, and will doubtless prove the sleeper on this flight. No service for Colombia and Chile yet. Rates as previously announced—from Cristobal, 15c to Ecuador, 30c to Peru; from Miami or U. S. points, 25c additional. Obviously, due to the short notice, only those who heeded former rather indefinite announcements, and got in covers, will have any mail on this flight. In the meantime, covers sent to Guayaquil, Ecuador, have been returned with the information that the first flight *to* Canal Zone took place April 10 or 11; with Pan-American Airways, Inc., disclaiming any knowledge of such a flight. Covers also received cancelled Tolara, Peru, April 11, backstamped Guayaquil, April 12. What's the answer?"

Effective with the flight from Miami May 21, delivery of air mail on FAM 5 will be made at Belize, Br. Hond.; Tela, Rep. of Honduras; and Managua, Nicaragua, as well as Cristobal, Canal Zone. Rates per ½ oz. are 15c to Br. Honduras and Republic of Honduras, and 25c to Nicaragua. A special cachet will be used at Miami on all mail dispatched for these points. Mail will doubtless be picked up from these points, also.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

NEWS FLASHES

—June 15 the Stampless Covers Unit will hold the largest auction sale of stampless covers in history. It numbers 250 lots. The catalog with over one hundred illustrations will be sent to prospective bidders on receipt of 10c. F. S. Eaton, 70 Sachem St., New Haven, Conn.

—Hans Lagerloef mentions the following uncataloged variety: "I want to call your attention to the Malta, 1902, 'One Penny' on 2½d ultramarine, Scott No. 20. I have of this stamp, four block, where one of the stamps has a distinct 'o' in the word 'penny'."

—O. M. Polster, St. Louis, Mo., advises that the Chamber of Commerce received more than 1,000 letters from collectors requesting the special air mail

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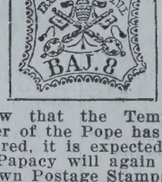

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Netherlands.—In type A23, the 10c has been issued in mauve shade and the 60c in black. Both stamps are watermarked circles and perf. 12½. Copies are to hand from Mr. R. Roberts.

Turkey.—Two more provisionals have been received from Whitfield King & Co. They are the 1gr surcharged "20 Paradir" in black and the 10gr surcharged "6 kurustur" in red. Regarding the 2½ kurustur on 5gr mentioned last month, *Stamp Collecting* is advised by Lieut.-Colonel O. K. Tancock that this stamp is of special interest because it is the first appearance of the new Turkish alphabet on the stamps of Turkey. "It is a pity," writes Col. Tancock, "that the type used is not more worthy of the occasion. The 's' of Kurustur should have a cedilla below, to give it the sound of sh, but in the few surcharged stamps which I have seen this seems to have been omitted. Kurustur is our old friend, Anglice, Ghurush, which appeared in the Frenchified form, Grouch, in the 1926 issue, and is now re-edited in the new alatourga Latin characters, with the addition of the termination 'tur' ('it is')."

Vatican City.—Arrangements have been made for the first issue of stamps for the new emancipated State of the Vatican City. The *Daily Telegraph* states that a full postal series of 20 values, ranging from 5 centesimi to 10 lire is anticipated. The design will include the triple crown and cross keys of the old States of the Church stamps, and will be inscribed "Citta del Vaticano". To expedite delivery of the first printing paper used for Italian stamps and watermarked with crowns will be used.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHRONICLE

(*Continued from page 354*)

Malta.—Mr. R. Roberts in a recent letter writes, "I should like to warn collectors against some forgeries of certain values of the Malta, 1926 issue with the surcharge 'POSTAGE' inverted. I have seen very good forgeries of the 3p and cachets in connection with the Aeronautic meeting, May 27-30.

—We have here in San Francisco, a very active stamp club, in the Lick and Wilmerding schools. Meetings are held every Thursday and our Pres., M. Kert, is proving a very capable leader. Exhibitions are held every ten weeks. The last one May 9, and was a great success.—VERNON KELDSEN, Sec.

PIKE'S PEAK A CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON, May 13.

Postmaster General Brown has notified Senator Phipps of Colorado that he will give "the most careful consideration" to the senator's proposal to put a picture of Pike's Peak on some forthcoming issue of 2c postage stamps. The senator said today that he had suggested a picture of Pike's Peak, and added that the postmaster general had received the suggestion favorably.

"AIR MAIL BEACON"

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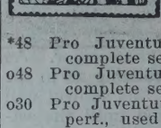

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The centenary of "Dr. Thebussem" has passed unnoticed in the British stamp journals, but his countrymen have not forgotten him, and the *Madrid Filatelico* devoted a special article to him in its November—December number. The famous pseudonym is, I fear, unknown to the rising generation of philatelists, and many might see his stamps today and not realise their curious place in the philatelic history of Spain.

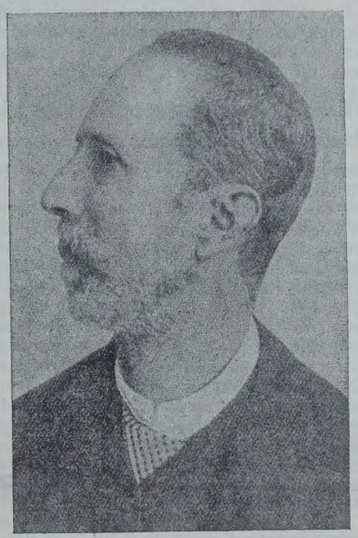
"Dr. Thebussem" was the whimsical pseudonym of a scion of a noble Spanish family; his proper name was Mariano Pardo de Figueroa, and he was born at the picturesque mountain city of Medina Sidonia, about 20 miles from Cadiz, on November 18, 1828; he died there on February 11, 1918, at a time when active preparations were being made to render him national homage on his ninetieth birthday. He was a sort of Admiral Crichton of science and literature, and wrote on countless subjects of Spanish associations, and contributed largely in later years to the revival of interest in Cervantes.

But his special claim upon our attention is the part he took in stirring up the postal administration in Spain, by pamphleteering and other forms of propaganda.

In 1871 Spain decided to adopt the post card, then a novelty but recently introduced in Austria-Hungary (1869), and followed by Britain (1870). But it was one thing for the Spanish administration to decree the issue of post cards, and an altogether different matter for anyone to act upon the order. Two years elapsed and the cards had not materialised. Dr. Thebussem, we must give him the name of his choice, printed a million cards at his own expense, with the inscription: "As the Government objects to provide post cards, Dr. Thebussem has prepared the present issue for himself and his friends. It will be considered a mark of good taste to put a stamp in the right-hand top corner."

Still the national shibboleth "mañana" (tomorrow) held the authorities back, and our hero produced another million cards "for the use of those who are not friends of Dr. Thebussem." Four million post cards in all were printed and distributed by the Doctor before the Post Office made a move, and the first official post cards of Spain were issued in December, 1873.

At intervals between 1870 and 1900 Dr. Thebussem published pamphlets of postal and philatelic interest, of which Mr. E. D. Bacon gives a list in the Crawford library catalogue. More accessible to English readers are his papers read before the London Philatelic Society, printed in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, XI (1873), p. 51, and his Spanish Postal (or Philatelico-Legal) Chronology in the same volume, pp. 100 and 161.



MARIANO PARDO DE FIGUEROA
"Dr. Thebussem"

The Spanish Government wanted to confer some distinction or honours upon Dr. Thebussem for his work—independent and unofficial as it was—in improving the postal administration. They invited him to be "Jefe superior de administración," a kind of honorary P.M.G., but he replied in his whimsical way that as the Count de Villamediano had been the first Postmaster-General, he would be content to be the last postman.

On April 14, 1880, he received an ornate diploma making him "Cartero mayor honorario," *i.e.*, "chief honorary postman," of Madrid. This was followed by the extension of his honorary postman-ship to Spain and the Colonies, accompanied by the privilege of franking his letters and receiving letters free.

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Writing in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* (April 30, 1898), Mr. J. H. Chapman describes the several varieties of the Doctor's stamps. He says:

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At first, the stamps he used were adhesive and pin-perforated, the design being applied by a hand stamp usually on yellow-brown paper; at present, the letters are simply franked by the application of a hand stamp.

In Moens' splendid work on Spanish stamps ("Histoire des timbres-poste d'Espagne") he refers to these stamps, but only mentions three, where there are in reality five of them.

As will be seen from the accompanying illustrations, although the stamps slightly differ from each other, they consist of a double circle, containing the words "Dr. Thebussem KRTRO honorario de Madrid, etc."

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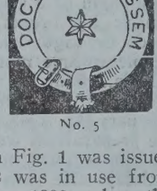

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The stamp shown in Fig. 1 was issued in May, 1880. Fig. 2 was in use from January, 1881, to July, 1882, when the die was broken; this stamp is consequently the rarest of all. The stamps, Fig. 3 and 4, were issued in May and July, 1882, respectively; and Fig. 5 in October, 1890."—*Stamp Lover.*

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Lists of Vincennes combinations continue to come in, many readers reporting good progress in their search for the elusive numbers. The lists come in many forms: charts, blueprints, graphs, etc., many finely done in colors. Wayne E. Kuhn, our Ithaca correspondent, submits an interesting oddity for examination. This is a block of six, from the right pane, numbers 19720-19730, with the letter "F" missing before the red number. Starting at the top rim of the drum in No. 4, and curving downward through the letters "V" and "C" is a fine black hairline. This continues across the space between the subjects and enters No. 9 passing through the letters "P" and the first "M" in "commemorative," and ending in the tree just above Clark's head. This was caused by a hair no doubt adhering to the plate at the time of the center printing. Several other minor varieties have been reported and sometime we will present a list of all if interest warrants.

19723 Vincennes. Thos. C. E. Hunter reports the following for chronicle: No. 45, left pane has a broken line above the scroll "1929." Break, 3½mm. Mr. Hunter adds that the break is plainly visible to the naked eye and is constant, he having over forty copies.

Mr. V. W. Tuttle kindly sends for inspection several specimens of the 1912 Parcel Post issue on which appear small white dots and a small white line directly over the column on the right side of the frame. The dots are in the labels reading "U. S. Parcel Post", and "Cents". Concerning these oddities, Mr. A. E. Owen remarks: "The cause of all these white spots is probably due to the accumulation of dried ink in the sections of plates which were not so deeply recessed as other portions of the background of the labels. A single die was used for the frame of all Parcel Post values. The so-called 'Right Cap' varieties of the 2c 1890 and similar defects around the numerals of the 1c 1890 were caused in like manner." The white line referred to is quite plain and appears on several denominations. Some of the specimens examined were from plates 6179 and 6338, other copies not having the number attached. No doubt other plates will show the same line. Mr. Tuttle adds that in his specialized collection of nearly 3,000 specimens of this issue, but very few are found. I was unable to locate any in the few sheets I possess.

Several readers have made inquiries concerning the lack of initials on the current rotaries, and the following comment in a recent letter from our Washington correspondent, Mr. H. M. Southgate, will throw some light on the subject. "I have not investigated but I should say that the transfer men and the plate finishers whose identification initials are on the right and left lower corners, respectively, of the plates must put their initials on when making the plate. The official proof of each plate is made before the plate is curved and trimmed to fit the press, and inspection of the proofs would doubtless show these initials. But when the plate is finished, i.e., curved and trimmed to fit the rotary press, very likely the initials may be cut off. In any event the margins on the paper are so narrow that the initials would not show."

Continuing our list of Canal Zone surcharge on U. S.: Postage due; flat "A" 1c (No. 301) 5510; 2c (No. 302) 6704; 10c (No. 316) 6556; 1925 provisionals, 1c (No. 318) 15334-339-437; 2c (No. 319) 15632; 10c (No. 320) 15510-511-512. The following have the sharp "A." 1c 13844-846-847; 2c 14026-027. Plates with the famous "inverted zone" variety; 1c (No. 67b) 15334-358-359-437. The recent air mail surcharge, 25c on 2c (Goethals) 115187. The following numbers were taken from various sources, but definite information is lacking as to proper classification: 6555-14029-14596-15351-15571 and 18985. No doubt both flat "A" and sharp "A" specimens are included in this lot. Perhaps some reader can help place these.

Again we present a fine list of contributors who have sent notes and data on many different subjects for the column. Here they are: Mrs. J. W. Lundy, F. J. Stillman (2), Francis Hartzell, Rex L. Bell, James R. Marshall, Wayne E. Kuhn (3), Benjamin Cadbury, Thos. C. E. Hunter, Roy A. Barton, Russell Barker, Harold W. Holmes, E. B. Lorenzen, A. E. Owen (2), Sam T. Vary, Frank E. Johnson, R. W. Becker, Franklin S. Smith, B. L. Collesolle, Harold E. Bogart, Lawrence S. Clark, F. Fleming, Arthur Schinckler, David C. Stamp, Theodore H. Ames (2), Alfred Allard, A. W. Mead, R. F. Morean, C. A. Tuttle, Dr. E. S. Potter, Arthur W. Line (3), L. D. Miller and Gustave de Lachasse of France. Countrywide cooperation!

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KARL KOSLOWSKI

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity of introducing Karl Koslowski, of Detroit, to those readers of the WEEKLY who may possibly not know him. He has a very wide acquaintance among the philatelic fraternity, and this article will possibly convey information that will be read with interest. When I first approached him, for particulars as to his philatelic career, he flatly refused, in fact he frankly told me that he was not looking for publicity. However, I got hard-boiled and would not take no for an answer. After a month had elapsed I succeeded in gaining my point.

Mr. Koslowski was born in Grenzwald, Courland, formerly under the old Russian empire, but now forming the main portion of the Latvian Republic. He was born July 13, 1877, is now 52 years old, and still a bachelor. His boyhood days were spent in his native town, and upon leaving school he took up the building trade.

Our friend has traveled extensively in Europe, but fired with an ambition to see the United States, a much talked of country, in the early part of 1902 he crossed the briny deep, and after successfully crashing the gates of the famous Ellis Island, he located first in New York City, and later in Atlantic City. However, a voice whispered in his ear, "go west, young man", and a year later he bade good-bye to the Atlantic shores and pitched his tent in Detroit, where he has resided ever since.

There may be some who may wonder as to his profession. The Detroit City directory says "Builder," and this rightfully belongs to him, for whether it be a builder of buildings, or a builder of stamp collections, or of stamp societies, his rating according to contractors or philatelists or society workers is A1.

Mr. Koslowski's stamp collecting activities dates back to his early days when in school. One of his early experiences

was in swapping stamp for stamp when he parted with Russia Scott's number 36 invert for Salvador Scott numbers 13-17, and many other swaps that make a long tale of woe.

Mr. Koslowski is also the party who discovered the 4c imperforate 1902 issue. Having arrangements made for a trip to Europe and dropping in to see a [illegible] to bid him good-bye, he was sho[wn] batch of these stamps in sheets o[f] fo[ur] hundred, also allowed to buy a sh[eet] face, but—says he, "the sixteen [dollars] needed to buy this sheet seemed t[o be] more fun in store for the trip," a[nd] lieving there would be more wher[e] came from, the purchase was not [made]. The following day before leavi[ng] called on his friend again and fou[nd] stamps all cut up and Schermi[ck] Pocketing some fifty copies, he dep[arted] and was surprised to learn upon h[is] turn some six months later that n[o] was known about this stamp, and s[even] years later, when the news leake[d] there was a scramble from all si[des] find this variety.

Some older collectors will have [a] collection of these, regretting tha[t] were not among the lucky ones. [As] in that group. He is a real collect[or] loves his stamps, always looking fo[r] ities. At the present time he is cl[ose]ing U. S. general issues and speciali[zes] in cancellations, frequently exhibi[ts] these at various club meetings. H[is] vorite country is Latvia, of whi[ch] has a wonderful collection in fo[ur] bums dating from the World W[ar] date. He is considered an expe[rt] these stamps. Through him, several [years] ago, the U. S. Government was [en]ble[d] to complete its collection in Washing[ton] of Latvia.

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HERE AND THERE—

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WE learn that F. S. Eaton, of New Haven, Conn., has been in an automobile accident, and the attendant difficulties have prevented his prompt attendance to philatelic matters.

WE have been favored with a copy of the booklet, "William H. Russell, Originator and Developer of the Pony Express", reprinted from the *Collectors Club Philatelist.* It is written by Victor M. Berthold with a Foreword by Henry C. Needham. This book has already been referred to in the WEEKLY and it is needless to say that it is written with the thoroughness for which Mr. Berthold is so well known.

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WE are advised by Henry G. Lang that he has the new Nebraska stamps on covers postmarked "Beatrice, Nebr.", April 15 at 10 A. M. We have heard of no earlier dates than April 15 for either Nebraska or Kansas.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO. buys million dollar mine. Tom V. Binmore, treasurer of the New England, bought this blind, says he doesn't care whether there is such a mine or not. The title transfer deed carries, among other things, 26 copies of the $20 Probate, a flock of $25 and $20, $10 perf. and imperf. of other classes. It was a beautiful old thing or parchment and illuminated by hand.

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EDITORIAL

TO those who have asked what progress has been made in our petition to have the duty removed from United States stamps imported into this country, the news that appeared in the WEEKLY two weeks ago, as wired us by Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, was very acceptable. There is reason to believe that many collectors took the trouble to write to their Washington representatives to tell of their belief that the change be made, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that the House has the recommendation of the committee to include U. S. stamps in the Free List. It is needless to say that Mr. Ackerman's interest in the bill is a happy circumstance for all philatelists.

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WHEN the hopeful first flight patron decides that he will avail himself of the opportunity to get examples of an advertised flight, he carefully attends to the preparation of the covers, which he addresses (or not) to the postmasters at the cities on the route and sends them on. They are sent in a cover to the postmasters aforesaid, and as the purpose of the sender is self-evident, no letter may be enclosed, and what is more to the point no return card is placed on the package in some cases. The postmaster does not know to whom to return the envelopes, in consequence. Time passes and the awaiting cover man finally loses hope and is convinced that his envelopes have been lost in the shuffle. Perhaps he makes no further inquiry and accepts his ill-luck with a sigh. The Superintendent of the Dead Letter Office at Chicago, Illinois, has in his department, 180 souvenir letters of the kind that are not to be identified that in a recapitulation fall in the following years: 1926, 37; 1927, 15; 1928, 122; and 1929, 6. All these letters are foundlings as their originators are not of record and their contents practically nix. It would be folly to dump them on Washington or in the waste paper; and so, the superintendent of the dead letter office at Chicago has decided to hold a sale of these covers on Monday, June 10, 1929. He has made 68 lots of the envelopes, with data: Date Mailed: Route: Where Mailed: Postage Attached: Occasion: Remarks. What could be fairer? Certainly a vote of thanks is in order. Those who want to hear further about the forthcoming sale should address: Superintendent of Dead Letter Office, Chicago, Illinois. As said before, the sale is to be held June 10, 1929.

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THE following information comes from the post office department at Mexico under date of April 11, 1929: "Possibly due to the movement of the tri-motor aeroplane Mexico, three sacks of mail, sent by the Post Office of Brownsville, Texas, U. S. A., the day of the inauguration of the aerial postal service, Matamoras-Mexico, went into the interior of one of the tips of the wings, remaining there until the 9th instant when it arrived in Merida, Yucatan. In the mail, the enclosed were found which you will observe were backstamped March 10th, ultimo, in order to preserve their philatelic value." Those who understand the construction of the particular plane will realize how this mysterious disappearance of mail for the time being happened; and it is to the credit of the Mexican postal administration to preserve the philatelic fitness of things by turning back the time of the postmark, although collectors would prefer that the lapse of time had been indicated by the marking.

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A BOOK reviewer in the Chicago *Journal of Commerce* in noticing Vachel Lindsay's recent work, "The Litany of Washington Street," says that the author speaks of his volume as being a work of imagination "somewhat in the spirit of state house and court house and dollar bill mural paintings and engravings, somewhat in the spirit of the design of postage stamps and of the best Fourth of July decorations and speeches." Without trying to interpret the subtle shades of Mr. Lindsay's sentiment, we prick up our ears when he speaks of postage stamps. We wonder if he has come under the spell of the recent commemoratives or whether the regulation issue was referred to, which gives so much Americana in a few feet of postage stamps. Our recent special issues must make a deep impression on those of the public who have imagination, but here and there a soulless one will be found that is dead to their suggestions.

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A READER calls attention to the desirability of issuing a commemorative for the Battle of Bunker Hill, of June 16, 1776, and in view of the fact that "there is no split centennial that would give title to the 103rd anniversary as a cause for stamp celebration, the idea is not likely to be accepted," a voice from Washington admonishes us. With the Dam stamps and the new general issue in prospect, the attention of collectors is fully occupied and it is just as well that collectors apply themselves to proposing subjects for inclusion in the new set that Postmaster General Brown has been speaking about.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes from New York, as follows: "I was interested in your editorial in which you said that a reader who signed himself 'Behind the Scenes' thought that he gave you some inside information about manufacturing philatelic opinion. In reply you said that propaganda is almost wholly absent in the stamp world and that no organized effort is made to create public sentiment, meaning, of course, that we are not conforming to the wishes of 'master minds' but follow our own will. I do not contradict you exactly, but I'll bet a cookie that fashions in collecting are made just as they are in clothes, else why the 'urges' to collect precancelled, air mail and such things that are played up for the consumption of readers. I could tell you of cases where drives have come to your notice that must have had their inception in conference rooms, rather than in the minds of collectors, who strangely enough are seized by the same idea at the same time!" Our critic should know that the secretive scribe who wrote before was an anonymous contributor and his words supplied an excuse to say something that we believe is true. That coteries of collectors who think alike do gather around the table and plan how to encourage interest in their specialties is admitted, and it is granted that the object in view is selfish at times. What are tantamount to pools in the stock market have centered on making a demand for certain stamps and that means have been taken otherwise to make popular certain kinds or classes of stamps, we may believe. We have had letters occasionally telling of cabals and conspiracies that flourished in the dark of the moon. Collectors were to be preyed upon, but the beasts must have stayed in the jungle as casualties were not reported. Rightly, we exempt the pressure for philatelic publicity from the propaganda charge. If the activities of the dealers' organizations are fraught with any subtle implication, we do not know that such is the case. There are no lobbies, supported by philatelic funds, that are pressing for their own ends. There are no paid press agents working for the "interests" nor "planted" correspondents who are drilled to descend by letter on the philatelic citizens. The stamp press does not make the fashions in a collecting sense; it follows them after the pioneers clear away the trees. Precancelled and air mail get attention because so many are interested in these branches that these collector c not be ignored in a newspaper sen specific case of the machinators at vo pulling "strings to make the pp dance" would be interesting if sub by a correspondent who signed his a

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Official Flights

See last week's "Stop Press" item for information on the FAM 9 flights. I'll try to tell you more about this soon.*** The following are the quantities of mail despatched and cacheted by the Colonial Western Airways, Inc., on the first flight of the new schedule May 1st, as described last week: Albany, 3,000; Schenectady, 3,000; Utica and Rome together, 2,500; Syracuse, 8,000; Rochester, 9,000; Cleveland and Buffalo, figures not given.

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George H. Kieley, Air Mail Section, Boston Post Office, and a rabid collector, has gotten out a revised schedule of all routes, as of May 1st, and will probably be glad to send you a copy if you request it, with postage enclosed.***William H. Myers reports one that some of the rest of us might have thought of but probably didn't—a first day cover with the Nebraska stamps, cancelled Wahoo, with the first flight cachet from Omaha. Nice!

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FAM 6 is soon to be extended from San Juan to either St. Thomas or St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Ids.; to Guadeloupe, St. Kitts, Martinique, St. Lucia, and Barbados. No information on postage, or anything else, but if I were you, I'd send along a few covers, and a remittance, with instructions to mail as many of them as the money will pay for. Remember what just happened on No. 9. Credit *Linn's Weekly* for first news of this.*** The P. M. G. of Canada announces that air mail service will be extended to connect Toronto with Buffalo and Windsor this summer.

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Covers sent in by Maurice S. Petty some time ago to Seward, Neb., to be mailed on an advance-announced first flight were acknowledged by the P. M. saying he would mail them when Seward was placed on CAM 18. They were received with a May 1 postmark, with no cachet or other information. Huh?

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First Sunday service took place May 5 from Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Mobile, Beaumont, and Houston. No cachets.***First night flights on the New York-Atlanta route took place that night, May 5-6.***Greensboro sprung a surprise and applied a green cachet similar to theirs of Aug. 1st, commemorating the first Sunday-Holiday flying. By the C. of C. and P. M.—only 159 mailed.*** The cachet mentioned last week as used at Reno May 1st was also used to backstamp mail addressed there.

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Baltimore was added to CAM 19, shuttle service to New York and Washington only, May 6. Cachet in black, usual No. 19 style.***Covers sent in last fall for the Nenana-Nome service during the spring break-up in Alaska have been received, postmarked Fairbanks Mar. 29, backstamped Nome Apr. 10th. No cachet.***Springfield used their first flight cachet to backstamp, or rather, front stamp, all mail received on the first flight. ***The P. O. Dept. has announced that U. S. mail will be carried on the Graf Zeppelin's round-the-world flight this summer. Rates, etc., later.

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A surprise event happened May 14th in the way of the first amphibian flight of mail from Detroit to Cleveland and return via the Thompson Aeronautical Co.'s new flying boats. Amelia Earhart flew the first plane, and a special cachet was applied to all mail by the Thompson Co., contractors for CAM 27. Haven't seen these yet, but they ought to be good, as there was only a very short notice.***A new contract has been awarded for the Mexico City-Nuevo Laredo route, and service will soon be resumed. ***The newly awarded service from Seattle to Victoria, B. C. is expected to start around July 1st.***Don't forget the extension of the Salt Lake City-Pasco route to Medford and Portland, Ore., about June 1st, with night flying in effect at the same time.

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Just hint, if you want a terminal backstamp. Try addressing your covers to yourself General Delivery at the terminal city.

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Airport Dedications, Etc.

Mr. A. E. Koestler tells me he has one of two letters carried with the Bremen fliers from Greenely Island to Montreal. That's the first I knew that any mail at all had been carried.***DeForest Abbott received a cover with a Cape Henry, Va., cachet mailed at Salem, Ore. It went all that way stuck under the flap of one addressed there, and then was remailed to the correct address.***Claude W. Park-

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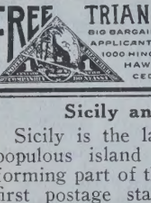
Sicily and Sierra Leone

Sicily is the largest, most fertile and populous island of the Mediterranean, forming part of the kingdom of Italy. Its first postage stamps appeared in 1859. These were superseded by the stamps of the Neapolitan Provinces in 1861, and in the following year these, in turn, were replaced by the general issue for the kingdom of Italy.



Sierra Leone is a British colony on the west coast of Africa which issued its first postage stamps in 1860.

Aden

Aden is a British protectorate on the southeastern coast of Arabia, and includes the island of Perim. Although this region has been under the British rule since 1839 when it was captured from the Turks, and is separated from India by the Arabian Sea, it has been ruled as a part of India. For that reason we find that its postal system has been the same as for India. It seems strange that Great Britain has not issued special stamps for this outlying protectorate which would seem to warrant a special set of its own, more than some of the colonies of lesser importance.—A. C. LeDuc.

Some "C" Notes

Carlist Stamps.—Stamps issued in Spain in 1873-4 by the orders of the leaders of the Carlist Insurrection and suppressed in 1876.

Carnes' City Letter Express.—A local post of San Francisco established in 1854 by George A. Carnes. Two stamps were issued in connection with this post.

Caritas.—The inscription shown on the Charity stamps issued in connection with the Brussels Exhibition of 1910. It is the Latin word for "charity."

Caroline Islands.—An archipelago of 680 islands and islets in the Pacific Ocean between 1° and 10° north latitude and 131° and 163° east longitude. Stamps were first issued in 1899 with the inscription "Karolinen."

Carol I, Rege Al Romaniei.—An inscription shown on the 1903 stamps of Roumania in the small medallion containing the King's portrait.

Brunei

From the appearance of the stamps of Brunei (brōō-nī), things look pretty wet, This British Protectorate is located between British North Borneo and Sarawak on the northern side of the island of Borneo. The only town of importance is also called Brunei, and pictures of this town are shown on the two large oblong stamps of the 1924 set. The town is shown as several rows of native houses built over water close to the shore.

Except for the surcharged set of 1906 and the two stamps of 1924 previously mentioned, the stamps for this colony have been of a standard type showing a native in a canoe and four native houses built over the water.

The population consists of 35 Europeans and the balance of the 24,454 is composed of Chinese and natives. It would seem that stamps of $1, $5 and $25 would be quite unnecessary, but such have been issued. The stamps of this colony have always been popular with collectors and it is possible to obtain a complete collection without a big outlay of money. However, to obtain all of them on entire covers would be another story.—A. C. LeDuc.

Tit for Tat

Tat affirms:—
With stamps, my dear, thy head is turned;
By many, such an art is spurned
As being cause of loss of time
For cancelled things not worth a dime.
I wonder thou enjoy'st such trash,
Discarded as 'tis with a dash
Of pen and ink, and then 'tis cast
Into the paper basket, lost
To view of all, till some poor guy
Perceives it as he passes by,
And gathers it safely as a stone
Whose value is to him unknown.
Quit, then, O Friend, this crazy lore,
E'er death will knock upon thy door.

Tit replies:—
Toward stamps, indeed, my head is turned,
Although by many they are spurned.
I really think it's well spent time
To cull such gems worth many a dime.
I wonder why you call them trash!
Because they're cancelled with a dash?
Why, man alive! know'st thou the cost
Of gems in baskets so often lost?
Thrice happy aye! the lucky guy
Who chances as he passes by
To cull them as a precious stone
Whose value to the few is known.
Name not this hobby crazy lore
Lest death should knock upon your door.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

King George is able to go auto driving once more. That's ripping. We like the King over here, and his illness has aroused popular interest and sympathy. Stamp journals especially have shown their good-will, and expressed earnest hopes for His Majesty's early recovery. We fancy that the cat who looks much at the King these days is also getting an eye full of superb adhesives.

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IN HUNTING INVERTED WATERMARKS, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO STAND ON ONE'S HEAD BUT A FEW MINUTES AT A TIME.

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HASN'T BENZINE SINCE

Here lie the remains
Of Stampy Green,
Who struck a match
To hunt benzine.

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A correspondent at Cacadopholus, Oregon, has shown me the 1c Bureau Print precancel from which the bars have been erased. This action was taken at the request of the District Attorney, who is engaged in drying up the region.

—Big Bill.

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A Joke

Q.: "The stamps of what Country are rarer than Tonga?"

A.: "Raratonga."

(Signed) "Aitutaki."

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THE FRENCH HAVE ESTABLISHED AN ACADEMY OF PHILATELY. THE ITALIANS HAVE LAUNCHED A PHILATELIC REVIEW OF REVIEWS. AN INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC SONG HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN GERMAN. AN ENGLISHMAN PROPOSES A PHILATELIC HANDSHAKE. MIGHT WE MODESTLY SUGGEST A STAMP COLLECTOR'S YELL?

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A lad by the name of Timbrol O'Gee
Had a voice that was pitched in timbre, low G;
He beat all the Swiss
In yodeling the bliss
Connected with Irish timbrology.

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Snake collectors should use the utmost care not to step on a rattle snake. It often injures a mint coil for life.

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"Why are stamps like prize fighters?"

"Well, spill it. Why?"

"When they are trimmed they get the cold shoulder."

THE STAMP OF REFINEMENT

Post Office Girl (to her assembled friends): The evening cloak was a red-ingote design in gorgeous lamé brocade with fox fur and wide pagoda sleeves.

Long-suffering Customer: I wonder if you could provide me with a neat brown stamp with a dinky perforated hem, the *tout ensemble* delicately treated on the reverse side with gum-arabic. Something about 1½d.—*London Opinion.*

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 363*)

er informs me that I was misinfo when I stated that no mail was sent the Ft. Worth Exhibition Sunday, 10th, and that mail went out as us that day.

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Graham, Tex., mailed covers Ap no cachet. Dedication?***Peters Va., has stopped work on its ai and returned covers.***St. Peters Fla., returns covers sent for dedi of Albert Whited Airport, with the that work is not far advanced on i ***Vernon, Tex., C. of C. will r covers for their dedication, due in or July.***New Orleans returns c contracts not even let yet.***Ga Purchase 75th Anniversary and Texas Chamber of Commerce Co tion will be held jointly at El Paso, in June. C. of C. has a cachet all and will be glad to get your covers

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Fairfield, Iowa, will not dedicat some time, and local collectors will fy us in plenty of time. Hold you ers.***Arcadia, Fla., is consideri cachet. Send to P. M., and he wi turn them, if you enclose stamps, i no cachet is provided.***Charlest C., will dedicate before long but do contemplate a cachet.***Benton H Mich., dedicated May 7 and 8, b cachet. A special advertising sticke pasted on a few covers.

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Harold Rosenthal, 943 Ave. St. New York City, provided a Lind Day cachet for use on covers sent Unfortunately the word came too l use here.***Mr. Valdemar Lidell, ish Consul at Portland, Ore., sends me covers from Portland an Francisco bearing special cachets vided by his office in honor of Lundborg's visit to those cities A and 26, respectively. Especially attra dressed up with a photo of the C and flags of Sweden and the Thank you!

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H. M. Brehm, Sec. Appleton, Philatelic Society, says he's going Kiwanis Convention to be held in waukee June 23-27, and that he w glad to supply a cachet in different for the various days. Send cove him ready to go, to 321 E. Brewste Appleton, Wis., before June 20.* special cachet for the Red Bank, Air Meet in July has been definitely firmed. Covers to Mr. George H. doch, Sec. C. of C.***Memphis, dedicates with some ceremony Ju and 15. No word as to cachet, b C. of C. will probably provide.

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Received a National Balloon cover postmarked Lakehurst, May There were also Roxbury, Vt., and ingston Manor, N. Y., evidently c by various balloons, and mailed a landing places.***These Colorado are strong for the special flights. Collins dedicated May 7th, and c were flown to Denver, and postm there. 4-line dedicatory cache front; "Dedicated by National Com der Paul V. McNutt of American gion, May 7, 1929" on the reverse, in blue.

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T. A. Gessner, Springfield, Ill., g a special Lindbergh Day envelope was very attractive. Sorry we co tell you in time.***Waynesboro, Pa., ication mailed 2,780 covers with cachet, 100 with magenta—sponsore the Legion.***National Parks Air returned all covers sent in for thei nounced Lindbergh Day cachet, d

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1922-25, 2R ..... "	.75 .35
rus 1922-23, 1½pia ..... "	.50 .22
1922-23, 2¼pia ..... "	.50 .22
1924, 2¾pia ..... "	.75 .50
altar 1921-7, 2sh ..... "	1.00 .60
az 1922, 2pi, 229 ..... "	.60 .28
ay 1918, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 ..... "	.23 .10
a 1907-11, 2½p ..... "	.18 .08
1914-18, ¼, ½, 1p ..... "	.15 .05
1926, 2½p ..... "	.. .30
1926, 3p	.. .30
ria 1914-15, 4, 6, 1sh ..... "	.65 .30
Zealand 1925, ½, 1p .... "	.23 .12
Geo., Official ..... "	.20 .08
an 1902-8, 5pia ..... "	.15 .06
1907-11, 10pia ..... "	.40 .18

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U. S. INVERTS

e rarer items of the U. S. Inverted Cen- offered in this column last week were before the advertisement appeared. In to-day, only one or two of the Revenue rted Centers are remaining. Immedi- upon their receipt, I advised those of clients who were interested in such , and most of them were sold promptly. vas necessary to disappoint several ts, and as a result, I am extremely ous to purchase more of the inverted rs of both U. S. postage and revenue, ne condition, in order to take care of several want lists.

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fact that they could not prepare a t in time.***Roundup, Mont., will ate sometime soon—haven't a cachet but may.***Daytona Beach returns rs, as dedication has been indefinitely poned.

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nsas City, Mo., dedicates June 5; t by C. of C.***Corpus Christi and sville, Tex., about the same time.*** mbus, Ohio, about July 1—cachet by f C.***Newton, Iowa, soon—covers e Griffin, Miller House, Mount Ver- Iowa.***Pontiac, Mich., June 14, t by C. of C.***Ripon, Wis., is cele- ng the diamond jubilee of the Re- can Party June 8th, at its birthplace . Just a chance of a cachet by the C. or other organization.***Newton, , May 31 and June 1.***Anderson, May 31-June 2.***Binghamton, N. June 1.***Evansville, Ind., June 20. mestown, N. Y., July 5.***Cachets most of these likely.

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öperators keep right on the job. ald J. Eigle, E. N. Henderson, A. C. sler, John G. Kuespert, Claude W. er, Erwin Strasser, J. T. Schweir, . Kandra, John J. Feulner, T. A. ner, DeForrest Abbott, Edgar C. rell, R. A. Smith, J. Nicholas, nk Herget, *Forest Park Philatelic ety, *C. S. George, *Frederick D. kee, William H. Myers, Oliver Cain, Mount, Albert J. Keepe, *Valdemar ll, Harold Rosenthal, Maurice S. y, Kenneth Talmadge, Chas. L. Hall, E. Shears, Anna M. Shafer, Geo. Kieley, H. M. Brehm, Major C. M. z, Mrs. W. H. Herzler, Colonial tern Airways, Dr. William Evans, en M. Thatcher, *Paul R. Hudson, eph Goldberg.

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erald R. Rillahan submits a cover a cachet, "Marshalltown, Iowa. 75th iversary, October 9, 1928", applied the stamp as a postmark. He says according to local papers, it was osed to be official, and would like to v something about its history. Who help us?

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United States

"State" Stamps

We are pleased to be able to furnish a detailed and complete list of the quantities contained in the first printing of the Kansas and Nebraska issues. These are the official figures and include not only those sent to the two states, but those received by the Philatelic Agency as well. It will be noted that nearly a quarter of a billion stamps in all have been prepared. The information is received through the courtesy of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, to whom we extend our thanks.

	Kansas.	*Nebraska*
1c,	13,390,000	8,220,000
1½c,	8,240,000	8,990,000
2c,	87,410,000	73,220,000
3c,	2,540,000	2,110,000
4c,	2,290,000	1,600,000
5c,	2,700,000	1,860,000
6c,	1,450,000	980,000
7c,	1,900,000	850,000
8c,	1,530,000	1,480,000
9c,	1,130,000	530,000
10c,	2,860,000	1,890,000
	125,440,000	101,730,000

Odd Varieties

Mr. A. H. Benners calls attention to the fact that there is a slight break in the inner frame line on the 2c "Vincennes" right red pane 19741, stamp No. 50. Mr. Benners writes that this was located by Dr. F. I. McAlpin and that he has found the oddity constant on a number of panes.

Mr. C. W. Haynes submits for inspection a horizontal pair of the 1917 1c No. 498 with a very distinct crack in the gutter between the two stamps.

Mr. Theodore Kemm reports that he has located the S. E. pane of the 5c International Civil Aeronautics Conference stamp from Plate 19661, wherein the plate number is left off. Mr. Kemm does not state whether it is the right or bottom plate. We have not checked this plate up with the Bureau and cannot say if it is simply a question of the plate number being uninked at the time of printing, or whether it was actually omitted.

Mr. George W. Linn writes that the albino Air Mail Envelope was reported in his paper, the copy having been located by Mr. L. K. Robbins.

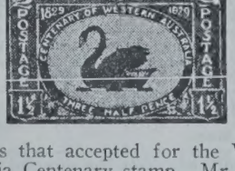
The 2c black Harding rotary with a complete vertical gutter between a block in which complete stamps were on both sides of the gutter was recently described in this column. The 1½c in similar condition has since been noted.

New Envelope Die

Mr. P. R. Crooker kindly sends for inspection a copy of the 2c red current circular die envelope size 13 on white, watermark 30, highback. On first glance this appears to be Die A, as the head is the Die A head. On closer inspection, however, it is noted that it differs in the lettering from the former variety. The "U" is tall and narrow, the "N" taller, the "S's" well formed with both ends turning up instead of open, the tail of the "G" is distinctly formed and the "C" like the "S" is well formed and the ends tend to close. Until some better classification is found, I will refer to this variety in the future as "Die A2."

We wish to thank Messrs. George P. Brockway and Lewis Glassman.

Australia.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* says that it is indebted to Messrs. W. J. Hayres, F. J. L. Hedges, and Kingsley Laffer for illustrations of the design,



which is that accepted for the Western Australia Centenary stamp. Mr. G. Pitt Morrison is the artist, and he must be congratulated on having produced what should be quite a handsome stamp. Our only criticism is that the design appears slightly unbalanced, due to the white oval not being in the centre of the stamp. The

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Brazil.—Copies of the 50rs maroon, type of A75, watermarked with the new all over watermark "EU BRAZIL" multiple in large sans serif capitals repeated all over the sheet have been received from Mr. R. Roberts. The letters in the watermark measure 8mm high.

China.—A new set in commemoration of the unification of China has been issued and Mr. R. Roberts submits copies of the four values for chronicle. The central figure of the stamp is a portrait

of Kiang Kai-Sheik, and the type is similar to the Chang Tso-Ling set. They are perf. 14 with no watermark and consist of a 1c orange, 4c olive, 10c blue and $1 scarlet.

Egypt.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 5m has been issued in a deep brown and the 20m in deep olive, both being new shades of remarkable depth of color. Whitfield King & Co. report the 10m King Fuad has appeared in a lake shade, and the 10m postage due stamp in bronze red.

Gold Coast.—According to information received from this colony *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* reports that all the old issue of 1921 have been withdrawn from sale and the remaining stock has been destroyed. The withdrawal and destruction includes the higher denominations, 10sh, 15sh, 1 and 2 pound stamps, so that there are no higher denominations above the 5sh now in use in Gold Coast.

Honduras.—The following information is reported by *Stamp Collecting*:—
Commemorative stamps in a limited edition were issued at Tegucigalpa (Honduras) February 25 in honour of the installation of President Mejia Colindres. The 1c value, lithographed in transverse rectangular format, bears portraits of the new Vice-President (Ing. Rafael Diaz Chavez) together with the date, "1° de Febrero 1929," in the upper corners. The companion 2c stamp, in the form of an upright rectangle, portrays Don Vicenti Mejia Colindres, alone, with his title of "Presidente Constitucional."
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partmental stamps in the general of 1927, but with the inscription "queo Oficial" in lieu of the descri beneath the various vignettes. The is composed as follows:—1c deep 2c red, 5c violet, 10c bluish-green lilac-blue, 50c yellow and blue, 1 scarlet.

Italy.—A very interesting iss stamps have been received from M Roberts printed by colorgravure p in rather remarkable designs. Po of Julius Cæsar, Emperor Augustu King Victor Emmanuel III are fea in the series together with a Romul Remus design. Colors, values and s are as follows:

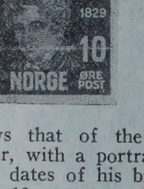
Value.	*Color.*	*Design*
5c	brown	Romulus & R
7½c	royal purple	Julius Cæ
10c	brown	Emperor Au
15c	green	Allegorical h
20c	scarlet	Julius Ca
25c	green	King Vic
30c	brown	King Vic
35c	blue	Allegorical h
50c	violet	King Vic
75c	scarlet	King Vic
L1.25	deep blue	King Vic
L1.75	orange-vermilion	Emperor gustus
L2	carmine lake	Allegorical h
L2.55	slate green	Romulus & R
L5	scarlet	Romulus & R
L10	purple-violet	Allegorical h

Further values of the set noted have just been received in the ma riving today (May 14th). They ar green, Julius Cæsar type, 25L deep Portrait of Emperor Augustus, an royal purple, profile view of King Emmanuel III. Attention is call Mr. Roberts to the 25L, which has mentioned as being of the Romulu Remus type. This stamp is a very bluish slate and could hardly be des as blue.

Mauritius.—*Whitfield King & Bulletin* is officially informed that stamp is obsolete, and that the 1, and 50c stamps will not be rep when the existing stocks are exha

Mexico.—We have received of the current 1c, type A89, with th line surcharge "Proteccio a la Inf upright in red. This stamp is to be on all mail matter addressed to within the country and is intend raise funds for the campaign pro- hood that is being carried on by th partamente do Salubridad (Healt partment). The decree authorizin issue appeared on April 25th last, a first day of use was May 1st. It nounced that a new issue of the 1 vo value with allegorical design is soon to be issued for this same pu Mr. Victor M. Suarez furnishes us the above information and also add regarding the commemorative set tioned recently it will consist of si ues: 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 centavos and 1 The design will be Carranza's an plane. The proposer of this stamp Mr. Mariano Anzorena, a collect Mexico City, and the designer, Mr. cisco Gutierrez, a Mexican workma

Norway.—On April 6 a set of st was issued in honor of the centena the death of Henrik Abel, the brated mathemati He was the inv of the theory of braic equations, only lived to th of twenty-seven.



The general st the Abel stamps lows that of the Ibsen issue of year, with a portrait of the subject the dates of his birth and death. are 10 ore green, 15 ore brown, 2 rose, and 30 ore blue, and issued i following numbers:—10ö, 6,500,000 3,000,000; 20ö, 3,000,000; 30ö 5,00

Persia.—The Air Post stamps, printed on fiscals, are only sold a f a time and it is not possible to secur large amount according to inform received by *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*. They have seen the 1 shahi in distinct shades, one being a yellow- and the other a distinct blue-green.

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Stop Press News

POSTAL UNION CONGRESS

The new Postal Union Congress stamps are at hand, at least four of the values, ½, 1, 1½, and 2½d. There is a fifth value £1. We are indebted to W. T. Wilson and Frank Godden, for May 10 first day covers with specimen sets. Evidently the new stamps were placed on

sale simultaneously throughout the country. The designs of the ½ and 2½d are unusually striking with a colored oval upon a background of white. A colored frame surrounds each stamp and they are suitably inscribed. The profile of King George is on all the stamps.

SULLIVAN COMMEMORATIVE

WASHINGTON, May 17.

I am told today by Mr. Sanders who is acting chairman of the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and also author of the Sullivan Bill, that the new 2c commemorative will probably appear June 15, and 100,000,000 will be printed. Gen. Sullivan's great exploit was the opening up of Western New York in the Revolutionary War to civilization.

ERNEST R. ACKERMAN, M. C.

NEW DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SET

NEW YORK, May 18.

Some time ago I reported the proposed issue of a special series for the Dominican Republic to commemorate the signing of the treaty of boundaries on January 21 last, between the Republic of Haiti and the Dom. Rep. I now have the 2c value with the portrait of Don Horacio Vasquez, the President of the Dom. Rep. The stamp is of oblong shape ⅞" wide by 1⅛" high, red color, and bears the following inscriptions: at top over the President's picture in a curved band the words "Republica Dominicana," at bottom the value, the numbers "2" in each corner in color in a white, double framed hexagon tablet and "Centavos" in between; above the value appears the map of the Island comprising the two Republics; the picture appears in an oval frame, surrounded by oak and bay wreaths, the latter being crossed by a ribbon bearing the names Horacio and Vasquez, and underneath in a curved band the words: "Conmemorativo del Tratado—De Limites del 21 Enero De 1929." As previously reported the series consists of 5 values, ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, and as soon as the remaining four are received I shall give further details.

HERMANN FOCKE.

DEATH OF COL. J. K. TRACY

PHILA., May 20.

I have just learned of the death of Col. J. Kennard Tracy, which occurred May 11. Col. Tracy was especially interested in the U. S. 1851-57, 12c black, and wrote a well-known monograph upon the subject. He was buried on Monday, May 13, at Portsmouth, N. H., with full military honors. Mr. Frank Clark Cosby writes that death was caused, he believes, by brain tumor.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

NEW EDISON STAMP JUNE 5

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.

The design submitted to the Postmaster General for the new Edison stamp is of a 2c denomination, similar in size to our current emission and shows an incandescent lamp in the center. "United States Postage" is in a plain label across the top, instead of the regular "U. S. Postage." "Fifty years of golden light", or some similar slogan, will be at each side, with the value at the bottom. This stamp is the fore-runner of a new policy on the part of the Post Office Department, in which peaceful achievements are being commemorated.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.

The Edison stamp will first appear at Menlo Park, N. J., on June 5, and will be available at the Philatelic Agency and elsewhere on the following day. They will be available from the flat plate, rotary plate and in coil form.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

NEW ½c ROTARY FOR TWO CITIES

In my Chronicle several months back, attention was called to the fact that several new rotary plates for the ½c denomination had been made. The Bureau is now about to use these for making precancel stamps for New York and Chicago. It is to be hoped that we can prevail upon the Department to issue a quantity in behalf of collectors without the cancellation.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

AIR FLIGHT NOTES

—J. P. Benning, Homestead, Pa., writes that 750 letters posted during the balloon races at Pittsburgh, May 4, are unaccounted for, and collectors in Penn. and N. Y., in the districts traversed by the balloons are urged to report the finding of these letters, made up originally in bundles. They bore instructions to be mailed at the nearest post office.

—The following special Canadian air mail flights with cachets will take place June 4 in commemoration of the opening of the Kingston, Ont., airport; Montreal-Kingston; Kingston-Montreal; Toronto - Kingston; Kingston - Toronto. Covers should be sent to postmasters, accompanied by money orders for the necessary postage, same rate as the U. S.

—*Coming cachets:* June 5, C. of C., Kansas City, Kans., Fairfax airport dinner. (Covers to A. P. Harding, 640 W. 58th St. Terrace)—June 4-7, C. of C., Charlotte, N. C., Confed. Vet. Assn. (Covers to C. of C.)—June 6, Hamilton, Ont., airport dedication (Covers to P. M. with M. O. for postage at usual rate.)

DONALD E. DICKASON.

$5,700 FOR MILLBURY COVER

PHILA., PA., May 20.

At the sale of the Green Collection, by D. F. Kelleher, Boston, May 17, the very wonderful item, the Millbury Postmaster Provisional on the entire cover was sold to Judge Robert S. Emerson at the highest price which the stamp has ever brought, $5,700. I was the runner-up. Complete details of the sale will be given later.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

VATICAN CITY STAMPS

First Issue.—We now learn from Champion's *Bulletin* (April), which in turn quotes an Italian newspaper, that a series of stamps bearing the portrait of the Pope as recently photographed, will be issued preparatory to a permanent series, now under discussion. These "stop-gap" stamps are to be printed at the State Printing Works in Rome.

Permanent Issue.—Continuing, Champion states that the permanent series will show views of the Vatican City and will remind philatelists of the "Holy Year" issue of Italy in 1924. "POSTE VATICANE" will appear across the bottom of the stamps in white on a coloured ground. The value is placed in tablets at each bottom corner. The series will consist of 6 values, including an express stamp.—"Philatelic Magazine."

NEWS FLASHES

—We are indebted to Erwin Strasser for a "first amphibian flight" cover. The route was Detroit to Cleveland, CAM 27. The cover bears a pretty cachet in green. It is dated May 14, but due to stormy weather the Cleveland postmark on this particular cover is May 15.

—We have received from Hermann Focke a stamp that is being used in the Mexican mails. It is the 1c brown, surcharged. It reads, "Proteccion a la Infancia," meaning "protection to childhood." Evidently it represents a sort of tax for charitable purposes, and further information will, doubtless, be shortly available.

—Robson Lowe, London dealer, has arrived in New York and will make a two months' tour of the stamp centers, going as far west as the Pacific coast.

—June 14, St. John's, Nfld., 10th anniversary of Alcock and Brown's Transatlantic Air Mail Fight. All G. P. O. mail will have cachet.—FRANK F. WILLS.

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By A. E. Edgar, Publicity Manager.

The Second Annual Banquet of the Border Cities Stamp Club, Windsor, Ont., Canada, was a most gratifying success, and a tangible proof of the growth of philatelic interest in the community. Reservations were ordered for fifty plates in advance, but at the last minute a round dozen had to be added. Visiting collectors were present from Detroit, Flint, and Ann Arbor, Michigan. Tickets were sold to cover the cost of the meal, and the committee in charge was able to report a surplus realized from drawings, and an auction of stamps.

Mayor C. Jackson of Windsor gave a short address of greeting, expressing his surprise at the enthusiasm and extent of the interest of so many people in the hobby. C. L. Brisley, Detroit, a Canadian specialist, exhibited his wonderful collection of Canadian stamps, and gave an instructive address on the minor varieties to be found in the Canadian issues, especially those of the earlier days. He held his audience spell-bound by recounting in a very interesting way some of his exploits in the pursuit of the illusive label. Mr. Brisley stated his interest in Canadian stamps lies in the fact that the Canadian Post Office Department has never exploited the stamp collector, and has issued stamps purely for postal needs, making them a good investment, as well as an interesting study.

Mrs. Brisley, who accompanied her husband at the banquet, told the ladies that she was as eager to attend stamp functions as her husband, and indicated her interest in stamps was second only to that of her husband. She advised the ladies to encourage their husbands in the pursuit of their hobby, because it was so easy for men to have other pursuits that were not quite so worthy. She said it was not only a duty of a wife to be interested in the things their husbands were interested in, but it was good policy. She laughingly said that if she wanted a new hat, and her husband wanted a new stamp, her husband got the stamp, and she waited for the hat, or went without it altogether.

President H. A. W. Turner presided, and Mrs. E. A. Leakey sang entertainingly. Good fellowship prevailed and the banker rubbed elbows with the mechanic, a sure indication of the universality of the stamp hobby.

Several drawings were held, one purely for the ladies, two beautiful prizes being presented to the lucky ticket holders. A drawing was also held for the men, and the irony of fate was seen in the capital prize, a stock-book, going to a stamp dealer. Much fun was manifest as others drew prizes consisting of a (rubber) stamp catalogue, a rare (photostatic reproduction of a) stamp, and a millimeter scale (yard stick).

This second annual banquet, with an attendance double of the first, held a year ago, has set a new quota for the Border Cities Stamp Club for next year.

FIRST FLIGHT INDIA

The Cedar Rapids *Gazette and Republican*, Iowa, for April 28, 1929, pictures an air mail cover that was sent to a member of its staff from India on April 3, 1929, with the explanation that it was received at Cedar Rapids on April 26th. The letter was sent to Ray Anderson, farm editor of the newspaper, by his brother, a missionary, from Khanna, Punjab, India; and we quote as follows:

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The letter from the Rev. Mr. Ad son to his brother in Cedar Rapids, eled by rail from Khanna to Karac port and airport near the mouth Indus river. From Karachi it wa ried westward across Persia, Turke Egypt to Cairo, thence northward the Mediterranean and continental rope, and northwest to the English nel and on to London. Between and London, the night trips made by rail, and the daylight po of the long tour were by plane. T he present arrangement."

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BARREL TESTER FOR STAMPS

Experiments have been continued at the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., with the barrel tester to find an envelope paper that will shed a certain proportion of stamps when subjected to very rough handling. Several kinds of kraft envelopes were tried using different methods of affixing. In all, tests involving more than one thousand stamps have been made and although the envelopes were worn out in the barrel tester, not one stamp was shed. In the future, this testing device will be used in connection with testing stamps received with complaints as defective. If, with a standard method of affixing, the stamps are not shed from kraft envelopes in a test that wears out the envelopes, sticking qualities would not be considered bad enough to justify a complaint.—*Paper Trade* (courtesy of Roger Hugh Pease).

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STYLES IN PRECANCELS

By A. F. GAMBER, Precancel Editor, Valley City, No. Dak.

We often hear it said in speaking of women's clothes, "there's no accounting for styles." True, of course, but no more true of women's clothing than of collectors' whims. The heavy bull market in all United States postage, covers, patriotics, and the like, is but one angle of the prevailing heavy demand for all Americana. As long as this demand remains what it now is, our own stamps will continue to top the market, the Scott people will continue to raise the prices on them annually, and we shall be treated to more and more surprises in the way of auction prices.

This same tendency to follow styles is evident among us precancel collectors. Five years ago it was Commemoratives, everybody was after them. Then certain unhealthy factors began to manifest themselves, supply became a great deal heavier than demand. To combat these factors, considerable plain talk and summary action was necessary, with the result that today that once desirable class of stamps is at the bottom of the precancel scale, a mighty cheap drug on the market. Anyone wishing to receive heaps of mail need only advertise to buy liberally of all kinds of Commemoratives, and he'll have to employ a flock of clerks and arrange for liberal credit with his banker.

Today Bureau Prints are the reigning dynasty. It would be interesting, instructive, and probably amazing, to know just how many are collecting them. It would be even more so, and in addition, amusing, to know the names of all that many. I've an idea we'd all get the surprise and kick of our young lives if we could peruse a list of all the serious Bureau collectors and accumulators in this country. How the skeletons in many a non-precancel collecting closet would rattle, were such a list made public!

But why this popularity of Bureau Prints? Why isn't it something else in the precancel line instead? One reason for this popularity is the fact that, the overprinting being done at the Bureau, there can be no more favoritism in them than there can be in the issues of paper money, playing card stamps, or liquor permits. Thus is removed from one whole section of precancels, the heaviest indictment that the carping non-precancel collector can bring against them; an indictment which contains just sufficient truth to make it impossible for us precancel collectors to quash it wholly.

Another reason for their popularity is the fact that but relatively few cities use them, hence the prospect of acquiring a very comprehensive showing of them does not seem so hopeless as it does in regular precancel collecting. This reason has already lost part of its force, and will lose still more if more cities continue to join the ranks of Bureau users, and more especially if the Postmaster-General's recently radioed remarks regarding a whole new set are borne out.

But I think the chief reason for Bureau popularity is that it's the style to collect them. Why, a collector might as well drive a 1915 model, or wear peg top pants as to admit that he doesn't collect Bureaus. Everybody's doing it, that's all! Which is just as sufficient a reason for one's doing it as are the words, "it isn't done", the reason for not doing a thing among our English cousins. So there!

The result of all this has been in general just what the result always is when some particular thing is the fad or style, i.e., demand is heavy and prices are good. In proportion to the actual scarcity of these stamps, they are too good. I say this with all due respect to Dr. Mitchell, and to everybody else, and I repeat it for emphasis: in proportion to the actual scarcity of these stamps, the prices are too good. There are exceptions to this, as there are to everything. The exceptions are the Experimentals most certainly, and possibly the Liberty 1½c coil.

What makes me think prices are too good? In the first place, I think we will all agree that when anything is in great demand, price is a secondary consideration, i.e., there is present an element of artificiality in all prices for all such goods. Suppose 50% of the present Bureau collectors should make known their intention to stop collecting at once. I won't tell you what would happen to present prices, for you know. Even a difference of 10% would make itself felt, it might be enough to break the back of the present market, so large is the element of artificiality.

In the second place, although some few Bureaus are hard to get, practically all of them can be found by diligent search. Excluding those specified above, I challenge anyone to name fifteen real rarities among the 1,500 now out. I said *real rarities*. Sure there are scarce ones, but they can be found.

In the third place, I have a very well-defined hunch that many non-precancel and non-Bureau collectors are laying aside copies of the reputed scarce ones, both in coils and in ordinaries. I know this to be a fact in some cases, and I more than suspect it to be a fact in many others. You'd be surprised at what one's advertising tells him, if carried on long enough and persistently enough. Just because a man doesn't collect Bureaus is no reason why he shouldn't salt down all the nice copies of the scarce ones that he can find, or that he can buy at low face value from permit holders. You might ask the postmaster at Liberty, Mo., what he thinks of such a possibility!

In the fourth and last place, prices are too good because other precancels which are much scarcer and harder to find don't bring anywhere near the prices that the far easier to find Bureaus do. For examples, city type coils. If you really want to collect something in the precancel line that *is* scarce, go in for them! I can name you at least 100 real rarities among them, every one much more of a rarity than any Bureau you can name outside

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In conclusion: don't write and accuse me of knocking Bureaus, for I am doing nothing of the sort, I collect them and am proud of what I have. Don't write and call me a liar, because that isn't nice. Furthermore, I haven't said a thing here that can't or won't be borne out by the facts, present or future. I suppose there is a moral to all this, but I am not sure just what it is. Let's let it go at this: Keep on collecting Bureaus. My small son throws his balloon up in the air and plays the game of "keep it up." Keep the Bureau balloon up and chock full of gas, or we'll all faw down and go boom. And then something else will be in style.

PHILADELPHIA PROGRESSES

Plans for new and larger quarters and an increased membership were announced at the 20th Annual Dinner of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, held on Tuesday evening, May 7, at Mosebach's Restaurant.

Following an excellent menu, R. D. McGuffin of Narberth, Pa., newly-elected president of the organization, made a short talk, at the close of which he announced the appointment of the new Finance and Expansion Committee as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. B. Levy, Harry L. Jeffries, Fabian Levy, Richard Peters, Henry Pepper Norris.

Mr. A. B. Levy made a stirring speech of some length concerning the proposed expansion and financing plans, and asked for suggestions from any member which might be of service to the newly appointed committee.

The keynote of President McGuffin's talk was the necessity of governing the club in accordance with the wishes of the majority, and the abolishing of two evils which have acted to retard the progress of the Club. The first of these is card playing in the club room, and the second is the pressing need for larger and better quarters.

After the speeches Mr. Harry Jeffries gave the club a sight of selections from his well-known collections of U. S. He displayed 1851's on cover, a magnificent assortment of telegraphs and revenues, and a complete pane of the imperforate 3c 1851 in mint condition.

DEATH OF J. C. MORGENTHAU

A host of readers of the WEEKLY will hear with keen regret of the death of Julius C. Morgenthau, dean of American stamp dealers, and known internationally for his high class auction sales. Mr. Morgenthau passed away Wednesday, May 22, after an illness of several weeks. He comes from a family of prominence, his brother, Henry Morgenthau, being a former U. S. Ambassador to Turkey. Another brother is Maximilian Morgenthau.

Mr. Morgenthau was a member of all the leading philatelic organizations, and took a very active part in the New York exhibition of 1926. He was seventy years old. It will be remembered that upon the occasion of his seventieth birthday, Herman Toaspern favored our readers with a glowing account of his work for philately. His loss to the fraternity will be a severe one.

The following sketch of Julius C. Morgenthau, New York, who for so many years has added acclaim to the ranks of dealers appeared in the New York *Times* for May 23, 1929. It was written, no doubt, by Mr. Crane, who so ably covers the philatelic field for the *Times*, and is an interesting review of the philatelic and other activities of our lamented friend.

"Julius C. Morgenthau, celebrated philatelist, and a dealer in rare stamps under the firm name of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., died in his seventy-first year yesterday at his residence, 161 West Ninety-first Street, after an illness of four weeks. Death was due to cancer.

Mr. Morgenthau was the brother of Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, and Maximilian Morgenthau. Besides them, he is survived by a widow, Mrs. Regina L. Morgenthau; a daughter, Mrs. Lucy M. Heineman, and three grandsons. Funeral services, which are to be private, will be held at the residence, where he had lived for twenty-nine years.

Born in Mannheim, Germany, on Aug. 2, 1858, Mr. Morgenthau was the son of Lazarus and Babette Guggenheim Morgenthau, coming to this country in his youth, he graduated in 1878 from the College of the City of New York, where he later was a teacher of Latin and logic for about ten years.

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(Foreign New Issues Editor)

On May 10 last a set of stamps was issued to commemorate the Universal Postal Congress in London, opened by the Prince of Wales. They consist of the following denominations: ½p green, 1p red, 1½p brown, 2½p blue, and 1 pound black. The low values are surface printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., in sheets of 240, perforated 15x14, watermarked GvR multiple, block type. The ½p and 2½p, according to Mr. R. Roberts are about the feeblest design he has seen, and it is difficult for the mere philatelist to understand how they could have been chosen by the Committee. The ½p is ill-balanced and ugly, and has the appearance of being odd and out of proportion. The lettering, "Postal Union Congress 1929", is too large for the space allotted to it and the word "Postage" above the crown breaks into the feeble frame which surrounds the label. Our correspondent believes the 2½p is not much better, and to use his description "the design is something like a diminutive Bass's beer label," the figures again being altogether too large for the space allotted. I quote from Mr. Roberts description:—

"In both these stamps we are not told whether the denomination is pence, shillings or pounds. The only redeeming feature is His Majesty's head, the die of which was taken from the previous issue. The 1d and 1½d designed by Mr. Linzel are a little more pleasing, the head of His Majesty having the background of the Union Jack, which is quite an innovation in design.

"The set has one redeeming feature and that is the beautifully executed and artistically designed stamp of the £1 denomination, which is engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. (the printers of the present 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps). They are printed in sheets of 20, perforated 12x11½, watermark big GVR cipher, one watermark falling on each stamp, the size of the stamp being 45mm x 38½mm.

"This stamp was designed by a well-known English black and white artist, Harold Nelson, whom I had the pleasure of interviewing in his old world studio in the Temple. Mr. Nelson is a well-known artist in "line drawing," and he has devoted himself largely to designs for book

plates, exhibiting his first drawing, a "St. George" in the Royal Academy, 1899. He seems always to have had a love for St. George, which he has combined in this stamp with respectful loyalty to His Majesty King George.

"Mr. Nelson is well known in the field of commercial art and has lectured to art students on posters and decorative illustration. He is best known to philatelists for the design of the Wembley Exhibition stamp, 1924. He is on the Council of the Society of Graphic Art, and a member of the Artworkers Guild. I understand that on the strength of the design of this new stamp, Mr. Nelson has been invited to do something of much greater importance for the Government, in the way of designing, which we shall hear about later."

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On May 14th and 15th, Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co., sold at the Collectors Club, one of the finest collections of mint twentieth century British Colonials that have been offered in recent years. The collection was in mint condition throughout and contained practically all of the rarities.

The outstanding piece was the famous Newfoundland 3c Hawker Airplane, and this stamp which lists at $500, reached $970. A mint copy of the De Pinedo was sold to a dealer at $260. A mint copy of the Aitutaki 1920 6p inverted center, of which eight copies are known, sold at $250. An Antigua 1911 2s brought $4.10, an Australian Commonwealth 1915 £2 $21.50, the 1925, same denomination, $11.25. A Bahama 1902 £1 touched at the top, sold at $8.25, while the same stamp of 1921 reached $6.10. The War Tax 1s No. 305 sold at $3. The Barbados 2s6p of 1903 sold at $2.20, the 2s and 3s of 1912 at $3.10 and $7, while the 3s of 1916 and 1917 sold at $7 and $4.60, respectively. The British Honduras 1904 $5 sold at $12.95, the First Issue of British Solomon Islands complete at $4.30, while the 1914 £1 found a new owner at $6. The Brunei 1908 listing at $30, sold at $28.

There were several rarities in the Cayman Islands, the 5s of 1907 selling at $10.50. Among the 1907 Provisional surcharges, the ½p reached $12.75, the 1p $10, and the 2½p on 4 pence $41. The 1p on 4p cataloguing $60 sold at $55. This stamp, by the way, is decidedly scarcer than No. 20, which catalogues more. The Cook Islands 1920 1p inverted center, of which eight are known, sold at $260. The Cyprus 1922 10s sold at $14, and the £1 of 1928 at $6.40. The high value of East Africa and Uganda brought from a half to three-quarters of catalogue or more. The Fiji 1903 £1 reached $10, while the Postage Due 1917 ½p Type II off center, sold at $31, the 1p at $7, the 2p at $6, and the 3p at $19. The lot of Gambia cataloguing $153.97 were bunched and sold as a whole at $97.50.

Among the Gibraltar, the 1903 2s, 4s, 8s and £1 sold at $4.70, $3.80, $5.75 and $40 respectively. The 1904 2s, 4s and £1 went at $2.70, $5.10 and $39 respectively. The 1907 2s, 4s and 8s sold at $3.30, $5.25 and $14, and the 1912 4s, 8s and £1 at $1.70, $3.70 and $6.60, with the 1921, £1 going to $6.25. The Great Britain Officials brought very good prices for the scarcer ones. The Grenada 1902 10s sold at $5.60, whereas the same stamp in the 1904 series reached $10.75. Hong Kong did not seem to be much in demand and went at most reasonable prices. The 1903 $5 at $3, the $10 at $8, whereas the same two stamps of 1904, very slightly off center, were sold at $2.50 and $10.25 respectively. The demand for the Irish Free States has very materially fallen off, the 1922 2s6p, 5s and 10s, Nos. 12, 13, 34, selling at $2, $3.10 and $2.75 for fine copies. The same denominations Nos. 56 and 57 in one lot reached $1.65, while the 10s No. 58 sold at $3. As a whole, Irish stamps averaged under a third catalogue. The scarcest Jamaica item, namely the 1905 2s brown, reached $9.25. The 1919 3s No. 85 sold at $4.70, while two copies of the 5s No. 86 brought $4 and $3.70 respectively. The Lagos 1904 1s, 2s6p, 5s and 10s, sold at $2, $5.50, $2.60 and $32 respectively. The 10s of 1905 reached $4.10. Among the Malta the 1919 10s No. 65 listing $175 was sold at $152, while two copies of the 1921 10s No. 76 sold at $31. The same stamp overprinted "Self Government" N sold at $22, whereas No. 96 sold at The very rare Natal £1.10s No. 1 wonderful condition brought $1 New Britain overprints brought reasonable prices, whereas in Niu 1903 1s error No. 11, always a stamp reached $41. The 1920 6p wi verted center of which but eight are known sold at $332.50. A 1901 2s6p sold at $28.50. A Pe Island 1920 1p inverted center, eigh ies known, found a new owner at St. Kitts 1923 10s, two fine cop shades, brought $17.50 and $15.5 spectively. The 5s No. 61 sold at

Stamps in the later colonies brou proportion. Southern Nigeria, pou 1902 and 1907, first and second Nos. 20, 31 and 43 respectively, re $28.50, $19 and $14.25. A Straits ments 1915 $25 sold at $30. The rare Transvaal 1908 1p, Anchor mark, lightly cancelled, and by th it is not known in any other con cataloguing $100, sold at $202.50. Zanzibar high values reflected thei ity, the 1913 20R going at $20, th at $35, and the 100R at $47.50.

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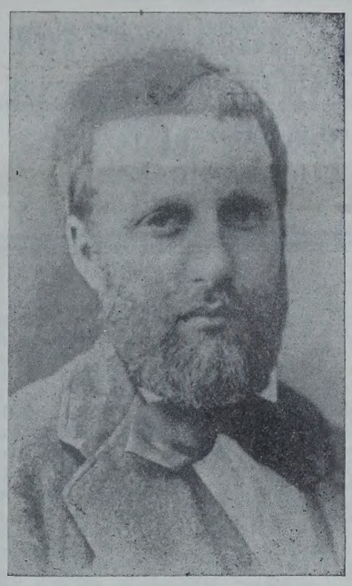

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BY WAY OF CLEVELAND

The Garfield-Perry Club News has been running an interesting history of the society by Mr. W. H. Barnum, who, as a boy and man, has been a pillar of the club for over thirty-eight years. The members are making things hum and their programs are attractive. We notice that Mr. John Rust, whose name latterly has been missing from the public philatelic prints is slated to show his early U. S. on May 31st. The members of the club and their friends have been invited to a "get-together informal weekend" by the brethren of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, A. P. S. Chapter No. 6, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on June 8th and 9th; and report has it that the Cleveland contingent is pawing the turf in its eagerness to be off. The program includes a dinner, an informal auction sale, and an exhibition with prizes in the form of a special chromium shield; and at least seven awards will be made. As well, invitations were extended to organizations at Sharon, Butler and Harrisburg, all in Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan and Akron, Dayton and Youngstown, Ohio. We take no chances in saying that those present will have something to talk about. The committee chairmen are: Executive, Dr. K. M. Day; entertainment, O. L. Smith; publicity, B. V. Imbrie; finance, Frank Shute; and the auctioneer is O. E. DeSio.

ODDS AND ENDS—

THE Yorkville (N. Y.) Stamp Society has just observed its sixth birthday with a big celebration. Nearly everyone present received a philatelic gift. A donation auction followed, and refreshments were served. Pres. Louis Benz and Sec. E. A. Weston, spoke briefly on the history of the society, which starting with a handful of members in 1922 now boasts nearly a hundred. Officers reelected include Louis Benz, Pres.; Armin Zahn, Vice-Pres.; E. A. Weston, Sec.-Treas.; H. Traumm, Sales Mgr.; Ignatz Reiner, Dr. E. W. Lawrence, and Herman Rosenthal, Trustees.

AT a meeting of the Grand Forks (N. Dak.) Philatelic Society held May 14, the Rev. S. E. Halfyard of Laramore, showed his collection of Newfoundland and Canada; Dr. Stangebye, United States postage and also a number of very choice items of old and rare Newfoundland; Mr. Hagen, U. S. Bureau Precancels, and Mr. Squires, U. S. postage, especially strong in mint 20th century. Dr. Stangebye told of some interesting and humorous stamp hunts.—E. C. BUNDLIE, Pres.

THE Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany, has just held its third annual banquet at the University Club. The guest of honor was LeRoy C. Brown of Olean, specialist in the 3c U. S. 1851-6 issues. Mr. Brown supplemented his talk with a display of stamps and covers. The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Theodore Horton, W. L. L. Peltz, George R. Cooley and Richard Walton.

A VERY successful stamp exhibition was given by the Hartford (Conn.) Juvenile Stamp Club, May 17-25. We would like very much to publish a list of the classes that were entered. Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg, well and favorably known to many of our readers, was the moving spirit in the enterprise. A copy of the prospectus is of marked interest. There were classes for exhibits of animal, boat, air mail, scenery, children, rulers, precancels, etc. In addition awards were made for essays on, "Why I collect stamps." We wish we had space to give ample justice to this largely attended and very successful exhibition.

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IN view of the interest that collectors, and to some extent the general public, are showing in the reports of new U. S. issues, commemorative and otherwise, we have tried to obtain information of the policy that has been adopted by the new postmaster general in considering the subject. The following letter has come from Washington: "Of course I cannot commit the department in any way, but as for any 'policy' that has been adopted formally, I think that I can say that there is none in the particular to which you refer. Postmaster General Brown certainly has a comprehensive view of the subject since he has publicly invited suggestions for designs for a new set of stamps, and it may be that his consideration of ideas for special issues will be guided by a broad understanding." Now we know all about it.

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"POSTAGE & THE MAILBAG" for April calls the current one cent stamp "A Government Antique," and italicizes its demand that its color should be changed at the earliest possible moment. The green one cent is alleged to be an invitation to the one who receives it on mail to throw the piece in the waste basket unopened. The "archaic" stamp is said to drive many of the direct-mailers to go to "the extra expense of using two ½-cent stamps." The claim is made that the green one-cent stamp was "used by our great, great grandfathers," and that it should be banished. Too, "discontinue the ½-cent stamp, if government economy demands it, and give us a brown one-cent stamp." The editor of our esteemed contemporary is well-meaning, but his request for a brown one-cent would have disturbed the serenity of the deliberations of the recent London postal conference. At the postal congress in Rome, in 1906, the ruling was made that the equivalent of the one-cent stamp should be in green; the two-cent in red; and the five-cent in blue, and while the exigencies of the war and post-war period caused violations of the understanding, the old schedule was re-adopted at the Madrid meeting in 1920, if memory serves us right.

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WRITING of early Chicago, in a recent issue of the Chicago *Tribune*, ex-congressman J. Frank Aldrich recalls incidents of his boyhood. He says: "My father's place of business in 1865 was on the River Street side of the government enclosure (Fort Dearborn), and the one remaining block-house of Fort Dearborn was still standing near by. A curio shop was in one corner of it, and here we boys purchased coins and postage stamps during the years when that craze was at its height." This is an "early date" stamp shop.

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WITH regret, the death several weeks ago of Joseph T. Lively, Chicago, is announced. Mr. Lively died at an advanced age, and his fine personality will be recalled by those who were active in affairs at the time Mr. Lively was to the fore. For many years, he was a factor in Chicago's philatelic circles and in his unassuming way, he did much to encourage an interest in stamp collecting. He was interested in books as well as stamps, and as a store-keeper he had both in stock. He had many friends, and several ex-Chicagoans always made a pilgrimage to his store when they re-visited their old home. Mr. Lively, who came from London, Toronto, was a resident of Chicago for many years, and his death breaks a link between the old and the new philately in the city of his adoption.

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IN Sinclair Lewis' latest book, "Dodsworth," Sam Dodsworth returned from his first trip to Europe to the city of Zenith, where he had prospered as an automobile magnate. In his simplicity of heart, he sought to provide entertainment for the little guests at a children's party by gifts from the 5 and 10 cent store that he intended to distribute. When he found that the sophisticated little men and women were showered with French perfume, "packets of a 1,000 stamps," riding crops and portable phonographs, engraved stationery, and a pair of love birds, he guiltily concealed the tissue hats, false noses and other frivolous fripperies that were once sure-fire sensations. Poor Dodsworth, who felt so out of tune with the present-day universe. He should have had a hobby as an antidote for his bewildered mind. In his stamps, he would have had a solace for disappointment and disillusionment, and they would have saved him a world of worry when the threads of existence became tangled. He found that money and leisure were not the open sesame to happiness. Stamps provide a field for work without worry.

THE following notes on the new Chinese issue have come from Mr. W. J. Tarrant, Hollywood, California: "Tsiang-Kie-Che. A new commemorative set of stamps was issued in China the latter part of April bearing the picture of the Nationalist leader, Tsiang Kie Che, to celebrate the unification of China by the Nationalist forces and the overthrow of the Northern armies. The new issue consists of four values, as follows: 1c, brown-ochre; 4c, olive-green; 10c, deep blue; and $1, carmine-rose. For use in Kirin and Heilungkiang, Sin Kiang, and Yunnan, there are the three customary overprints, meaning 'Limited for use in —— province.' The stamps are the same size as the recent Chang Tso Lin issue, but the engraving and design are more pleasing and the colors are very attractive. The central design is the portrait of Tsiang in uniform surrounded by a wreath. The inscription is in Chinese and English, and reads, 'To Commemorate Unification.' The values are in each corner in Chinese at the top, and English in the lower corners."

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THE British set of special design to commemorate the Postal Union Congress in London was on sale on May 10, 1929, the day the ninth convention of the U. P. U. was opened. Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, London, favors us with a first day cover bearing the ½, 1, 1½ and 2½d, respectively, and likewise, a cover sent May 10 by Mr. Frank Godden was handed us by the recipient, Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, with its enclosure of the four stamps unused. The one pound is to be had in London, of course, but only at the principal offices in the provincial towns. The stamps are attractive and the ½ and 2½ are noteworthy as emphasizing the use of white space to advantage. The inclusion of a stamp of the value of a pound in contrast with the other values of modest denominations in the set has excited comment of uncomplimentary kind in the British press and some plain speaking has been indulged in by those who see a disposition to exploit collectors in consequence.

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THE correspondence that we have received on the subject of the Kansas and Nebraska overprints reveals that some confusion attended the handling of the stamps that were ordered by collectors from the offices in the states. No good purpose is to be served by reciting the story of the different cross-currents that involved the issue, of the different readers. Speaking of first day covers of Nebraska, Dr. Chas. N. Olsen, Hartington, Nebraska, says: "The 2c stamps arrived at Hartington at 2 o'clock, April 15th, and I bought a sheet and put ty-five covers through the same noon." The cover submitted by D sen is dated April 15, at 7 P. M.

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Here's one that was almost too good to be true—but it is, just the same. A. E. Koestler of Portland, Ore., had mailed last winter a number of letters addressed to himself at the various dog team mail stations along the north shore. As he wasn't there, they were naturally returned to the sender. The two for Long Point, post office for Greenely Island, arrived April 18. The postmaster, just to be nice, sent them over to the island to the plane, as that would be the next transportation outside. The covers are postmarked there, at Murray Bay and Montreal, and came all the way with the Bremen fliers. Mr. Koestler even saw a news reel showing these two letters being handed into the plane. Some people surely have the luck!

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Some Short Items

Shanghai-China. — This surcharge found on U. S. stamps used in China is accompanied by the new value at double the face value of the stamp. These stamps were used by the U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai and sold at their surcharged value in local currency, but valid to the amount of their original value for the payment of postage to the U. S. The overprinting was made necessary by the fluctuations in the value of silver.

Shanghai Local Post.—The inscription shown on the 1890-93 postage stamps of Shanghai.

Shanghai L. P. O.—The inscription shown on all the stamps of Shanghai issued prior to 1890. The letters "L. P. O." signify "Local Post Office."

Shanghai Municipality. — The inscription shown on all Shanghai stamps issued since 1893.

Vazoff

In 1920, Bulgaria issued a set of six distinctive stamps to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the birth of the famous Bulgarian patriot and author—Ivan Vazoff. The 30s shows a picture of his birthplace at Sopot. The 50s and the 5L show famous characters in Vazoff's writings. The author's pictures are found on the 1L, one showing him as he was at the age of 20, and the other at the age of 70 years. A larger picture of him is shown on the 2L stamp, while the 3L shows pictures of his homes in Philippopolis and Sofia. He died in 1921, just one year after his country had honored him so well.—A. C. LeDuc.

Algeria

Algeria is a French colony and territory of Northern Africa containing nearly 6,000,000 people. This colony was without stamps of its own until 1924, when the then current stamps of France were surcharged "ALGERIE". Since 1926 a regular issue has been current. Previous to 1924 the colony of Algeria had used the regular stamps of France and these can only be told by the postal markings.—A. C. LeDuc.

Azerbaijan

By A. C. LeDuc.

Azerbaijan—there is a name that has only been in stamp catalogs and albums a short time. We find that the catalog lists 126 varieties of stamps for this erstwhile stamp issuing country and that prices for them range from two cents to thirty dollars each, with several not priced at all.

Turning to a recent map of Russia, it will be seen that Azerbaijan occupies a frontier position beyond the Caucasus Mountains, and borders on the Caspian Sea and Persia.

Until 1813 it was a part of Persia, when it was acquired by Russia. It remained a part of Russia until the breakdown of the Russian monarchy in 1917. Azerbaijan, in common with its neighboring provinces, formed a republic in 1917. This republic had a stormy career due to the variety of interests and religions of its peoples. As soon as the Bolsheviki came into control of Russia they forced a Soviet government onto the people of Azerbaijan, and this state became again a part of Russia.

During the year 1919, the first stamps for Azerbaijan were issued and consisted of ten pictorial lithographs, each stamp in three or four colors. The two low values show a soldier with flag, while the next three higher values show the setting sun. The 2, 5, and 10 rubles

show a fort at Baku, and the 25 and 50 rubles show pictures of the Temple of Eternal Fires. The 1922 issue is also a pictorial issue and shows various points of interest in and around Baku. The most interesting of these is the spouting oil well shown on the 2 ruble stamp. This stamp depicts the present industrial importance of this province. This and the 1919 set were also issued with various new values surcharged, to take care of the depreciated paper currency. For a short time in 1923, the stamps of the Trans Caucasian Federation were used in Azerbaijan, but these were withdrawn and the regular stamps of Russia put into use.

The unsurcharged stamps for this state are all modestly priced, but many of the surcharged varieties are expensive and practically unobtainable. Therefore, the idea of general collectors making a complete collection of Azerbaijan is out of the question. Any values of this country, used on entire covers, would be good items to own. Certain labels showing pictures of an old man, a bear, scenery, etc., and inscribed Azerbaijan were never issued by that country and can at best, only be classed as souvenirs.

Shanghai.—The most important seaport of Central China. Its first postage stamps were issued in 1865 and it continued to issue its own stamps until its post office was taken over by the Chinese Imperial Post in 1897.

Filatelic Fun Forum

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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

REPRINTS

The 8 pence stamp of New South Wales shows a bird with a high standing plumbed tail.—*Linn's Weekly.* * * All goods guaranteed. Money refunded within ten days.—Ad in MEKEEL's. * * One of the oldest U. S. was sold at auction lately for $12,000.00.—Sketch from MEKEEL's quoted in *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.* * * Quantity photos revue stars, some hand tinted.—For Sale ad in *The Bazaar.* * * The Stamp Bourse on the Spree.—Heading in *The Philatelic Trader.*

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THE WHEELING PRECANCELS MUST HAVE ROLLED PRETTY FAR BY THIS TIME.—ROBERT E. DUNLOP.

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I'd like to be alive
Two hundred years from now,
And swap a half-cent Hale
For a Jersey cow.

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The Fatal Hour

"Boys," said the Chief Story Teller, "I read in the paper, the other day, an account of a postmaster in the mountains being devoured by a bear. It struck me that there was a singular appropriateness in the time of the occurrence. Guess the hour?"

After a number of failures they gave it up.

"Why, eight p. m., of course."—*Stamp Lover.*

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GOAT GETTER NO. 2

The gink who says, "I've collected
Since they called me Little Sam."
But when you go to buy his stuff
It isn't worth a hoot.—Phil Tellem.

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Old Mother Hubbard
Had stamps in her cupboard
As old as the specs on her nose;
And she chuckled with mirth
When she learned they were worth
Far more than the dough in her hose.
—Phil U. Tellem.

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 375*)

land, get in touch with Mr. J. T. S... er, at the American Railway Expre... details.

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Airport Dedications, and Other U... official Cachets

Of the Lundborg Day cachets n... tioned last week, about 50 each w... mailed from Seattle and Portland a... only 30 from San Francisco—all l... Swedish Consul. Many of these w... Sweden. 6 autographed by Lundb... going to Sweden.***The inaugurat... Chapter No. 2 of the A. A. M. S. i... cago by Pres. Angers was the oc... of a cachet May 17—red, blue, gree... purple.***From Fairmont, W. Va., ... a most attractive cachet May 16, l... ing Capt. Ira C. Eaker.***A flying ... decorated with the words "Air J... Pasco May 16, 17, 18" is the cachet ... ing from Pasco, Wash., on those ... A surprise one, and we'll get the ... later.***The air has been full of ... these days as the Army Air Man... are being carried out. The cachet ... sored by the Columbus C. of C. ha... putting in its daily appearance. ... so far are May 15—purple, 16—ma... 17—black, 18—green, 19—blue.

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Massapequa Park, L. I., is the ... real estate development with its ow... port, and the cachet applied for the ... cation May 12 so states on blu... green.***Santa Rosa, Cal., comes ... with its picture of Luther Burbank ... applied in black, May 18.***Mc... Nebr., comes in May 13, reading s... "Chamber of Commerce, McCook, ... Dedication?

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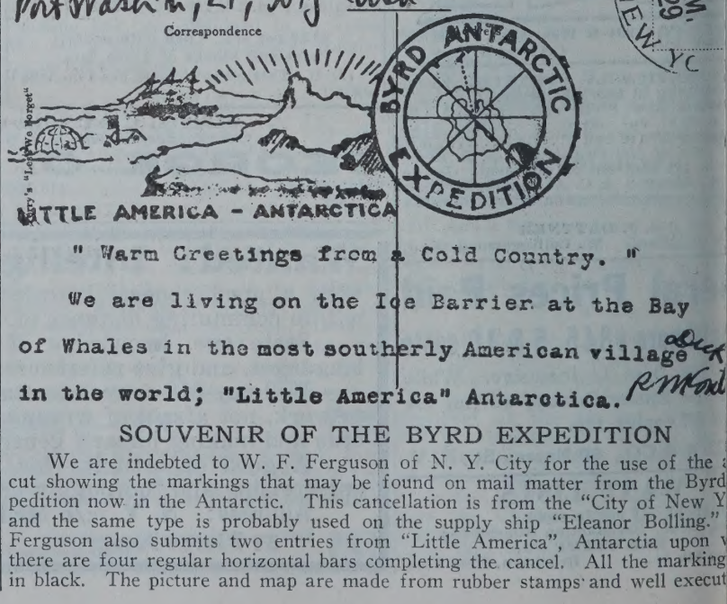
Huron, S. D., cachets mentioned ... weeks ago were applied on the oc... of the opening of a new passenge... freight service to Chicago. No mail ... on these planes, but 85 letters sent ... the dedication the same day receiv... cachet reading, "Carried by Airlines ... anyway.***Hagerstown, Md., wil... apply a cachet for the forthcomin... Meet.***Medford, Ore., now plans ... dedication for July or August, an...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in the world; "Little America" Antarctica.
R Ford

SOUVENIR OF THE BYRD EXPEDITION

We are indebted to W. F. Ferguson of N. Y. City for the use of the ... cut showing the markings that may be found on mail matter from the Byrd ... pedition now in the Antarctic. This cancellation is from the "City of New Y... and the same type is probably used on the supply ship "Eleanor Bolling." ... Ferguson also submits two entries from "Little America", Antarctia upon wi... there are four regular horizontal bars completing the cancel. All the marking a... in black. The picture and map are made from rubber stamps and well execut...

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ria 1914-15, 4, 6, 1sh	"	.65	.30
Zealand 1925, ½, 1p	"	.23	.12
eo., Official	"	.20	.08
n 1902-8, 5pia	"	.15	.06
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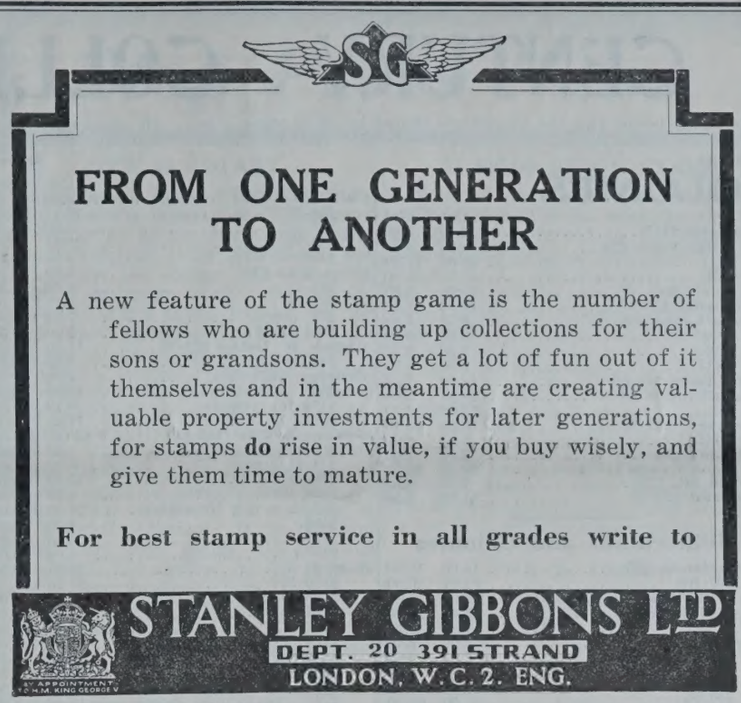
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227	1927,	15p pink	(.30)	.12
228		30p pr. green	(.50)	.18
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ry to have bothered you folks who in covers for the National Parks ays cachet Lindbergh Day, and got back by return mail, but my infor- m was definite when I gave it to **Corsicana, Tex., cachet Apr. 27 28 was sponsored by C. of C. and e Club, and 3,000 covers were d.***The Belgrade, Mont., registry llation used on dedication covers as ously reported, was applied on 200 s only. An oddity, and nice.*** endale, Wash., cachet was sponsored he Legion, and 1,200-1,500 covers out.

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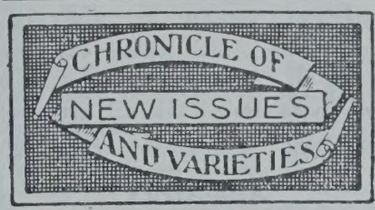
e National Air Races and Aero- cal Exposition will be held in Cleve- this year, Aug. 24-Sept. 2. Air booths will be maintained at the ort, and at the Public Auditorium, a special cachet in different colors each date will be applied. Covers be sent to the Executive Head- ters as above, Hotel Cleveland— Clifford W. Henderson, Managing ctor.

OMINICAN ALCAZARS, 1928

By HARRY E. HUBER.

e ½c, 50c and 1 peso of the Al- de Colon series issued in December, exhausted in February, 1929, the tities printed having been 800,000, , and 2,500, respectively. No fur- printings were made, and remainders he National Arms type were again ght into use.

ans were then underway for a new s, picturing the agricultural products e Republic, but this has been shelved he time being, as with the signing of aty on January 21, 1929, settling the dary dispute of many years standing een Haiti and the Dominican Repub- a commemorative series (½c, 1c, 2c, nd 10c) was authorised by a decree, aring in the Gaceta Oficial (Santo ingo) of February 20, 1929.



The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New Edison Stamp

Through the courtesy of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, we are able to further confirm my recent notes in the "Stop Press" department, wherein the announcement was first made that a new 2c red, known as the "Edison" stamp, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the appearance of the incandescent lamp would be placed on sale. The Postmaster General has approved the design showing an incandescent lamp in the center and printed in the same size as our current emission.

The die is practically completed, the plates will be laid out in short order and a supply will be available at Menlo Park, N. J., the home of Thomas A. Edison on June 5th. Supplies will be on sale in numerous other offices, including the Philatelic Agency at Washington, on the following day. The department has decided to issue in excess of one hundred million of which about one-third will be printed from the flat plate, about one-third from the rotary press, and the balance in sidewise rotary coil form. The flat plate will, of course, be perforated 11, the rotaries 11 x 10½, and the coils 10, as in the case of our current series. Quite a number of plates will be made in view of the large number to be printed and distributed.

It is requested that orders addressed to the Philatelic Agency calling for this stamp be confined to the one stamp alone and that a separate order for any other varieties wanted be sent. It is also suggested that where possible, collectors obtain their supply from the local office as the Agency is still greatly behind in completing their orders.

Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including May 16th. It will be noted that our list gets smaller and smaller, due to the fact that plates under the new process are lasting very much longer than ever before, thus cutting down the cost very materially of our stamp production. There is no new variety in this list which has not been noted heretofore.

Plate No.	*Denomination.*	*Class*	*Ord. Series.*	*Subjs.*
19755-	2c	"	1922	170 Curv.
19756-759	1c	"	1922	170 "
19760-763	2c Book	"	1922	360 "
19764-	½c Post. Due	"	1925	400 "
19765-768	2c	"	1922	170 "

New Series

We mentioned in a recent Chronicle that the Postmaster General had solicited suggestions for a new series stating that he was inclined to favor an issue without portraits, differing from any that we have had heretofore, with the possible exception of the Parcel Post series.

Mr. P. R. Hough, one of our readers, has addressed a communication to the Postmaster General suggesting that in issuing a new series that our many native wild flowers not be forgotten, that we should also remember the numerous animals that are native to America only, and further calls attention to our natural scenery and wonders, such as the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Yosemite Falls, etc. It is believed that in such a series several of our present scenes will be permitted to remain, such as the Capitol at Washington, which now appears upon the $2, the Lincoln Monument on the $1, the Golden Gate on the 20c, and possibly Niagara Falls on the 25c.

Consideration certainly should be given to what is possibly the foremost building in America, namely—Independence Hall at Philadelphia. Besides the natural scenery, we should call attention to some of our wonderful bridges and other engineering feats and remember the numerous industries which have placed us in the forefront as a nation, such as the airplane, the radio, the telegraph, the automobile, the electrical, the steel and iron, etc. No doubt, the Postmaster General will receive thousands of suggestions, and it is to be hoped that over the summer months the Department may find the opportunity of going over these suggestions in detail and reach a decision as to such a series of stamps which will be ready for the early fall.

In the meantime, the Department is still receiving numerous suggestions for individual commemorative stamps, commemorating events and scenery of local as well as national importance.

Philippines

Messrs. Charles Blum and Walter Bruggmann kindly send copies of a new error which has been found in the Philippine Air Mail series of 1926. They have now located the 26c, blue-green, perforated 12, instead of 11, as heretofore. In other words, Scott's No. 269 of the 1911 series has been overprinted in addition to the perf. 11 No. 298. Possibly one sheet was overprinted, distributed and mostly used before being discovered. Mr. Bruggmann writes that only fourteen unused copies and one used copy have been found, after a thorough search was made of those that could be examined in Manila. Quite likely some of these

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#94-96 (used)	12.50	6.50
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#10-16	5.00	2.50
New Zealand #120	5.00	2.50
#122-125	7.50	4.00
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#63a	12.00	6.00
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#16-17	9.00	5.00
Rhodesia #26-39	21.15	10.50
#65	10.00	6.00
Rhodesia #115	5.00	3.50
St. Kitts-Nevis #59	6.50	4.50
#60	50.00	31.50
#61	17.50	11.00
St. Lucia #56	10.00	5.00
Seychelles #38-48	16.80	8.50
Sierra Leone #88	8.50	5.00
#89	40.00	30.00
#101	7.50	3.75
#118	7.50	4.75
Somaliland #36-39	14.50	7.25
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#9	12.00	6.00
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#113	8.00	4.50
Trinidad #90	6.00	3.00
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Virgin Isl. #28	7.50	4.50
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	Cat.	Net
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#97-108	31.91	20.00
#118-119	6.00	4.00
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#158-173	4.84	3.20
Curacao #7	4.00	2.40
#12	7.00	4.20
#30-39, 43, 44	9.48	6.00
#45-59	7.79	4.35
#72-78	62.50	38.50
Dutch Indies #142-148	32.75	20.00
Surinam #44-60	32.31	20.00
#63-67	23.80	14.20
#97-103	79.20	49.00

Latin America

	Cat.	Net
Argentine #134-136 (used)	7.85	4.75
#160-175	75.26	50.00
#215-230	77.64	50.00
#244-246	41 00	24.50
#323-338 (face 22.70)	38.46	28.50
Canal Zone #4-8	14.75	9.50
#31-44	5.93	3.50
#42a	15.00	10.00
#48-56	22.10	11.00
#57-63	5.96	3.80
#312-313	3.25	2.00
Chili #39-50	3.53	1.75
#58-67	13.47	6.50
#68-82	5.96	3.25
#83-97	25.44	15.00
#146-153	6.55	4.00
Costa Rica #14	3.50	2.00
#15	9.00	5.25
#25-34	5.21	3.00
#87 (used)	7.50	4.00
#94 (used)	5.00	2.50
Danish W. Indies #31-39	11.75	6.00
#43-50	5.54	3.00
Ecuador #122-125	4.00	2.25
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#249-275	16.96	8.00
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#510-513	9.50	5.00
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#518-521	8.70	4.50
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#267-277	24.56	14.50
#350-363	26.45	21.50
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	Cat.	Net
Abyssinia #8-14	13.00	6.50
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#22-28 (used)	9.50	4.75
#36-42 (used) (no #38)	17.75	8.50
Abyssinia	Cat.	N
#43-49	11.25	5
#57-63	12.00	6
#64-70	10.50	5
#71-77	9.75	4
#87-93	5.18	3
#94-100 (used)	14.00	7
#101-107	8.30	4
#120-133	28.83	6
China #119-133	20.57	1
#149-160	23.30	2
#161-172	20.67	1
#176-191	6.22	
#451-455	8.00	
#601-611	30.75	6
#701-718	24.21	2
Egypt #50-59	13.77	7
#61-69	9.60	
#78-91	22.35	
Japan #114	6.00	
#144-146	5.28	
#522-531	4.50	2
#533-543	4.25	2
Liberia #88	2.50	1
#129-130	5.50	3
#131	2.00	1
#132 (used)	2.50	1
#133	2.25	1
#146-147	6.50	3
#160-161	4.60	2
Philippines #215	8.50	4
#213-222	8.65	5
#226-236	23.90	12
#237	15.00	8
#241-253	22.20	12
#254	20.00	12
#255-260a	16.00	8
#261-272	7.66	
#274	12.00	8
#2 6-284	10 00	6
Siam #101 (used)	6.00	3
#102 (used)	12.00	6
#103 (used)	25.00	12
#151-155	21.75	10
#156 (used)	7.00	3
#176-184	23.01	12
#301-310	30.30	15
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Chile.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 5c green has been issued watermarked star in shield.

Cuba.—We have been shown by Hermann Focke a set of the new stamps showing the new Capitol building. The stamps are indeed handsome, and will prove very popular with the average collector. We have already illustrated the design in an earlier number of the WEEKLY.

Falkland Islands.—We learn from *Stamp Collecting* that the forthcoming semi-pictorial issue has been designed, engraved and printed by the old established firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co., Ltd., making the third change of printers since postage stamps were first introduced into this colony half a century ago.

Finland.—A total of one million sets is to be issued of the three stamps commemorating the seventh centenary of the port of Albo. The design of the 1m value shows shipping leaving the harbor, that of the 1½m a view of the Cathedral, while the 2m has a vignette of the ancient Castle. The trio is inscribed with the dates of the centenary "1229 1929." Towards the end of the year Finland is to have a new general issue of postage stamps of which the denominations 50pf and 1½m will bear the familiar "Lion of Vasa," and the 5, 10 and 25m pictorial subjects carried out in rectangular format. *Stamp Collecting* furnishes the above information.

Hungary.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 1 filler grey and 3 filler orange have been issued on the new watermark paper.

Italy.—We illustrate the six designs of the new issues chronicled last week.

Portugal.—The following figures of recent Portuguese provisionals are from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie:* 4c on 8c, 1,024,480; 4c on 30c, 629,620; 40c on E1.10, 526,360; 80c on E1.50, 1,911,[illegible] and 1.60 on E3.20, 41,440. Overprint "Revalidado" 15, 1,913,000; 10c, 2,577,[illegible] 40c brown, 2,748,000; 40c green, 4[illegible] 000; 96c, 364,680; and E1.60, 713,64[illegible]

Tripoli.—We illustrate two types of the recently issued stamps placed on sale for the benefit of the Third Trade Exhibition. They are similar to the [illegible] issued for the Second Exhibition in 1[illegible] but the subjects of the design are different and the amount printed consists [illegible]

65,000 sets. We understand the characteristic vignettes were designed by Aldo Terzi, and offset printed at the Stabilimento Poligraficio per Amministrazione dello Stato, in Rome, in sheets of sixty for the 30 and 50c, and L1.25, in sets of fifty for the remaining values.

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NEW ½c ROTARY

As announced in the "Stop Press" department of the WEEKLY the Department has decided to fill two very large orders recently received from New York and Chicago for ½c stamps in precancelled condition, by means of the rotary press. While the orders to the Bureau call for the precancel stamps only, I have had the pleasure of discussing the subject with the Third Assistant Postmaster General and requested that collectors be favored to the extent of running off a good supply without cancellation, so that they might have the stamp in their collection in an unused condition. He has assured us that we would be favored and that the stamps when ready will be available at the Philatelic Agency. It is doubtful whether any large supply will be made for general distribution, as the demand for this denomination is limited.

PHILIP WARD, JR.

The ½c Rotary was placed on sale May 25, and we have a first day cover by courtesy of A. E. Gorham. He reports plate numbers 19650 and 19651.

RE-SALE OF WASHED STAMPS

Postal inspectors believe that they have broken the nation-wide ring engaged in the re-sale of washed, cancelled postage stamps. It is said that this practice has been the means of defrauding the Government of a million dollars yearly. Recently twenty-two persons residing in Chicago were arrested and it is reported that a total of two hundred have been apprehended in the alleged conspiracy of re-use of cancelled stamps. The dealings have been so extensive, especially in the parcel post business, that the P. O. Department has been considering the doing away with stamps, and substituting the use of labels. We are indebted to D. B. Damon for the above particulars.

STOCKHOLM-NEW YORK FLIGHT

N. Y. CITY, May 27.

Capt. Albin Ahrenberg has been commissioned by the Swedish Government to make a three-stop flight, Stockholm to New York. There will be a quantity of mail carried, limited to sixty pounds. The Capt. will be accompanied by Lieut. Axel Tloden and Hans Ljunglard. They will stop at Reykjavik, Iceland, Ivigtut, Greenland, and Belle Isle, Newfoundland. The trip will take three days, and is scheduled to start June 3.

LOUIS J. GUENZEL.

AIR MAIL NOTES

—Air Derby, Buffalo, N. Y., June 8-9, cachet. Letters to C. J. Martin, 489 Dartmouth St.***Airport dedication, Coshocton, O., about June 15, cachet. Covers to Coshocton Flying Service.

—The first amphibian air mail was carried between Cleveland and Detroit May 14 and 15, leaving Cleveland the first day, and due to stormy weather, returning May 15. Amelia Earhart piloted both planes. A special cachet was provided. 469 letters left Cleveland, and fewer than that number from Detroit. J. T. Schweier, Railway Express Co., Cleveland, will supply the cachet on any covers missed. Forty express covers each way were flown.

—We urge our readers who are interested in air mail to write Henry O. Meisel, Clintonville, Wis., Sec. of the American Flying Association, for details of the organization. Mr. Meisel claims that he has a good thing and he wants others to realize it.

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THE 2c EDISON

The Edison lamp commemorative will be issued perforated, imperforate, and in coils.

THE NEW CUBAN STAMPS

By courtesy of Hermann Focke, we have been shown the set of the new Cuban Capitol stamps. There seems to be a shortage of the 20c value, and it appears that the entire issue of this stamp has been cornered. We take the liberty of printing Mr. Focke's observations upon the situation:—

"The entire sets, including the 20c violet, have been for sale by local dealers since yesterday, but if they were not obtainable at the General P. O. at Habana, where did they come from? Maybe that this particular value was not sold to the public at all, and will become another candidate of the "rank speculative" list; who knows? Perhaps I shall have more to say about it later on. Since 50,000 were printed of this value, it would not be easy for one or a few dealers to corner the entire supply."

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By P. J. DROSSOS, Athens.

A post office decree has just been issued putting the four different Navarino five drs. out of use. No mention is made of the 1½dr, the supply of which has long been exhausted, nor of the 4dr. These two values may still be used and it will not be long before the 4drs, used for foreign postage, will soon be used up, also. The reason that the 5drs has been taken out of use is that it is to be surcharged 1½drs each (which is the inland postage), as there is a considerable stock on hand. Details as to the surcharge are not available at this writing.

There is a rumor that the 80 lepta of the current set will be surcharged 75 lepta, so that inland letters may be franked with it. This value, as collectors know, conforms to no postal tariff except that on foreign printed matter, up to 50gr. If the 80 lepta is thus surcharged, the formation of the 1927 set will not be easy in the future.

The number of letters carried on the Orient Flight of the Graf Zeppelin has been given as 17,000, which is correct. Of these, however, only 3,000 are backstamped (Rome, Athens, El Ramle, Spalatto and Vienna): the remainder which were thrown off in Palestine and addressed to German towns, being a rather roundabout way to get there from Friedrichshafen, were not backstamped where they were thrown off, and this omission caused many complaints. The foregoing information is gathered from different sources, especially from the *Postmarke-Wien*, Nos. 189 and 190.

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The most desirable item in the sale was a beautiful copy of the 1847 5c Milbury, nicely tied to the entire cover with a red "PAID." While the stamp was slightly creased, it was an unusually fine piece and now graces the collection of Judge Robert S. Emerson at the highest price the stamp has ever brought, namely —$5,700. A copy of the 5c New York used on a letter which was written from Cuba and addressed to London, and which was later stamped and postmarked at the New York post office, reached $206. A very fine horizontal pair on cover lightly pen-cancelled sold at $156.

Carriers and Locals, especially when tied to the cover, commanded substantial prices when in fine condition. A Baltimore 1c black, nicely tied with the 3c 1857 sold at $18, while copies of the New York 3c blue on cover, but not tied, brought $26 and $27. A dark blue, tied, sold at $32. A City Dispatch Post Local 2c green No. 6451 cancelled "FREE" in red sold at $32, while a Mason's New Orleans Express 2c black on yellow, reached $116. A Floyd's No. 6512 sold at $20, and a pair and single of Hussey No. 6561, described as "decidedly rare in other than a single" sold at $14.25. A Swart No. 6766 nicely postmarked brought $19.

Railroad and Packet cancellations on early covers mostly with 3c 1851 to 1857 brought prices ranging from $4 to $37, the latter being paid for a 3c 1861 with cover postmarked, "Steamer River Queen" in circle. One of the well-known New Orleans "N. O. U. S. City Post" in green on a 3c 1851 brought $42.

Patriotic covers ranged in price from $1 to $5, with one exception, namely—a Jeff. Davis, colored picture, showing him going and returning from War. This now graces a prominent New England collection at $15.50.

The 1847 issues on covers brought what might be described as enormous figures, the outstanding price being $325 for a single copy of the 10c cancelled with the well-known red St. Louis postmark. The piece, however, was unusually fresh and attractive, but these figures are not a criterion for future pieces of the same type, as the cancellation is readily found upon covers bearing this stamp. The same stamp with U. S. Express Mail on cover sold at $15, and a further copy on a small Valentine envelope showing a really attractive flower pot design on the envelope, sold because of this embossed design, at $183. A second copy with the St. Louis postmark remarkably fine sold at $137.50, while one from Montgomery, Ala., sold at $80. Among the 5c issues, a nice 5c orange-brown from Kingston, N. Y., sold at $32, while a superb copy tied in red to a small cover bearing Bloods No. 6260, in addition to ter price being paid for a seal postmark, Philada. Railroad sold at $49. Two copies of the 5c deep orange in the printing from the so-called second plate, on what some describe as pelure paper, reached $130, while two similar copies on a second cover brought $67.50. Magnificent pairs neatly tied with unusual margins sold at $80 and $81 respectively. Two copies of the 10c with the red St. Louis postmark both on one cover reached $92.

Among the 1851 1c single fine copies of Type II brought $2.25 up, pairs going at $17.75, and strips up to $22. The choicest item among the 3c was a copy cancelled "Way 6", which sold at $20, a cracked plate variety tied to the face of cover only selling at $17. A magnificent 5c tied with a Boston British Packet postmark stayed in Boston at $188, whereas a 10c Type III with New York July 5th postmark, in addition to "clipper ship" cancellation, reached $20.50. A 12c black used on cover showing Hawaiian postmark was a sleeper that slipped through at $47, catching us all napping, as it was certainly worth much more. A single copy on the cover, and singles by the way are much scarcer than pairs when tied to the cover, brought $50. A single used with a 3c making 15c rate to Bordeaux sold at $41. A 3c and a 12c along with a vertical strip of three of the 1857 Type I, used on small cover to London, sold at $180, while $92 was paid for a fine pair of the 12c on a small cover from Waterford, N. Y. The lower left diagonal half of 12c used as 6c evidently mailed from the far west and carrying the New York ship postmark in addition to "Via Nicaragua Ahead of the Mails," reached $305.

A somewhat choice copy of the 1857 1c Type II showing the major crack and nicely tied to the cover brought $152, while three copies arranged horizontally on a neat cover showing three cracked positions brought $157.50, in spite of the fact that the copies were badly off center. A 3c cancelled with a "Man in the Moon", from Mason, Ohio, sold at $27. A 5c Type I vertical strip of three with perforation partly clipped reached $37, while a nice vertical strip of three of the Type II sold at $46. The choicest of the lot, namely—a horizontal strip of

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three Type II, used to Paris with blue postmark, stayed in New England at $89. A pair of the same stamp showing part of imprint sold at $21.25. A "Noisy Carrier" from San Francisco on the 10c Type II was knocked down at $68, while a similar stamp with Yankee Jims, Cal., postmark reached $12.50. Off centered copies of the Type IV sold at $28 and $11. A 10c Type V and horizontal pair of the 1c Type V used together on cover from Hawaiian Islands was sold to Mr. Stephen Brown at $160. A horizontal pair and strip of three 12c on small cover from Washington with horizontal pair of 3c was purchased by the same buyer at $87. A strip of five of the 12c along with a 5c, but unfortunately time-stained, sold at $32. Two copies of the 30c orange used to France, but not especially choice looking, sold at $115. The 90c blue used on a large piece of wrapping paper along with two 1c and a 3c, together with a pair of the 12c, sold at $340. This cover will be remembered as the one found in Richmond a few years back, and which has been pretty extensively offered on numerous occasions since.

A horizontal strip of three of the 10c August with one stamp defective sold at $100. A superb pair of the 5c buff brought a record price of $561, while a single copy along with the 10c sold at $220. These two pieces, however, were magnificent, and left nothing to be desired. A 24c steel blue to Scotland sold at $90, whereas a horizontal strip of three of the 30c together with the 24c reached $25. A diagonal half of the 2c black selling at $102, a 5c brown used with Hawaii 5c blue at $36, and a very choice pair of the 24c to England at $24.

The grilled issues of 1867, like in most collections were usually few, the finest piece being a 10c green No. 96 from Shanghai, at $31. A similar stamp tied with Worcester and Nashua cancellation sold at $48. Among the 1869 issues, the nicest thing was a 15c Type II used with 3c green. This sold at $20.50. A vertical half of 2c 1870 reached $225, being the choicest item among the later issues.

An Express cover of the Confederate type brought $74, while a vertical pair of the New Orleans 5c brown showing sheet margins nicely tied sold at $76. A 2c brown used on drop letter in Richmond in remarkable condition sold at $120, while a copy of the "TEN" with margins, none too large, reached $46. A privately perforated No. 210d reached a record price at $39.

Among the foreign issues, the Green collection contained practically everything previous to 1850, cataloging up to $20 and $25, and these brought well over half catalog in all cases and at times well over full catalog. Some of the outstanding pieces were:

Baden, 1864, 18k with several other stamps—$50; Brazil, 1843, 30c, pair on back of cover—$53; 60c magnificent pair—$36; 90c, pair on back of cover $106; Bremen Superb, 1866, 10g, $39; Canada, 1852, 3p and 6p, used on 1 penny rose on Great Britain envelope making up 10p rate to England, $79. The 1859, 10c black-brown No. 17, cataloging $25 sold at $35.50 and $53 respectively. A Cape of Good Hope 1p triangle No. 3 in superb block of four lightly cancelled but not tied sold at $81. A copy of the same stamp with two 4p, a beautiful cover cataloging $16, sold at $38. A 6p and 1sh each in block of four on large cover sold at $150, while a 4p (wood block) with 1sh brought $149. An Hawaiian 2c black No. 16, cover slightly soiled, $81; Japan, No. 2 and No. 4 tied to native cover $42. A Newfoundland, 1857, 4p scarlet vermilion, from the famous Tucker correspondence, sold at $258, while a magnificent horizontal strip of three of Nova Scotia No. 1 sold at $206. Two pairs of the 3p on the same neat cover wonderfully fine reached $250.

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(Clipping from Eugen Le Blanc)

The new Cuban Independent stamps were put on sale May 18, at the general post office and branch offices throughout the island. The 20c denominations were in more demand than the others, and shortly after they were put on sale in Havana, the supply was exhausted. At the central office several extra windows were opened to accommodate the public. Orders had been received from dealers in many countries, and these orders were dispatched. The sales of this special issue amounted to $38,000. The 20c issue was all sold out at 8.30 A. M., and those remaining in the line could not obtain any. Some people were offering a dollar to any who would sell them a 20c for their collection, but could not obtain it.—*Havana Post.*

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Whilst any tendency to reduce the pleasant pursuit of philately to the level of a Stock Exchange gamble is to be deplored, one is naturally satisfied to find one's cherished specimens appreciating in value and interest.

An official announcement of the destruction of the whole of the remainder stock of the former Gold Coast stamps of the series in 1921-25 as reported in *The Bazaar* some weeks ago, has already started an upward movement in stamp market prices of the now entirely obsolete high values 10s, 15s, £1 and £2. In the latest Supplement to Whitfield King's "Standard" Catalogue, the last-named stamp has been doubled in price and is now quoted at 100s.

The near-by Crown Colony of Gambia having decided to discard its postage stamps of 2½d, 5d, 7½d, 10d and 1s6d, collectors are hastening to complete their sets before the inevitable advance takes place. On the strength of local reports that the 4d and 4s denominations will also not be re-issued these too, are in keen demand.

Sierra Leone is likewise on the point of reducing the number of denominations in her postage and revenue stamp series with the result that there is much call for the disappearing values of 2½d, 7d, 9d, 10d, £2 and £5—all of which now stand at a premium upon their former quotations.

In the West Indian group Grenada is discarding her 4d, 5d, 9d, 2s and 3s values, which except for the two shillings were only issued last year. Consequently prices have been advanced in anticipation of the speedy exhaustion of existing stocks.

The withdrawal of the picturesque Jubilee series of Cyprus and the official destruction of remainders at the end of January is reflected in rising quotations for these attractive and popular stamps.

An elusive, but highly speculative stamp of the moment is the 7s6d St. Helena, which was recently reported as obsolete and its price deleted in the current stamp catalogues. It is now being offered, mint, at prices ranging from 15s to 21s, but whether it will go higher or not remains to be seen.

Now that the old printing of the 5s stamp of St. Kitts-Nevis with Multiple CA watermark in use since 1920, has been superseded by a new one on Script CA paper, its market price has been advanced to 10s.

The impending replacement of the 4s stamp by one of 5s denomination in the Nyasaland Protectorate has created a brisk demand for the latter, which is changing hands at 7s6d a copy, mint.

Further changes are heralded in the May issue of the *Philatelic Bulletin* (Whitfield King) which states that the 8 cents stamp of Mauritius is already obsolete and that as soon as existing stocks are used up no further printings will be made of the values 1, 6, 12 and 50 cents. In the case of Northern Rhodesia the 8d, 10d, 2s and 7s6d stamps now current are to be discontinued when the present supply is exhausted.—*Bazaar.*

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Well, as I said, I began dealing in stamps in Washington, D. C., with H. F. Colman as a silent, but very active, partner, and we did a lot of business and found a lot of good stamps. A bit later J. M. Bartels opened an office near me and we became good friends. The Washington Stamp Club, of which good Billy Johnson is still the president, was organized and used to meet in my office. I remember that one of our members, W. L. Drury, made a collection that we looked on as rather foolish. He got a big blank book and collected shades of old U. S. stamps. I remember he had two long rows of the 24c 1857 delicately shaded from very light to very dark, and he complained that the different colored cancellations made them difficult to shade up properly! He sold that collection some years ago, Colman told me, for about one-tenth of what it is worth today.

The great adventure came along. Phil Ward will remember this, and Murray Bartels has already written part of it after an exchange of letters with me, but the full story is interesting. I put an ad in a Washington theater program saying I would give $100 each for 5c Baltimores, and "much more" for a 10c one. Soon after a quiet, little old lady in black came into my office, said she had seen the ad, and asked if I would really pay $100 for a 5c Balto. When I said yes, she asked what I would give for a 10c one. I replied that it was hardly worth talking of as one had never been found.

But what would I give for one, she persisted. I answered that it would depend entirely on how wealthy a collector I could find to sell it to—but what was the use of talking? Then she opened a rusty little reticule and laid before me a perfect cover with a perfect 10c Baltimore on it. Can you imagine the thrill? The *first* 10c Baltimore!! I handled it reverently and asked for its history. Her father had been a Baltimore minister, and I found she was teaching a little private school that was dwindling away, and money meant a good deal to her.

I asked for a day or two to think it over, before making a price. She readily consented, said she would return, and started away, leaving the cover on the table. Being told to take it along, she said oh, no, she would leave it with me, and off she went. Five minutes later I flew down to Bartel's office to show it to him and gloat over it, and when Colman came to our office later we had a grand whoopee over it.

It was at once photographed for MEKEEL'S, and I expected to be flooded with offers. Also I wrote to a number of collectors offering it, but without fixing a price. When the lady came in I offered her $1,500 in cash, or a sale of 10% commission. She asked which would be best for her, and I told her frankly that I did not know; it would all depend on how big a collector could be found to buy it. She decided on the latter course and left it to be sold. Strange to say, no one seemed to recognize its value here, and it finally went to Von Ferrari for $3,300, our commission being $300 on a rarity like that!

Less than six months later the second copy turned up at Louisville, and C. H. Mekeel and I had a battle royal over it, he at last getting it. The party would not fix a price to either of us, but kept wiring each how much the other fellow had offered. I tried to sell it by wire and phone to J. C. Ayer, but Mekeel went down to Louisville and I stopped

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the ½c plates have been made
rotary presses, this value will be
o the Bureau Print precancel list.
derstood that both New York and
have orders in for the new de-
tion and that the new stamps will
be in use by the time this notice
in print.
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ESTONIA

An up and coming country on the Baltic Sea. After 10 years of ups and downs the new stamps reflect the staple Government there.

	1916		
1	5k pale red	.05	.05
2	15k bright blue	.02	.02
3	35k gray brown	.05	.05
4	70k olive green	.13	.15
	1919		
27	5p yellow	.15	..
29	5p orange	.02	.02
30	10p green	.02	.02
31	15p rose	.02	.02
32	35p blue	.02	.02
33	70 dull violet	.04	.04
34	1m blue & black brown	.06	..
35	5m yellow & black	.10	.08
36	15m yellow green & violet	.20	..
37	25m ultramarine & brown	.50	..
38	1m blue & black	.03	.03
	1920-21		
40	25p green	.02	.02
41	35p rose	.02	.02
42	50p green	.02	.02
43	1m vermilion	.02	.02
44	2m blue	.04	.04
45	2m ultramarine	.08	..
46	2 50m blue	.08	.08
58	1m on 35p rose	.02	..
59	2m on 70p dull violet	.06	..
	1922-27		
60	½m orange	.15	..
65	9m red	.25	..
66	10m deep blue	.20	..
75	25m ultramarine & brown	..	.20
78	25p yellow	.02	..
79	30m violet & black	.30	..
80	70m carmine rose & black	.40	..
81	12m red	.08	..
82	15m plum	.10	..
83	20m ultramarine	.12	..
84	40m blue & brown	.25	..
	1928, 10th Anniversary		
85-89	2s to 20s complete	.30	..
	Air Post Issues		
201	5m yellow, blue & black	.10	.10
202-206	5m to 45m complete	3.00	..
212-216	5m to 45m complete	..	1.25
218-222	5m to 45m complete	.75	..
	Semi Postal Issues		
251	35p+10p red & green	.04	..
252	70p+15p blue & brown	.05	..
255-258	3½m, 7m, perf. & imperf.	.25	..
263-264	6m, 12m, pair	.25	..
265-269	5m+5m to 40m+40m complete	.90	..

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bidding when Ayer quit at $2,500, and Mekeel took home the bacon. You, of course, know that the Ferrari copy sold for $6,000 when his collection was sold by the French officials after the World War. Why an old book is worth $50,000, and such a rarity only $6,000 is a mystery to me.

Here is another story of a find, more amusing than anything else. I had a good friend working in the basement of the old Post Office Dept. Going in there one day he told me that the evening before he had run across a big case, "bigger than a coffin box", that had been lying around for no one knew how many years. He had it taken to his office room and opened up, and it proved to contain 500 pasteboard boxes of complete sets of Plimpton envelopes, beautiful, and with the word SPECIMEN printed across the middle of the envelopes, not across the stamp itself.

I asked if he had reported the matter to his chief yet, and he said no, that he was just going to when I came in. I asked him to wait until the next day, which he promised to do, and I hustled over to the Land Office to see Colman. We held a council of war and got busy. The next morning, soon after 9, a certain P. O. official was surprised to have a Congressman's secretary appear and say: "The Congressman hears that you have some sets of envelopes to distribute, and would be very glad to have one." He was about to ask how the Congressman knew of it when he himself only heard of it half an hour before, when two pages came in with similar requests, and more and more came, so he never did ask the question, but by night over half the sets were gone.

Colman and I had told some Capitol Pages that we would pay $5 each for the sets, and they spread the news. It was comical! By noon Colman had no room under his desk for his feet and was piling the boxes into a barricade. At the office I was growing a similar pile, and by the time the envelopes were all gone at the end of the week, we had secured 240 of the 500 boxes.

Stop Press News

LAST MINUTE

THE NEW PAPAL STAMPS

ROME, May 16.

We have just succeeded in ascertaining the denominations of the new Papal stamps and we think you will be highly interested to learn that the set will be out on about June 10, and will consist of the following stamps:

5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75, 80 centesimi, 1.25, 2, 2.50, 5, 10, lire, also 2 and 2.50 lire Express Letter. The group of stamps running from 5 centesimi to 75 centesimi will have the old emblem of a Tiara with the two keys, the remaining group will have the likeness of the Holy Father.

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THE NEW SULLIVAN STAMP

The new 2c stamp commemorating the New York state campaign of Gen. Sullivan in 1779, will be issued on June 17.

AIR MAIL NOTES

Lancaster, Pa., June 24-26.—200th County Anniversary, unofficial cachet. Covers to A. F. Witmer, 117 E. Clay St. *** Oyster Bay, N. Y.—American Legion Memorial Day Celebration, May 30. Various unofficial cachets, showing Theodore Roosevelt, and Quentin Roosevelt, also their burial places. *** Lynn, Mass. —United Stamp Societies Convention. Unofficial cachet, May 30. Courtesy E. J. S. Halvorsen. *** St. Louis, Mo.— National Aeronautic meeting, May 27-30. Unofficial cachets. Courtesy Nelson Gerkin. *** Cape May, N. J.—Airport dedication, July 4. Unofficial cachets. Covers to C. of C. *** Ashtabula, O.—June 22, dedication, cachet, covers to H. G. Kingdom, Conneaut, O. *** Anderson, Ind.—May 31, airport dedication, cachet from Louis E. A. Hirsch. *** Indianapolis, Ind.—May 30, air races, special cachet, covers from Harry Ioor and Floyd D. Shockley. *** Buffalo, N. Y.—June 1, CAM 20 first anniversary, cachet from H. E. Klotzbach. *** Indianapolis, Ind.—May 31, International sweepstakes, cachet, Indianapolis postmark in green, covers from Carl A. Ploch and Floyd D. Shockley. DONALD E. DICKASON.

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26	1.00	.50
27	1.25	.65
28	3.00	1.50
29	7.00	3.50
31	35.00	19.00
35	1.00	.50
36	1.25	.65
37	1.25	.65
38	1.25	.65
39	1.50	.75
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29	5.00	2.50
30	7.00	3.50
39	4.00	2.00
43	1.00	.50
45	9.00	4.50
46	4.00	2.00
47	3.50	1.75
49	4.00	2.00
53	1.00	.50
54	6.00	3.00
55	1.25	.65
56	2.50	1.25
57	2.00	1.00
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EDITORIAL

WE are told that one of the small European countries is to have a sort of air mail jubilee, attended by a stamp issue and representatives from over twenty different countries who will have their expenses paid to the scene by the governmental host. The stamps that will loan distinction to the occasion are to be made in this country, we have been informed by the U. S. representative.

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LETTERS have been drifting in whose tenor ranges from grave to gay discussing the impending new issues for us. They exhibit an interesting cross-section of opinion from philatelists, but their general average is favorable to the enterprise of the department. We shall print some of the comments and begin by quoting Mr. Geo. T. Bush, Bellefonte, Pa.: "Some few days ago when I first heard of the P. M. G.'s suggestion I wrote to him that undoubtedly, a new issue depicting the scenic wonders of our national parks and representations of monuments would show the beauties of our country not alone to us here but to people abroad. . . . I trust that philatelists will settle on some suggestions such as indicated and press the same on the government for adoption and use. Why could not the subject of the new stamps be brought up at the conventions and some action be taken?"

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THE visit of Mr. Rothchild, the able and engaging lecturer on stamps, to Chicago, under the auspices of the great department store of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company of that city was an important event on the philatelic calendar. Mr. Rothchild's talks were generously advertised by the store, and the result of the attractive publicity was favorable, indeed. Hosts of young folks gathered on the floor where the entertainer held forth and that the hearers were impressed there was no doubt. Two lectures were given on Saturday, and a stamp collectors' club was organized in the morning. Chicago will feel the impetus of the work that was done by Mr. Rothchild, and all philatelists are indebted to him for the stirring appeals that he is making to the young folks on behalf of their pursuit. The advertising department of the store deserves to be complimented on the novelty and intelligent setting of its announcements; and we have been given to understand that the firm is satisfied with the results of its "philatelic days." We regret that we were not able to interview Mr. Rothchild on this occasion, but hope that his visit will be repeated in Chicago.

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THE death of Julius C. Morgenthau, New York, became known to readers in the large cities through newspaper announcements. The passing of this philatelist was considered worthy of notice by the larger world, and so, it may be said, that not alone did collectors bear the loss but that it was shared by the nation. We remember when Mr. Morgenthau became interested in stamps in Chicago, as a dealer in 1895, and we recall that he attended the convention of the American Philatelic Society in 1896 at Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, with members of his family. Recognizing the possibilities of stamps as commercial commodities, he sought the more inviting and expansive field of New York soon after, where his business ability would have wider scope. The story of his success is one that proves that philatelic acumen and an acute sense of proper merchandising are a combination that brings a reward materially and renown in reputation. As a dealer Mr. Morgenthau soon had a name that stood for fairness, and when he became an auction specialist, he at once took a position in the minds of buyers and sellers that in time developed into a commanding one. The number of important collections that he dispersed at auction was a large one, and his monthly sales were of a quality to attract a loyal following. His 269th sale was held on April 29th, just at the time his fatal illness was approaching. Mr. Morgenthau in the course of his long career established many personal contacts, and in recent years he was singled out for attention as a consequence of his personal prestige and his labors for the advancement of philately. His work in promoting the great International Philatelic Exhibition in New York several years ago may be said to have been the capstone of his endeavors; and his associates in New York were glad to pay him high tribute. Mr. Morgenthau was strongly individual and was outspoken in his opinions. There are stories of his helpful attentions to humble collectors as well as of admonishment to collectors who were in a position to be assertive. He was a vital force in philately and his personal friends were loyal to him in all respects; and they feel their loss keenly. However, collectors everywhere realize that their ranks cannot easily close the vacancy that has been made in them, but the comfort is that philately has been the better for having been enriched by the presence of Mr. Morgenthau for a long period of time, and his memory will be treasured by those who were close to him, and respected by those who knew him by name only. We sympathize with those who mourn him and have a share in their grief.

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THROUGH the kindness of a correspondent, the information comes that the state department of taxation and finance of New York will issue a thousand dollar stock transfer stamp for use in the state. The highest denomination now in use is one hundred dollars, but there has been a demand for a stamp that would apply to 50,000 share transactions, as the $1,000 stamp will.

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THE postmaster at Adelaide, Australia, notifies us under date of April 29, 1929, that the air service between Adelaide and Perth was to be started "early in June" and that the stopping places *en route* will be in all probability, Forrest and Kalgoorlie. He says that "a special issue of air stamps (3d) will be made." This service was the subject of a departmental notice in the *Postal Bulletin*, Washington, of May 17th, wherein it was said that the air mail fee in addition to the regular postage is six cents for each half ounce or fraction, prepaid. Mr. J. H. McCann, Chicago, shows an earlier Australian flight, Charleville, April 21, to Brisbane, April 22, 1929, with a pair of the six pence blue "birds."

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FROM Mr. Frederick R. Saÿen, Hamilton Square, Mercer County, New Jersey, we have received a photograph of an envelope bearing an adhesive label that may prove to be an important contribution to the issues of Bermuda. Taken at its face value, the "stamp" has every appearance of a provisional issue. The envelope is addressed to a resident of Hamilton and bears in addition to the regulation postmark, "St. Georges, Bermuda, Jy. 4, 1860, Paid," the label in red, in two circles broken at top with a crown, St. Georges, Bermuda, Paid, with a date or other wording crossed out, evidently on purpose, with a heavy pen stroke. Frame lines are to be seen that evidently boxed in the stamp. While the envelope was not used during the stamp era of Bermuda, whose first issue was in 1860, in the month of September, yet that fact alone is not depended upon for contributory evidence of provisional use. Certain suggestions carried by the label make out a strong case in favor of the stamp which antedates the engrav[ed] of September, 1860. We understa[nd] an authority has expressed the bel[ief] the label will prove its title to a [place] the category of provisionals; an[d] possible that the Perot provisio[nal] have company in some of the futu[re] cialistic catalogues of Bermuda [issues]. At any rate, Mr. Saÿen has unea[rthed] bit of interesting postal lore and i[nfor]mation may be secured that will g[ive] label a full postal standing.

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..WS GLEANINGS—

..HE Fargo Stamp Co. has submitted a block of the 2c Vincennes stamp, .. pane with red plate 19742. In the ..th stamp, second column row from .. left, the letter "C" in "cents" has a ..gonal red marking through the white ..tion. The firm states that the variety ..found in three sheets that they have ..mined.

..RANCH No. 1, S. P. A., held its an..nual meeting May 23, when Maj. ..y W. A. Camp was elected President; ..n. D. Camp, Vice-Pres.; Charles ..rnier, Sec.; and Dr. Rex Taylor, ..eas. Meetings will be held during the ..mmer except the month of August.

..E are indebted to W. F. Ferguson .. for a clipping showing Dr. Edward ..Worden, the famous philatelist and ..mist of Wyoming, N. J., in the act ..exhibiting a reconstructed sheet of .. New York postmaster stamps.

..HE Aviation Show at Indianapolis ..used a fine cachet May 27 to June 2. ..ver from Floyd D. Shockley.

..T a meeting of the Philadelphia .. Chapter, A. P. S. No. 18, May 16, a ..olution was adopted urging that the ..P. S. "continue the office of Official ..pert, as one of the most valuable as..s of the Society." This was based ..n information that a movement is be..i made to abolish the office. Mr. Klein ..ibited his Steamship Co. stamps, in..ding the Lady McLeod, mint and one ..d on cover. At the June meeting, Mr. ..Gittis will show Ireland.—C. C. SIL..TER, *Sec.*

..E are informed by Tom V. Binmore .. that a counterfeit exists in the first ..mail of Persia. The letter "n" of ..erienne" has the cross bar running to .. bottom instead of joining the upright ..f way up.

..HIS week Rev. Hiram N. Van Voor.. his begins adlet advertising in the ..EEKLY. It will be recognized by the ..an". He has resigned his charge at ..nmore, Pa., and is now located in ..mney, W. Va. Our friend is a well..own contributor to the philatelic press, ..l is very much interested in precancels. .. is a member of the A. P. S.

..ECENTLY Charles S. Reese called .. our attention to the fact that he had ..egistered cover from Vincennes, Ind., ..ring the new George Rogers Clark ..mps and postmarked Feb. 23. We have ..n a letter from the Vincennes post..ster in which he states it may be pos..le that some letters were postmarked .. 23rd through error, as the clerk made up the registers then on hand at that time, and failed to change the date in his stamp. He also adds: "I believe that if you examine either the letter or the receipt, you will find that the date is changed with a pen."

THE New Jersey Philatelic Federation met May 23, Y. M. C. A., Newark, N. J., Stephen G. Rich presided. Elliott Perry gave a talk on early U. S. stamps and covers, illustrating it with several of his collections. The Constitution and By-Laws adopted provide a Board of Governors consisting of one delegate from each member-club, and all officers are ex-officio members of the Board. A general meeting is to be held every three months. Membership is open to clubs as well as individual collectors. The list of charter members closes in December. Clubs and individual collectors desiring particulars about affiliating, should write Wm. C. Steiger, 400 Lookout Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

R. BORHEK of Washington, D. C., has sent us a photograph of the lower half of the Vincennes stamp in which very poor registration is seen. The centre is printed so much out of place as to almost obliterate the word "Vincennes".

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IN your issue of May 6 Samuel J. Smith mentions a variety to be found on the 29th stamp of red plate 19721 right pane, black plate 19729. I have examined many sheets of the 19721 with various other black plates, and find this variety on all of them. I believe this and the dot in circle found on the same sheet, should have a place in the U. S. Specialized, as they are as pronounced as the Walloon broken circle.—C. A. PLOCH.

THE English papers are dissatisfied with the new Postal Union Congress stamps. The London *Times* says that "collectors are beginning to despair of the country again producing a stamp design of real merit such as the black penny of 1840." For our own part, we feel that it is a very easy thing for a person to find fault. The ½ and 2½ are strikingly original and unique, and in our opinion, will prove attractive to collectors. The only real criticism that can be made of the set is the issuance of a one pound value.

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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

Two recent airmail auctions have given assurance of the prosperity of airmail collecting. The Eugene Klein sale of the Steinmetz collection was almost complete in many early U. S. items, and had a fine lot of foreign. Early U. S., and Newfoundland in particular also, brought excellent prices, often far above catalog. Space does not permit a detailed review, but a reading of the prices realized list is enlightening. * My own little sale, consisting mostly of the everyday run of Zeppelin, Ile de France, First overnights, Contracts, Airports, etc., items that the average every day hard-up collector is getting together, was equally encouraging. The precontracts brought practically full catalog, and contracts, both early and late, ran from around half to well over catalog, and even the despised airports brought excellent prices, running to several dollars each in a number of cases.**

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OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Houston, Texas, started using an Air Mail Field cancellation Mar. 24th, and E. C. Cantrell kindly sends me a first day cover. * I have been shown by P. R. Hudson a letter bearing a Cleveland Airmail Field cancellation of Apr. 2, which also bore the C. A. M. 27 cachet. This answers my question as to whether all mail for this first flight was cancelled the first, though the flight was postponed till the second. *** The flight of Capt. Ahrenberg, Sweden-U. S., announced for early in June, was made an official mail carrying flight by the Swedish P. O. Word came too late for any but cabled orders from this side, but if the flight is successful, we'll doubtless have another interesting trans-atlantic.**

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Since last week's mention, I have received covers from the Tapachula end of the route from there to Tejeria, which left on the first return flight May 21st. Service is planned for 3 times weekly, with stops also at San Jeronimo and Arriaga. I especially appreciate the good correspondents who send me covers from these routes, as I've mentioned before. * Route 11 first night flight covers from Cleveland were cancelled either late the night of the 19th, or early A. M. 20th. Pittsburgh mail either 20th or 21st, as flight was postponed a day from there due to bad weather. Other 2 P. O.'s on the route do not receive night service, though some McKeesport mail was brought in and sent from Pittsburgh.**

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F. A. M. 9 seems likely to replace our old Brownsville-Mexico friend for complications. P. O. Bulletin announced its inauguration from Miami, May 14, Cristobal May 17, with mail for Ecuador and Peru only. The afternoon of the 13th a wire came from Washington to include the Colombia stops, and go on for the full route to Chile. 5000 letters left Miami for the two announced countries, and only 750 for all points in the other two. No official mention, however, till Bulletin of the 21st, which says that effective immediately, or May 24, the next trip, mail would be sent to Colombia over F. A. M. 9. Did the Dept. authorize the extra stops for the first trip only, and begin regular service later? We'll know more about it when covers come back.

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I have received letters, May 27th, mailed from Belize, Br. Hond., May 22, over the extended service on route 5. In the same mail were letters from Lima, Peru, dated

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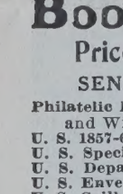

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The last word is a contraction for "Bezittingen" and the whole means literally "outlying possessions." These words were overprinted on the then current stamps of the Dutch Indies in 1908, and they were issued for use in all the islands with the exception of Java and Madura which had a separate series. The object of the overprint was to ascertain the volume of correspondence within the group with the object of reducing the postal rates and these overprinted stamps were only in use for a few months, from June, 1908.

Bank Note Issues

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Not only the Junior collector, but the advanced collector as well, has difficulty in distinguishing the soft and hard paper issues of 1870-79. It is difficult to describe the two papers in words and one should actually inspect copies in order to become familiar with the differences.

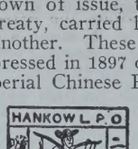
The hard paper of the 1870-75 issues is brittle, has a hard surface and stamps printed upon the paper which is even in texture, stand out clearly.

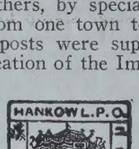
The soft paper of 1879 is porous, is more on the order of a thin blotting paper, and if held to the light, shows light and dark spots. Printings upon this paper usually soak in and do not stand out as clearly as in the case of the hard paper printings.

The best way for an amateur to study the papers is to obtain a copy of the 1870 7c No. 149, which is only known on hard paper and then obtain a copy of the 5c brown of 1882 No. 205, which is only known on soft paper. An examination of the two will aid greatly in recognizing the differences.

Chinese Locals

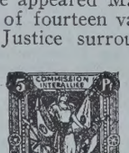
These were stamps issued by various towns in China and though some of them may have had a limited postal use it is to be feared that the majority were made simply for sale to collectors. Most of them had franking power only within the town of issue, though others, by special treaty, carried letters from one town to another. These private posts were suppressed in 1897 on the creation of the Imperial Chinese Post.





Marienwerder

One of the results of the Great War was the issuance of a set of stamps for the territory called Marienwerder. This region contained 24,000 Polish people and 114,000 Germans. It is located along the Vistula river in West Prussia. In order to settle a dispute as to whether this area should go to Poland or remain a part of Germany, a commission was appointed by the allied nations. During the time that the commission was in charge, special stamps were used by the public. The first issue appeared March 12, 1920, and consisted of fourteen values showing a figure of Justice surrounded by the



flags of the allied nations. A few days later several values of the regular German postage stamps appeared with the surcharge, "Commission Interalliée Marienwerder". Then, toward the middle of the year, the first design was reissued with altered inscription.

On July 11, 1920, a vote was taken (plebiscite), which showed that 92% of the people were in favor of remaining as a part of the German instead of the Polish republic. As soon as matters were settled the plebiscite stamps were no longer needed and the regular German stamps are now in current use in this area.—A. C. LEDUC.

Filatelic Fun Forum

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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

THE RULING PASSION

"Sympathy, sentiment, goodness of heart, should all be cultivated," said the teacher.

"For instance, now, suppose you were to see an old person reading and crying over old letters that he or she had received from dear ones years before: what would you do? Tommy Jones, you may answer."

"Please Sir, I'd ask if I could have the stamps!"

—*Stamp Lover.*

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"I AIN'T NO STAMP COLLECTOR," SAID OLD MAN WIZZLE, "BUT IT LOOKS DOWNRIGHT SACRILEGIOUS FER A NECKTIE SALESMAN T' USE FRENCH COLONIALS FER COLOR CHARTS."—ROBERT E. DUNLOP.

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In the harmless ward some visitors saw a "nut" astride of a chair, and riding furiously like Jehu of old. The spectators complimented him upon his skill as a horseman, and quizzed him as to whether he ever halted his steed and dismounted to rest. "Nope," he replied, "Never stop. This is a hobby I'm on. Once a fellow gets onto a hobby, he never gets off."—REV. HIRAM N. VAN VOORHIS.

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DO—DOUGH—DON'T

He spent his dough to gather stamps,
And then with might and main
Turned around and sold his stamps
To get his dough again.
—W. H. Gilley.

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If the stampsters ever decide to produce their version of "The Miracle", it may be something like this: A collector walking through a business office looks down at the waste paper basket, and sees a cancelled Molly Pitcher stamp!—ROBERT E. DUNLOP.

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Mother: "Oh, let baby have your stamps; it won't do her any harm."

Little Eddy: "No, and it won't do me any good either."—ROBERT E. DUNLOP.

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AN ENGLISHMAN NAMED GOOD WAS FINED TWENTY POUNDS FOR USING WASHED STAMPS. THAT'S PAYING BACK GOOD FOR EVIL.

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Now let's be fair to the man who is dead. It is said that Woolworth is the original "five and ten" man. Credit should really be given to the man who was Postmaster General in 1847.—Captain A. C. TOWNSEND.

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What will Italy think about San Marino getting her stamps printed in England? Will there be the Duce to pay?—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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P. U. T.'S LITTLE PUTTS

Hush, little postage stamps,
Don't you cry,
For you will be rare birds
By and by.
—Phil U. Tellem.

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Mysterious Arithmetic.—"Five hundred years have rolled by since that April day in 1349 when Joan of Arc, in response to the call of the mysterious voices, rode out from Vaucouleurs—"—*Stamp Collecting.*

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THE KID NEXT DOOR THINKS THAT A STAMP IS LUCKY. IT NEVER HAS TO COMB ITS HAIR-LINES, AND IT IS STRICTLY AGAINST THE LAW TO "WASH" IT.

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 387*)

the 16th. The Belize covers bear a f flight cachet, but those from Lima do Other collectors report the receipt at rious times of letters sent to Peru for first northbound mail, so it seems obvi that some are not the real first flights. anybody has definite information, we'd to have it. * About 6,000 letters w carried on the first southbound flight to Honduras and Nicaragua, announced the 21st. Connections with the route Guatemala and San Salvador were made Tela, and we wish we'd addressed s letters to those points. Guess we're lu to have any at all, however.**

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Oakland, Cal., mailed 6500 first night fli letters May 1, 800 with both C. of C. contractor's cachets; the balance with or the other. * The cachet at Los geles was applied only on request, and o about 10% of the total outgoing mail had**

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New dedications on the way: Columb O., July 1—cachet by C. of C. * N port News, Va., says not to send covers they notify. *** Ditto on Arcadia, Fla. Muskegon, Mich., before long—covers to of C. *** Marlin, Tex., in July, cachet C. of C. *** Binghamton, N. Y., retu covers, as dedication is far in the future Salem, Ore., Aug. 8-10, no details, bu likely cachet. *** Klameth Falls, Ore., fore long—cachet by C. of C. *** S goes for La Salle, Ill.**

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C. A. M. 11 events to come are June 2nd anniversary of Lindbergh's first visi Bettis Field-McKeesport; and Aug. 30— anniversary of his good will visit to Pi burgh. Covers to J. P. Penning, 124 gene, Homestead, Pa.—10c extra for pil signature. The special card bearing th signatures for the first night flight, by way, was a very fine surprise for those sent their dimes. First non stop pic date on this route still uncertain, but co can go along. * Balloon Race figu from Mr. Penning; about 150 letters a ally carried on each balloon. 750 p marked Pittsburgh May 4, 1400 May 2, May 3. Balloon letters postmarked La hurst were carried on Navy #1; Roxbu N. Y.—Army #3; East Point, Pa.—Army Slate Run, Pa.—A. D. S.; Clinton, N. Pittsburgher; Livingston Manor, N. Detroit Times. Missing mail is from N #2, Akron Club; Detroit Balloon Club; Goodyear VII, and was all thrown over ballast.**

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Air Derby—Tulsa, Okla., to High Ri Alta, Canada-Tulsa, July 4; Sioux C Iowa, July 4 & 5; Minot, N. D., July Moose Jaw, Sask., May 5 & 6; High Ri May 6. Probable cachets—no details however. Safe to send to C. of C. w return postage if there's nothing doing.

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Practically every mail brings a letter fr some interested beginner in air mail v wants to know how to go about gett covers, and all the other details which s routine to the rest of us, but are all Gr to the beginner. As soon as an off w allows space, I'll try to give the essen details, and meanwhile am glad to ans the letters.

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The coöperators:—Valentine Feind, Cl L. Hall, Rex L. Bell, John G. Kuespert, R. Hudson, *Frank W. Wright, *M. P. C grove, *Bill Schneider, Jr., *J. P. Penni W. J. Barron, *Morris S. Petty, Donald Eigle, W. C. McCullough, *W. H. Wolfga *J. W. Scott, *Kenneth Tallmadge, *Selva Davis, *Elmer R. Long, Anna M. Scha Lyndon E. Fletcher, Frank H. Kreu *Harold Rosenthal, *Roberto Garcia I ranaga, A. C. Roessler, *Mrs. Lois Holmes, *Edgar C. Cantrell, Allen P. Ha ing, Major C. M. Lopez, John M. McKen Dr. K. B. Weidenthal, *Buell A. French, J. Dasack, *Grant Whidden, *Frederick Markee, *F. W. Cummings, *Dr. F. Whit Davis, A. E. Koestler, *Robert M. Ha Robert M. Storms, *Robert Young, *Fran J. Durkin, Valdemar Lidell, Todd Fag Douglas G. Montell, *Leslie A. Boone, D. Peer, *A. E. Gorham, J. C. Borchert, 3 * with no names attached. We thank y

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, ANNIVER ARIES, SHOWS, ETC.

We hate to come to this, but we've m tioned only our attitude before. In a f ther effort to discourage cachets sponso only by private individuals, this colu will in the future give advance notice o to those backed by some responsible suitable organization. We don't want to arbitrary, and we know very well that ma of these cachets have been produced wi the very best of intentions, but we have much material for the available space a is, and we have to make a cut somewher

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The dedication weather is here, and covers we've been sending out at inter

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winter are coming back in flocks these s. *** Santa Rosa, Cal., mentioned with black Luther Burbank cachet last week May 18, also came dated the 19th, in red. Cedar City, Utah, made it the 18th, a cachet typifying its slogan "Cedar , Gateway to Utah National Parks" in en *** Enid, Okla., came along the 20th, and green, "Where the wheat grows and oil flows", with a picture of both. *** kio, Mo., called it "Whoopee Day", and lled it in black on the 21st. *** St. id, Minn., celebrated the 23rd, 24th, and , but used the same blue cachet all three s. "The Granite City".

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he Oklahoma State Air Tour helped ded- e new ports at Shawnee on the 23rd het in black); and Durant on the 23rd 24th. A novel feature of the Durant rs was the signature on each cover of of the pilots taking part in the tour. nks to someone for a bright idea! *** nipeg, Canada, had a cachet after all their Air Show and Aviation Meet the and 25th—and I thought the Canadians ld never come to it, and didn't send covers! Anyway, it's a good looker, in n. *** The Columbus cachet for the ay Air Maneuvers came through for the l dates, May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, erent color combinations each day. dbergh Day" was added on the 21st. deep appreciation for the cover, sent by D. Peer on the 25th, with the whole r series for all the dates in order on one cover. VERY pretty.

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couple of surprises. Painted Post, N. P. O. cancel in red) May 25, "Corning Painted Post Air Carnival" circular et in purple. *** Friendship, N. Y., ellation again in red, May 16th, cachet lue commemorating the 75th annivers- of the founding of the Republican party e in 1854—By C. of C. Ripon, Wis., cele- es the same event June 8. Looks like petition! *** Capital City Philatelic ety, Harrisburg, had an attractive cachet their 4th Annual Exhibition. *** Cape ry, detailed previously, mailed 2857 let- Apr. 26, about evenly divided red and k.

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ow for the Lindbergh Day cachets. Lots hem turned up, sponsored mostly by l Chambers of Commerce. About all I do is simply list them, though some ly are attractive enough to merit a real ription. 1. Mineola, N. Y.—a printed elope from Roosevelt Field. 2. Ogden, n—the cartograph mailed by the C. of C., which the contractors got me in bad in ng they'd mail, then backing down after nounced it. 3. Norristown, Pa.—blue et. 4. Springfield, Ill.—especially print- avelope mailed both 20th & 21st. 5. New k City—black background with white rs, different. 6. Hartford, Mich.—2 line er stamp. 7. Toledo, O.—pretty cachet iolet, black, and magenta. 8. Saginaw, a.—plane design and special envelopes. itchburg, Mass.—printed cachet on en- pe. 10. Buffalo, N. Y.—4 line rubber set. 11. Hartford, Conn.—the beauty he lot using same design as original ly Day cachet. 12. Springfield, Mass.— k circular, signed by P. M. 13. Colo- o Springs—design like that used Dec. 17. St. Petersburg, Fla.—2 cachets, one the used for the airport dedication adapted Lindbergh Day.

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United States

New ½c Hale Rotary

On May 25th, without any advance notice, the new ½c Hale, printed from the rotary press, which we described in this column a couple weeks back, was placed on sale in Washington for the first time. The plates for printing these stamps were made a number of months back, but were only recently used in order to fill requisitions from Chicago and New York for precanceled ½c stamps. The plate number that has been noted is No. 19651.

We wish to thank a very valued Washington correspondent for sending a first-day cover, which was the first notice that we had that the stamp had actually been issued in unused condition.

New Edison Stamp

A communication dated May 20th in the *Postal Bulletin* of May 25th, announces to the postmasters of the country that the new 2c Edison stamp commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the incandescent lamp, would appear early in June. The official communication is as follows:

"Postmasters and others connected with the Postal Service are notified that the department is about to issue a new 2-cent postage stamp to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the production of the first incandescent lamp invented by Thomas Alva Edison.

"The new stamp is the same size as the 2-cent ordinary stamp, 75/100 by 87/100 inch, and is printed in red ink. The central design is a picture of the original lamp with rays issuing therefrom. Immediately above and partly encircling the lamp is a ribbon with the words, 'Edison's First Lamp'; above this and reaching the top of the stamp is a semi-circular panel with the words, 'United States Postage,' in white Roman letters. In both upper corners are ribbon scrolls with the year '1879' at the left, and '1929' at the right. On either side of the lamp and through the rays of light appears the following legend: 'Electric Light's Golden Jubilee.' The white numeral '2' appears in both lower corners within dark circles, which are connected by a dark panel forming the base of the stamp and containing the word 'Cents' in white Roman letters.

"The new Edison commemorative stamp will first be placed on sale June 5, 1929, at the post office at Menlo Park, N. J. The stamps will be available at other post offices and at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., as soon after that date as production will permit.

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3, 2.00; 6, 30.00; 8, 7.00; 9, 43.00; 10, 30.00; 11, 6.00; 16, .06; 17, .05; 18, .06; 19, .07; 20, .10; 21, .50; 23, .65; 24, .80; 27, 1.50; 28, 1.50; 33, .03; 34, .07; 35, .07; 36, .06; 37, .10; 38, .15; 39, .25; 40, .80; 46, 2.50; 53, .20; 54, .25; 55, .35; 56, .40; 57, .28; 58, .20; 59, .50; 60, .85; 62, .65; 64, 1.50; 65, .14; 67, .06; 73, .14; 74, .20; 75, .20; 76, .20; 77, .25; 78, .08; 79, .08; 80, .35; 81, .20; 82, .20; 83, .35; 84, .35; 97, .20; 202, 2.40; 203, .06.

IVORY COAST
1, .07; 2, .05; 5, .50; 6, .50; 7, .45; 10, .45; 11, .75; 12, .75; 14, 5.50; 15, .85; 16, 2.25; 17, 2.50; 18, 2.65; 24, .07; 25, .08; 26, .20; 27, .30; 28, .35; 30, 2.25; 31, .40; 32, .40; 33, .70; 34, 1.45; 35, 4.50; 41, .40; 49, 1.50; 50, 1.15; 54, 1.00; 58, .60; 65, .28; 153, 4.50; 174, 4.50; 175, 4.50.

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MAURITANIA
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MAYOTTE
6, .30; 8, .35; 9, .50; 10, .50; 11, .60; 16, 3.80; 17, 6.00; 18, 1.20; 20, 1.40; 22, .20; 30, .18; 31, .18.

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4, .25; *5, .15; *6, .20; *7, .90; *8, .65; *9, 1.00; 10, .14; *11, .15; *12, .15; *14, .50; *31, .20; 38, .25; 101, .50.

MOHELI
6, .70; 17, .20; 18, .40; 19, .40; 20, .32; 22, .30.

REUNION
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Stop Press News

NEW SULLIVAN-CLINTON STAMP

PHILA., PA., June 1.

The Post Office Department has decided to issue a further revolutionary commemorative stamp, to commemorate the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign of 1779, this year being the sesquicentennial of the event.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Paul Ziegner we quote from a clipping from the *Morning Herald* of Gloversville, N. Y.

"Word has been received from Washington by Dr. A. C. Flick, state historian, that the postmaster general has given favorable consideration to the request of the board of regents and the governor and legislature of the state of New York for the issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the Sullivan-Clinton campaign in 1779. Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, whose troops took part in the expedition, have seconded the effort of the Empire state.

"The design of the stamp, the date of issue, denomination, color, and quantity are now being considered by the post office department.

"The issuance of this anniversary stamp as a part of the New York state program for the observance of the 150th anniversary of the important campaign in 1779, which was planned by George Washington, authorized by Congress, and executed by General John Sullivan and General James Clinton.

"Under the auspices of the state, major celebrations are being planned at three places.

"September 14th, for the Genesee country at Geneseo.

"September 21st, for the Finger Lakes region at Geneva.

"September 28th, for Southern New York at the battlefield of Newtown.

"Historical addresses and impressive realistic pageants will be given at each of these places.

"Minor observances will be held at many other places along the routes of the armies, including Syracuse, Canajoharie, Cooperstown, Cherry Valley, Unadilla, Minisink, Binghamton, Endicott, Owego, Montour Falls, Union Springs, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Canadaigua, Honeoye, Kershong, and Salamanca.

"About 35 beautiful historic monuments will be erected and dedicated to mark the course of the campaign in New York state.

"Joint observances will be held with Pennsylvania at Athens, Pa., and Salamanca, N. Y."

I am informed officially that the stamp will be available, Monday, June 17th, and will be placed on sale on that day at two post offices only—Geneseo and Perry, New York.

The stamp will be similar in size to our current issue, will be printed in red and show portrait of General Sullivan in Continental uniform. Above the top will be "Sullivan's Campaign", together with the usual markings. The design has only been approved during the last several days, and the Bureau will have to move promptly to have the stamps ready.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

LE HAVRE EXHIBITION

The international exhibition at Havre, has passed into history, and hope to publish next week, the name the prize winners. A. W. Batchel formerly one of the proprietors of New England Stamp Co., attended, sends the WEEKLY greetings, includ Frank Godden and Fred J. Melville, the brief word sent us. The letter franked with the exposition stamp sisting of the current 2fr France o printed as follows:

EXPOSITION
LE HAVRE
1929
PHILATELIQUE

We are informed that this stamp sold only to those paying the 5fr entra fee, and Mr. Batchelder writes, "with compliments of Mr. Godden. It is n to impossible to get more than one w out influence, and he evidently had s cient to thus favor the WEEKLY. supply of the stamp was extrem limited."

A set of five exhibition labels in mine, green, blue, purple and brown also sent us, and we expect to illust this beautiful label next week.

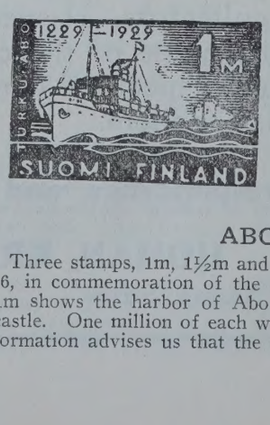
NEW HAVEN SOCIETY BANQU

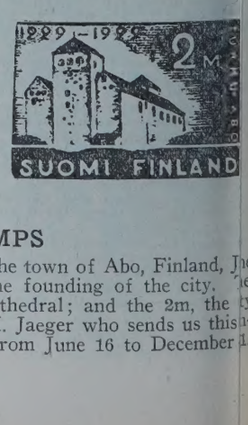
The Eighth Annual Convention of Southern N. E. Philatelic Societies held May 25, at the Hotel Garde, N Haven, Conn. Delegations were pre from Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterb New Britain, Meriden, Provide Springfield, and Holyoke. In the af noon there was a very spirited auct The exhibits were fine and interest The prize winners were Erwin of N Britain, Hall of Waterbury, and Ha of New Britain. In the evening sixty-five philatelists attended the quet. A. Aubrey of Meriden acted toastmaster. Rev. Mr. Gessner of Wa bury gave a talk on stamps and lecting.

HENRY P. HAUSE

PRECANCELED INQUIRY

The newspapers have been raisin hubbub over the charge that a cer type of business man has run afoul of postal authorities as a consequence of irregular use of precanceled post stamps, in different cities, warrants ing been served on several score of leged transgressors. It has been obv that the authorities have suspected some time that precanceled stamps been misused, and it is apparent that are now making a stand. Stamp cl ing, too, has been charged and "rin are said to have been uncovered in eral cities that handled the docte stamps. An Associated Press disp with New York date line says that investigator claims to have caught Brooklyn philatelist," who is named William H. Hale, at the job of was stamps in a bath tub at a hotel. results of the trials will speak for th selves.





ABO JUBILEE STAMPS

Three stamps, 1m, 1½m and 2m, will be issued by the town of Abo, Finland, Ju 16, in commemoration of the 700th anniversary of the founding of the city. 1m shows the harbor of Abo; the 1½m, the city cathedral; and the 2m, the castle. One million of each were printed, and Geo. H. Jaeger who sends us this information advises us that the stamps will be in use from June 16 to December 1.

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I's, 3c red, No. 6249 ..... 250.00
I's, No. 6256, used from Baltimore nd tied with postmark of Balti- ore Post Office 30.00
on's, Franklin City, No. 6275 ....
on's, Franklin City, No. 6275a ...
on's, No. 6278, tied to cute little alentine envelope 50.00
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CHRONICLE

(*Continued from page 389*)

rs desiring a supply of the new s may draw requisitions for limited ities on Form 3201, the words 'Edi- Commemorative Stamp' to be writ- lainly on the blank. District post- rs may obtain small quantities of stamp to meet the local demand by ition on their central accounting asters.

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order to take care of first-day re- s, at Menlo Park, the Department ranged to have Mrs. M. C. Shaugh- Assistant Philatelic Agent, in e of the sending out of first-day s at that point. Mrs. Shaughnessy, ual, will extend every courtesy to ollector and every effort will be to take care of all inquiries for covers. Mrs. Shaughnessy will be nlo Park a day or two in advance ler that stamps might be affixed to arriving early and everything on the first day, June 5. The r of stamps to be issued will ex- ceed one hundred million, so that there is little likelihood of the variety becoming scarce.

1870, 2c Split

Mr. C. W. Jasperson has shown me a split of the 1870 2c National, consisting of the lower horizontal half used on a locally addressed cover from West Williamsfield, Ohio. The cover is dated August 29, 1871, and is nicely tied with a blue concentric cancellation, the town portion falling on the cover. Accompanying the letter are several other covers from the same correspondence, including several from the same city. This is the first time that a horizontal split has been noted, although the stamp is known split vertically and diagonally.

Perforated 10 Revenues

We had the pleasure recently of chronicling one or two of the late revenues perforated ten instead of eleven, as heretofore. Coming out at this late day, lead us to believe that new perforating machines were being used on the revenue stamps at the Bureau. An investigation at the numbering division where the revenue stamps are perforated brings the information that they have been doing this work for the last four or five years on the identical presses and with the identical perforating machines, which are being used at present. An impression of these machines show that they perforate eleven, proving pretty conclusively that the perforated ten varieties were printed and perforated several years back, although they may have just reached the hands of the public, recently. The demand for certain of these stamps is not large and it would not be surprising if several years' stock happened to be on hand, especially when it is considered that the tax laws were somewhat changed.

New Die A2 Envelopes

In a recent Chronicle, we had the pleasure of informing our readers of the location of a new revised die of the 2c envelope, similar in head and general make-up to the heretofore known die A, but which had been sufficiently changed to warrant a designation as die A2, as was the case with the earlier die H2.

Through the courtesy of Mr. P. R. Crooker, we are able to add five new envelopes, which have just been located in die A2.

2c Red, Die A2

Size 5	White	Low Back		Wmk. 28
" 5	"	"	"	" 30
" 13	"	"	"	" 30
" 13	"	High	"	" 28
" 13	"	"	"	" 30

We recently had the pleasure of giving Mr. Crooker credit for locating this new die, but he now writes that credit should go to Mr. A. G. Potter, who brought the variety to Mr. Crooker's attention.

Postal Receipts

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of the new postal laws and regulations, authorizing post offices to furnish receipts for any class of mail on or after July 1st, on payment of 1 cent for each piece of mail involved. When we wrote the information we were under the impression that this was an innovation on the part of the Department, but now learn through the courtesy of Mr. C. C. Damon that this is not the case. Mr. Damon has shown us two postal receipts issued from Elkton, Ky., during July, 1919. These are small green cards about 3¼ by 2 inches, in printed form acknowledging receipt of a parcel with the name of the address and addressee given. In the upper right corner is placed a 1c stamp, which has been cancelled, and on the back of the card, which is blank, a further postmark. The cards seem to be rough at one end, hence, we are of the opinion that they have been torn from a booklet from which a record had been kept. There is a further space for the signature of the postmaster or clerk.

New Playing Card Discovery

Mr. H. C. Buttermore has submitted for inspection a copy of the class "A" Playing Card, small size, which has not been noted heretofore. This is the stamp showing the letter "A" in the center, and instead of being rouletted as previously known, is perforated ten at the sides and imperforate at top and bottom. It looks to be a coil stamp, but as it is of the flat plate type, it is a question as to whether the Bureau has taken the trouble to coil flat plate stamps. Investigation is being made at the Bureau with the hopes of throwing more light upon the subject.

Abyssinia.—Information received by *Stamp Collecting* is to the effect that a new issue of stamps, both for ordinary postage and postage due, is under consideration by the Director-General of Posts. It is probable that the design will show portraits of the two Regents.

Australia.—The 2sh maroon, Kangaroo type, has been issued with the new watermark, small A and Cr. multiple. Copies have been received from Mr. Roberts for chronicle.

Belgium.—According to information received from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* two additional denominations of the Parcel Post type are impending. They are the 1 and 3 francs both picturing a view of the General Post Office at Brussels. Also four postage due stamps are expected of the following values: 70 centimes, 1fr20c, 2fr and 3fr20c.

China.—Copies of the Chinese Unification set have been received from Mr. R. Roberts with the surcharges for use in Yunnan, Sin-Kiang and Kirin.

Czechoslovakia.—A set of five values issued as the 1,000th year Jubilee Commemorative series has been sent for chronicle by Mr. R. Roberts. The central figure of each value is within a circle with the name of the country at the top and the dates "929" and "1929" just below. The 50h green and 60h purple are of the same design and picture a Saint on horse carrying a banner in his right hand. The 2kr blue shows another religious scene, while the 3kr brown and 5kr mauve is an allegorical type. Stamps are perf. 13½ with no watermark.

Stamp Collecting reports that a new definite stamp of 2.50kr is announced for early issue bearing a view of the National Museum at Prague with the equestrian statue of St. Wenceslas in the foreground.

Dominican Republic.—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co. that they have received a 2c carmine stamp issued to commemorate the signing of the treaty with Hayti.

France.—It is anticipated that a new recess-printed pictorial for the high values will be ready for issue to the public next August, *Stamp Collecting* informs us. Meanwhile advance proofs are to be displayed by the Ministry of Posts at the Le Havre Philatelic Exhibition held during the month of May.

Iceland.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that a provisional stamp has been issued recently. The 2kr blue and olive-brown has been surcharged "10kr".

Italy.—The new set of Italian stamps mentioned in our issue No. 2003 and illustrated last week were issued to commemorate the founding of Rome, and also the seventh anniversary of the march on

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Liechtenstein.—The *Journal Philatelique de Berne* announces that the first stamps with the portrait of the new Prince will be ready in August. A youthful likeness will appear on the values 10 and 30 cents, and a more up-to-date one on those of the 20 and 70 cents, all surface-printed and in single colors.

Lithuania.—Copies of the 30c blue, type of A31, watermarked parquetry, have been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Panama.—The *Economist Bulletin* states that two new special delivery stamps have just been placed on sale. One of them has already appeared, but surcharged for air mail usage, and it now comes in its intended form. The central design is a mail carrier on a bicycle inscribed on top "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA", and at the bottom, "ENTREGA IMMEDIATA", with value beneath, large numerals of value at left and right centre respectively. The values are 10c orange and 20c brown.

Roumania.—Copies of the 3 bani black, 60 bani green and 6 lei blue, design has Scott's A54, have been received from Whitfield King & Co. with the surcharge "Ajutorarea Infometatilor Basarabie", the first value being overprinted "1 Leu", the 60 bani green "Lei 3", and the 6 lei, "Lei 5." The surcharge is in four lines, the 1 leu on 3 bani, and Lei 5 on 6 lei being in red, while the Lei 3 on 60 bani is in black.

Ruanda Urundi.—From Mr. R. Roberts come copies of the 10c green stamp of Belgian Congo with the surcharge for use in this colony, but with the space 19mm between the two words of overprint. We understand a very small printing of these provisionals has been made, the number being 3,000 odd stamps.

Spain.—*La Suisse Philatelique* reports with reserve that 50,000 sets of contemporary Spanish postage stamps are to receive a commemorative overprint on the occasion of the meeting in Madrid this summer of a convention of the League of Nations. It is suggested that the stamps thus treated will be those of the 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 centimos, 1, 4 and 10 pesetas.

Turkey.—Commenting on the recently issued provisionals *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* prints the following:—

Our agent at Constantinople informs us that a complete new set of stamps will be issued some time in June next showing the values in Latin characters. The stocks of some of the denominations of the 1926 issue are running out and pending the receipt of the new stamps provisionals are being made by overprinting certain denominations, of which large stocks exist. We have received the 1 grouch stamp overprinted "20 paradir," the 5 grouch stamp overprinted "2½ kurustur" and the 10 grouch overprinted "6 kurustur," the words "paradir" and "Kurustur" mean "paras" and "piastre" respectively. We are further in that other provisionals of higher nominations may be expected shortly.

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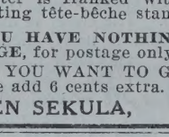

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SECTION III—DATE CANCELLATIONS OF THE 3 CENT ROSE, 1861

SECTION III

The relative scarcity of year dates appearing upon this stamp is of special interest. For the past three years Scott's U. S. Specialized has priced the 1861 year date at 50c, the year 1867 and 1868 at 25c, and the five intervening years at 15c each. This gauging of prices on this cancellation is a general thermometer of relative values, but only general. If one tries to obtain clear-cut specimens of 1861 from leading firms he will discover but few, if any. Choice 1861's are worth fully the catalogue price. 1868 year dates are still scarcer, mainly owing to the fact the grilled stamps of this same plate type overlapped for almost a year's time, the grills being the prevailing stamp on sale at the larger post offices during 1868.

The writer has found the ungrilled stamp of 1868 three times as rare as the year date 1861. Because of this fact he confesses surprise at the 25c price in the catalogue. Even good specimens of the 1867 year date are equally scarce with those of 1861, though quoted at one-half the latter's price.

When in the year 1863 the Civil War was at its height, and when perhaps the greatest number of men were engaged in the struggle, letter writing seemed to be at its maximum. The 1863 date is the easiest to gather.

In contrast with this year, when it appears there was an exceptionally free use of letter postage, occurs the year 1865, when, following the disbandment of the armies, and when the whole country was exhausted and tired from the strain of four years' conflict, the use of postal facilities fell off measurably. This year date is little more than half as common as that of 1863.

The order of prevalency is estimated to be, first, 1863, then 1862, then 1864, 1866, 1865, 1867, 1861 and 1868, in descending ratio. Using 100 as a baseline percentage an estimate of the relative availableness of these dates is about as follows:

1861,	6
1862,	20
1863,	22
1864,	17
1865,	12
1866,	14
1867,	7
1868,	2

Grilled stamps do not share in this tabulation, or in these comments.

The writer has had the delight of his stamp experience of forty years in trying to assemble a full year's dates of this fascinating stamp. After three years of intensive pursuit the goal is in sight. In his particular specialization of date cancellations no year date whatsoever appears, either plainly impressed upon the stamp or obscure. Admittedly he collects year dates, but as yet another sideline. These he classifies by months in each year of issue.

The month and day-of-month is the only portion of a date permitted. It is to be noted, then, that this family of day cancellaions is quite exclusive. By eliminating the year from the cancellation these 365 days will accommodate themselves to any year in which this stamp was current. The assemblage makes a unique and interesting display, mounted with the dates for an entire month on a

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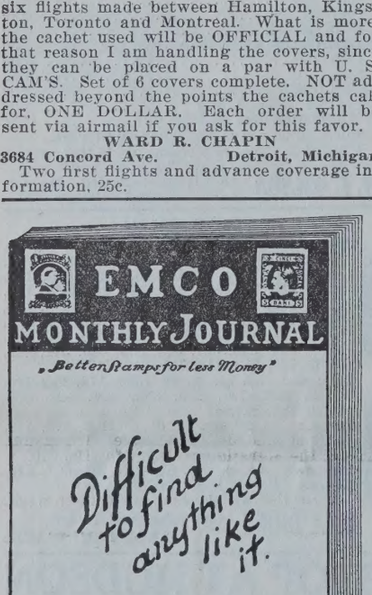

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One is promised genuine philatelic exhilaration in bringing together a group of date cancellations like this, providing he is willing to exercise almost unlimited patience and pains. It is the old story of the pursuit being of equal pleasure with the possession.

Doubtless the time was twenty to forty years ago when it would have been feasible to have attempted to assemble every date of each of the months and years from September, 1861, when the stamp was first issued, right through to the close of 1867, during the latter year the grills began to prevail. Few, very few, among advanced collectors, have succeeded in bringing together such a complete array of dates. Today, when so many hundreds of thousands of dates repose securely in oldtime collections—collections which seldom are disturbed or offered for sale—any attempt to collect all these days of all these years would be almost a fool's errand. The only hope of success one might hold for collecting complete the days of these years would be in buying ready-made collections assembled in decades of yore.

In bringing together such a specialization one naturally acquires many duplicates. These duplicates accumulate from several sources. Frequently dates submitted for approval contain days one wants, but the stamps are inferior, owing to poor centering, nibbed perforations, indistinct impression or soiled surface. Fearing one may not soon again have an opportunity of securing this or that date he purchases it. Many of these specimens are good or fine, but fail to grade very fine or superb. When the better grade is available one gladly substitutes it for the less attractive specimen. Duplicates accumulating by this selective process often become of service to other collectors pursuing a similar side-line.

A second source of duplicates is occasioned by the habit of trying to be courteous and fair. For instance, here is someone to whom you have submitted your list of date wants. At his leisure he examines his surplus stock. Perhaps by the time he offers for your approval two or three dates you once wanted you have acquired them from prompter sources. However, as a reward for his interest and time you buy his offerings.

Dates without the year as a part of the cancellation are about one-third as common as with the addition of the year. This makes a collection of this day-date type more attractive because more difficult to obtain. Some cancellations appear with a solid blur filling in the space where the cancellation stamp provided for a year date. For appearance sake we have assigned this type to the obscure year dates rather than allow them a place among the exclusive day and month dates.

The bringing together of complete collections of dates like this will disclose the fact that the summer months lessened the quantity of letter writing, or at least letter postage. June and July dates have been noticeably more difficult to obtain than have other months, particularly those in winter and spring. September and October yielded the next fewest dates. November, on the other hand, supplied the most. Next in order of commonness have been January, April and May. Day dates toward the close of a month, excepting the 30th and 31st have as rule been scarcer than those earlier.

The five dates from June 25 to 29, inclusive, have been the most elusive series of successive dates to secure in quantity, at least in sufficient quantity to enable one to select fine specimens. No other series of successive dates, beyond two in number, have occasioned a like search. There are possible reasons for these five dates eluding finding in as plentiful numbers. One cause lies in the fact that thousands of young people then were home from academies and colleges, so there were thousands less letters of parental solicitude, and the cause removed for writing dad for money. Second, this period represents a very intensive agricultural season, and in the Sixties the proportion of those following the farm was greater than today. Folk were simply too busy to write. Third, it is the between-season in the business world. Orders for goods and supplies for the summer were practically all in and filled. Orders for the winter were not in those days made so early. The business world had reduced correspondence in consequence.

Numerous "finds" in the future of large quantities of this stamp are less and less probable. Poor specimens off cover, or poor and ordinary covers, will increase in value but slightly in the next twenty-five years, whereas fine stamps off cover, and neat covers with clean-cut date cancellations wholly upon the stamp, are possessions worthy one's treasuring.

Recruits in specialism with this stamp are sure to multiply with the years. He who holds a liberal quantity in his own personal collection will have increasing satisfaction. If, at the same time, he holds a liberal surplus for distribution, he acts with prudence and foresight. Such an one is laying up in store against times of comparative famine, when he will have the joy of supplying many an urgent need in years of certain demand.

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By A. F. GAMBER, Precancel Editor, Valley City, No. Dak.

Methinks non-precancel collectors with a lot or accumulation of precancels on hand sometimes take a peculiar attitude toward the precancel collector who would buy what they have. Every miscellaneous lot of precancels, like every similar lot of postally used, contains much common stuff. This is especially true since Bureau Prints came into such general use.

Now when the non-collector of precancels gets an offer for his lot, before he turns it down in disdain and orders the return of his stamps, let him reverse the situation and imagine that some precancel collector had sent him a miscellaneous lot of postally used, for an offer. Suppose this hypothetical lot contains, let us say, 25 stamps he needs, the rest of it being only average mine run, which is certainly not an unreasonable supposition as to most miscellaneous lots of any kind. His offer for the lot to the precancel collector would be based largely on that 25, not on the rest, would it not? He would know for a certainty that he could use the 25, the rest would be a rather large question mark, even if he were a dealer, and we're speaking of collectors. He could not very well offer more than the 25 would cost him if bought from dealers, and he ought to be allowed some margin on account of the common character of the large number that he does not need, but must take to get the rest. Isn't this fair, or is it?

Let us take a typical case, the amounts only being changed, for obvious reasons. I receive a miscellaneous lot of say 1,500 precancels, mounted on album sheets of a quality far superior to the stamps. Of the 1,500 I find 100 that I need, the rest are average mine run, my only outlet for them is through a small credit advance with a large precancel dealer, or direct sale to a small firm at wholesale rates. I offer the owner $5 for the lot. He orders the return of the stamps, saying my offer is impossible, but not stating his idea of what is possible. I look the lot over once more, see among the 100 a few that I'd especially like to own, and raise my original offer to $7, at the same time asking the owner what is his idea of their worth. He replies to the effect that they are worth at least $15, and concludes with the tart footnote, "and you have the crust to boost precancels!"

Now I ask you, which of the two parties concerned is afflicted with astigmatism? Had I submitted to him a lot of general postage of the same general quality as these 1,500 precancels, out of which he could have used 100, would he not have been outraged at my estimate of an average of 1c each for the lot as a whole?

Think it over, Mr. non-precancel collector, before you accuse the precancel collector of trying to flim you, or of acting contrary to his faith. If you know enough about precancels to feel competent to set a price on your lots when you send them out, do so. If you don't, then let him set it; unless you have a hunch you are being deceived, be governed by his estimate. The world is liberally supplied with short changers and tin horn sports, it is true, but they are usually detected without much trouble. It seems to me it's a matter of give and take. We can't all know everything in these days of philatelic specialization. If Mr. H. collects Civil War revenues, and if I have something in that line that he can use, I feel content to let him set its value, unless I suspect him, because I know nothing about the revenue market. Conversely, I collect precancels, and know a little about their market. When someone submits a lot to me, without an estimate attached because he knows but little about them, he should be governed by my estimate unless he suspects that I am not trustworthy. The rule certainly works both ways, or should, at any rate.

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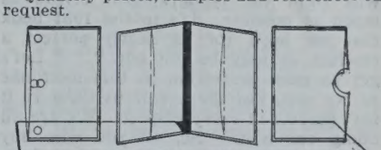

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WEEKLY readers are slow to report new types, or we would have had a lot of new illustrations in print ere this. But we are accumulating some, before long we'll have a review for you. This is catalog-making time, and everybody is busy working up his part of it. So if the precancel news runs a bit thin, lay it chiefly to this.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. W. T. Wilson, we are enabled to review the auction sale on May 13th of the wonderful collection of Norway gotten together by Consul Abr. Odfjell of Bergen. The sale was held by Mr. H. R. Harmer in London, and in giving quotations, the pound will be figured on the basis of $5.00.

The most popular stamp of the country to collectors on this side, is the 1855 4sk, No. 1. A superb unused copy with full gum sold at $60. This has always been a most difficult stamp to obtain in fresh mint condition, for fully 90% of the unused copies that are offered are without gum. An unused copy with part gum showing sheet margins at left and bottom reached $37.50. An unused copy without gum sold at $30, while a similar copy with extremely large margins reached within a dollar of the same figure. An apparently unused copy with so-called double foot stamp, not guaranteed as to being unused, sold at $60, while a brilliant superb used copy lightly postmarked with enormous margins found a new owner at $80. Three other used copies sold at $17.50 to $55. Single used copies of the normal stamp reached prices ranging from $5 to $32.50, the latter price being paid for a seal postmark, showing a cross in the center surrounded by dots. Two copies with cracked plates brought nearly $20 each, while a similar copy on the front of the cover sold at exactly this figure. A block of four, described as extremely fine, but from the illustration it is noted that it is cut in at the left, with a slight vertical crease between the stamps, changed hands at $95. A magnificent strip of five in a beautiful deep color, lightly postmarked and no doubt, much superior to the block, sold at $115. A vertical strip of five badly cut into at one side and at both top and bottom, sold at $40. Two extremely fine horizontal strips of three, one showing "town" postmark and the other black grid, sold at $27.50 and $23.75 respectively. Magnificent pairs brought in the neighborhood of $10 to $18, the latter being paid for a pair postmarked "Arendal."

There were eighteen lots in the sale, each containing three fine picked copies showing three different postmarks, namely—bars, towns and circles. These lots were described as the finest of the single copies and ranged in price from $7.50 to $15. A fine collection of town postmarks consisting of forty-five stamps, including two pairs, found a new owner at $95. A collection of ring cancellations totaling 101, several described as especially rare, sold at $190. Three covers used before the issue of stamps reached $12.50, foretelling what might be expected in the future in the case of our own pre- varieties.

In the second issue, 1856-57, an standing piece was a magnificent block of nine of the 2sk, selling at A mint block of similar size of th which like the 2sk was described a largest block known, sold at $8 mint block of six of the 4sk die 2 at $65, while an unused horizontal mint of the 8sk mentioned as the known pair, originally in the Ack collection, sold at $42.50. A used zontal strip of three of the same reached $10, while a block of six celled, sold at $7. Single copies several denominations in magnificen dition brought substantial quotatio

In the third issue, a complete unus of the five values in perfect con with full gum, sold at $20. A s mint block of four of the 2sk sh four types, sold at $90, while a s block not so well centered, sold a These blocks were described as the two known unused blocks existin mint block of the 3sk sold at $65, w block of thirty-eight of the same in superb mint condition, was not evidently not reaching a reserve upon it. A complete original sheet full margins of the 4sk catalogue Gibbons at $625, brought $425. A block of ten of the same stamp sheet margins, sold at $100. A co mint sheet of the 24sk was not again evidently not reaching a limi sibly placed upon it.

In the fourth issue of 1866-68, b of four of the 1sk, 2sk together w block of six of the 4sk sold at $23.7 complete sheet of the 1sk sold at while a similar sheet of the 2sk sh the variety of postmark of Lion w tail, sold at $21. A sheet of the 2sk slightly off center reached $16.25, a superb horizontal pair of the 3 red-lilac, sold at $32.50. A block a off center sold at $22.50, showing condition is now beginning to mean thing even abroad. A superb blo four of the 4sk, as well as a co sheet, were not sold. A block of th changed hands at $42, while a blo fifteen of the same stamp, sold at A complete sheet was withdrawn.

An outstanding piece in the 1871 horn series, was a complete mint sh the 1sk, deep green first setting, sh all varieties, cataloguing at $520, s at $155. Quite a few mint sheets i series were withdrawn for reason stated. A block of fifteen of th

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In the 1877 post horn shaded blocks of four of each of the 1, 3, 5, 10, 12 and 30 ore with full gum sold at $35. A block of twenty, consisting of the two bottom rows of the sheet of 3 ore sold at $23.50. A complete sheet of 5 ore, ultramarine, cataloguing $150 reached $50, while two blocks of four of the 10 ore Plate I sold at $12 each. Numerous blocks and sheets from this point on are without prices, the lots evidently being withdrawn, something which seldom happens with sales on this side of the pond.

Some outstanding pieces which were sold were—the 1882 10 ore imperf. in fine mint pair at $85, and a similar used pair at $55. A further pair on cover sold at $50, while a single imperforate of the 20 ore with corner sheet margins, sold at $40. An unique block of four of the same stamp in perfect condition was one of the outstanding pieces of the late issues, which brought $315.

Every specialist in the stamps of this country should certainly have a priced copy of the catalog, for this was possibly the finest collection of Norway ever gotten together and contained outstanding pieces which possibly will never be brought together again.

BUREAU PRINT CHRONICLE

Akron, Ohio, and Jackson, Mich., make their first appearance this week in the list of Bureau Print ordinaries, the former with the 1½c, and the latter with the 3c. Girard, Kansas, proves that the old type ordinaries are not exhausted by coming out with the one cent. The list of new and previously unreported varieties are: Old type, ordinary—Girard, Kans., 1c. Old type, coils—Pawtucket, R. I., 1c; Schenectady, N. Y., 3c.

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By KARL KOSLOWSKI.

I recently acquired a collection of U. S., and on the page containing the 1902 issue, I found a clipping that by all appearances came from MEKEEL'S. In this article Henry Schumacher gave some statistics of the 1902 issue of the U. S. imperforate, "as obtained from the Post Office Department, there were issued as follows:—

1c 1902,	Imperforate,	5,015,500
2c 1902,	"	10,685,000
4c 1902,	"	10,000
5c 1902,	"	13,000

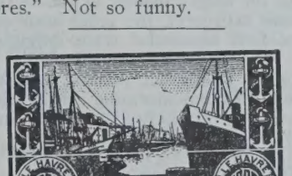
We have no information as to who obtained the 4c lot, and it is no doubt true that some speculator is waiting for a favorable opportunity to unload. All the other values were legitimately sold and accounted for."

Had this gentleman gone into the details of this matter, this supposition would have faded away, and I would like for once and all times to make the facts clear. It was my good fortune to see this lot in its entirety in imperforate condition on May 27, 1908, and again on the following day, May 29, all perforated in Schermacked condition. This will leave the speculator out of the scene.

For the good of any pessimist, I deem it wise to state that outside of the 50 copies originally bought by me, there were five others found used on the large envelopes of mailing companies that were using the Schermack mailing machines. Moreover, as some of those held by me were destroyed, counting those found in the hands of others, not over 50 are known today, including several pairs and strips, and no speculator will ever release any of these stamps upon the market.

WARM WEATHER NOTE

Some time ago, we announced that the enterprising London Stamp Club, England, ever solicitous of the welfare of philatelic visitors from this shore had provided ice-water for those who thirsted. Not long ago, a contributor to the "Hit and Miss" column of the Chicago *Daily News* conducted by Gene Morgan sent in the following bit of fancy: "Yes, It Will Keep Americans Out of the Basement. I read where the London Stamp club moved and it was announced: 'For American visitors there is ice-water in the basement.' Why they specified 'American visitors' I don't know. Do you? Dolores." Not so funny.



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WE have a suggestion to make that may be adopted with some beneficial results to philately. Aside from one's opinion as to the propriety of commemorative issues, denial is not to be made of the advertising advantage that comes from them. We are sleeping on our rights if we do not use our recent issues of the kind as a text for engaging the interest of outsiders in stamps. The donation of a little collection of recent special issues to a boy or girl, not to say an adult occasionally, has been attended with a happy outcome in several instances in our own experience recently, and we believe that if many of us would distribute little gifts of the kind, a number of new collectors would be added to the swelling list. Special issues are a fact, and there is good reason for them to be capitalized in our interests through their novelty and their historical lessons. A huge volume of general publicity is being given to recent commemoratives and the newspapers and magazines describe the new stamps in ample space. One of the best descriptions of a new stamp that we have seen appeared in the *Electrical World* of New York when it announced the Edison special with unusual attention to the details of the design of the stamp.

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THE Saint Paul *Pioneer Press* of June 2nd printed a half-page article, by a special writer, O. N. Sullivan, describing the stamp affiliations of one of the leading citizens of the town, Olaf J. Olson. A cut of Mr. Olson shows him true to life and there are plates of stamp illustrations to keep him company. Here is the style in which the "feature" was presented in type: "O. J. Olson Builds Stamp Collection on Barn Loft Find. Dusty Old Trunk, Too, Gave Rare Treasures to St. Paul Collector. Business Man's Hobby Has Developed Into Sixty Volumes With Many Varieties of Large Value — Specializes in United States Issues and Those of Norway, Sweden, and British North America." Dost like the picture? Certainly it will catch the eye of the man whose ideas of stamp collecting are nebulous or nil.

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ONE of the newsgirls at the old Waldorf-Astoria, New York, which is now being wrecked, having been built in 1893, pays her respects to some of the permanent guests of the hostelry in a recent number of *Liberty*: "Not one of the group possessed sufficient imagination to collect postage stamps, let alone cultivate a genuine cultural interest of any kind." Then, there was the dealer who was dissuaded from using the warning as an advertising slogan: "Collect stamps and keep out of mischief."

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THE Danville *Commercial-News* of May 26th contains a very interesting column in its Sunday edition, under the heading of "The Stamp Collector," and Jack Williams, who is the intelligent conductor of the section, provides the best of fare for the philatelic palate. At a recent meeting of the Mid-West Stamp Club, Danville, Dean H. H. Schroeder of Normal, Illinois, spoke before the club on U. S. stamps, in which he has specialized for many years, and Jack Williams finds good copy in the Dean, who is acting as president of the great Illinois Normal School, we may add. The Dean is an accomplished speaker on a variety of subjects, chief among which is stamp collecting.

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MR. E. A. DIESTLER, Chicago, says that he has heard from the St. John's, Newfoundland, postal administration to the effect that no information is available as to the date of a first aerial postal flight. However, the following notice was sent: "General Post Office. The Minister of Posts has arranged for a special dial to be used for defacing postage stamps on letters mailed at the G. P. O. on June 14th next, the tenth anniversary of the first successful trans-Atlantic air mail by Alcock and Brown, June 14, 1919. The exact reading will be as follows: 'Commemorating First Trans-Atlantic Air Mail, June 14, 1919,' in five lines."

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SUPPLEMENTING the notice in our issue two weeks ago of the Stockholm-New York flight, Mr. K. W. Wallquist, Chicago, writes: "I have just received notice from the Philatelic Agency of Sweden that the first official trial flight Sweden-U. S. A. will take place June 4th with the aeroplane, Sverige, under the guidance of the two well-known Swedish flyers, Messrs. Ahrenberg and Floden. The plane will carry no passengers, but 25 kilograms (about 55 lbs.) of mail will be transported. The postage required for each letter of 10 grammes (.35 oz.) is 20.25 in Swedish kroner or $5.50 in U. S. money. Each letter will be marked with a special date-stamp, showing the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, the town hall in Stockholm, an aeroplane, and the words: 'Stockholm-New York, 1929'."

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TO those who sent us Walt Mason's rhythmical rhapsody on postage stamps that appeared in newspapers as syndicated matter, we wish to say that the text is copyrighted and unavailable for that reason. However, Walt knows something about stamps and he descants about commemoratives in a way to show that he is not ignorant of recent philatelic developments.

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THE prospectus of the First Annual Stamp Show, Minneapolis, August 19-24, inclusive, is a pamphlet of twenty pages devoted to the details of the coming exhibition, and has as a frontispiece the *fac-simile* of a label advertising the event that was tastefully conceived by Paul Reichstein, St. Paul. The description, "show," seems to be a most fitting appellation for the display as it is seen by reading the regulations that the whole structure of the enterprise is based on simplicity. Thus, a popular appeal is sounded and a democracy, rather than an autocracy of exhibitors is encouraged. The show is for the philatelic masses, and the support of all whose stamps are of interest is sought. A foreword dwells upon the attractions of the competitive exhibitions in what may be called their social aspects as well as in a philatelic sense. The exhibit will be a compact one, as there are only ten sections in a range that covers the world, although there are numerous groups under each heading. The judges are named and they are men of experience who will render just verdicts, we are sure. By a division of the exhibits into classes called Juvenile, Junior, Novice, Winners and Open, respectively, a gradation of merit is assured, thereby giving those who are eligible for entry in any given class a chance to meet rivals on fair terms. Ribbons or rosettes will be the awards and there are two championships: one for the best exhibit and one for the best exhibit in each section; and since there are eleven sections, the result will be that eleven marks of preferment will signalize this championship division. The twenty-eight rules and additional special notices give the particulars of the contest, and the questions of frames, insurance, booths, etc., are carefully explained. While the exhibition is "a joint enterprise conducted by the stamp collectors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.," and embodies departures that are original, yet the projectors of it acknowledge that the Cleveland exhibition of May, 1928, furnished some of the ideas that have been adopted. While the affairs of the exhibition will be administered by a corporation, the show is sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, and the National Philatelic Exhibition, as the incorporated company is called, will offer underwriting shares to the public. The show will be open to all collectors; it will be held in the Hodgson Building, where Mr. Hodgson has donated one entire floor embracing 9,450 square feet for its use. There is much more to be said of the forthcoming exhibition and it behooves all to give our undivided support to the intelligent efforts that are being made by the Twin City men.

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OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Effective June 1, CAM 16 operators instituted a noontime passenger service between Cleveland and Louisville. Although I didn't see any Postal Bulletin notice of mail on this day trip, newspaper clippings state mail was carried, and a good coöperator sent me covers from each end. No cachet; Louisville postmark 11 A. M.; Cleveland—1 P. M. *** The other Alaska cover, sent in for the ice break-up service this spring, has turned up, postmarked Nenana, May 9th, no backstamp. Reached here the 29th. *** Speaking of CAM 16, lots of folks took care to write me that Springfield did not apply its first flight cachet to ALL mail received via the first incoming mail. Guess I was just lucky on mine.

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Night flying between Chicago and Kalamazoo started on schedule May 27th, and was only one way service, eastward. South Bend was hoping to get in on this service, but didn't receive the official O. K. *** First Canadian flight Grande Prairie to Edmonton, took place May 21st. Commercial Airways, Ltd., have the contract and attached their new black stamp.

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About all you can do is heave a few sighs of regret on this one. About June 1st, newspaper clippings came in stating that another ship to shore mail attempt would be carried out from the Leviathan on her next westward trip, June 7th. A non-stop pickup by the Adams system was planned. I doubt very much if any collectors' mail could have gotten on this, but someone may have worked it.

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Now for our old friend, FAM 9. First mail left Miami May 14, cancelled Cristobal May 16 and Esmeraldas the 18th. Several of my covers were returned at once via air, were again cancelled Cristobal, May 20, and were back here the 28th. Covers addressed to Truxillo, Peru, have also come back, backstamped there the 19th. And here's a point. Covers mailed from Miami bear a small cachet showing a plane flying over water, with mountainous background. Those mailed at Cristobal have a larger cachet showing a map of FAM 9. Both in black, and decidedly messy. Advance word was that all covers would be cacheted at Cristobal, and not at Miami, so the two cachets come as a surprise.

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My covers sent to Esmeraldas for the first north trip didn't make it. They are interesting, however, though not cancelled till May 25th. Each bears a 10c stamp, plus the typed inscription in Spanish "Paid 30c gold in place of stamps." Must have had a run for the first trip. *** Covers are reported from Lima, Peru, dated May 16, but 1st trip left the 18th, and reached Cristobal the 20th, as above mentioned. But—the P.

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Let's Go Fishing

Yes, let's! But the only stream that runs near by is one which I have never seen, for it buried itself long years ago, and all it is good for now is to burrow away the foundations of my neighbour's houses until they have to be amputated and supplied with crutches. So we'll fish, if you please, at home—indoors.

The fishing is good in Newfoundland, whether for business or pleasure. You will find fisherman bringing gifts of fish to Britannia (30 cents) and some of them working their nets at sea (8 cents) on the Jubilee issue of 1897, while on the 24 cents of the same issue are some sports-

men fishing for salmon. On the 1 cent green stamp of the 1923 issue is a picture of the Tor's Cove, one of the favourite haunts of anglers who visit the Dominion, and most of the other views in that series take us to the river's brim.

There is a good picture of a codfish on the early 2 cents stamps of the same Colony, together with pictures of seals on the stamps of 1866, 1880 and 1897. A curious blunder was made by the artist who engraved the seal on the 5 cents, 1866, for he showed this amphibious creature in possession of fore-legs instead of flappers. The design remained in use for many years—although the colour was changed from brown (1866) to black (1868) and blue (1876)—but at last, in 1880, the design was re-drawn and the seal is presented in the orthodox manner.

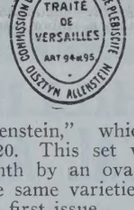
Other fish there are among British stamps include the dolphins on our ½d and 1½d English stamps of the present reign, a pair of fish swimming in opposite directions on the stamps of Stellaland, another pair (very like whales) on the 1908 issue of the native Indian state of Bhopal. There is, too, something fishy about the sea-horses which Britannia is driving on the current British 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps, and which are much the same class of neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring that are drawing King George V in a chariot on the stamps of Barbados.

No, I have not found an oyster on a stamp, but there is a winkle; I beg its pardon, it is really a conch, which my dictionary tells me is a "large marine gastropod," on the stamps of Travancore.—*Stamp Lover.*

Allenstein

Eight districts in East Prussia make up the region called Allenstein. After the World War the people of this section were in a dispute as to whether they should remain a part of Germany or become a part of the new Republic of Poland. In the districts there were approximately 268,000 Poles and 288,000 Germans.

An interallied commission was empowered to settle the dispute. During the period when the commission was in power special stamps were placed in use. The first set of stamps consisted of fourteen values of the then current German stamps surcharged in three lines, "Plebiscite



Olsztyn Allenstein," which appeared April 12, 1920. This set was followed the next month by an oval design surcharge on the same varieties of German stamps as the first issue.

A vote was taken July 11, 1920, and the result showed that 98% of the ballots were in favor of a union with Germany. The region was, therefore, turned over to German control and regular German stamps were put into use.

For the collector who desires to get the stamps of a country complete, at a modest outlay, he will find one in Allenstein. Only two of its stamps are at all elusive, and those are the two 15 pfennige stamps in the violet-brown color.—A. C. LeDuc.

Mint

A stamp collecting expression constantly met with is *mint* or mint condition. A stamp is said to be in mint condition when it is in precisely the same state as a specimen newly issued from the stamp manufacturers' premises. That is, it must be unused, perfectly clean and fresh-looking, have full gum and be without any defects. An unused stamp without gum, even if in the most perfect condition otherwise, cannot be properly described as mint except in the case of those stamps which were never issued with gum.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

LAMENT

Alas for him who never sees
The foreign stamp from overseas!
Who, careless, throws his mail away,
Nor stops to think perhaps they may
Bring joy to some stamp nut some day!
Who hath not learned in time of search
Through waste-box in post office set,
Of foreign mail there is no dearth,
But halves of stamps are all we get.
—Everett Klaas.

* * *

A little nonsense
Now and then
Is why we have
The healthful grin.

* * *

Father: "Gosh! A puncture and no repair kit. What'll we do?"
Willie: "Never mind, pop. Here's some 'peelable' hinges."
—Robert W. Martin.

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"IF I WAS HUNTIN' RARITIES," SAID DAD FETCHETT, "I'D BE LAYIN' IN MY STOCK O' HORSE-TRACKS NOW."

* * *

Jack Spratt collected rares;
His wife collected frocks;
And so, you see, between the two
Their wallet got some shocks.
—Phil U. Tellem.

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"I ain't got much sense," said Dad Fetchett. "But I know enough to josh the women, and collect old U. S."

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"Rastus he done gone to collectin' adhesives."
"Go long, niggah! Ain't no fowl called dat."

* * *

IF KING RICHARD, THE HORSE WANTER, HAD ADOPTED A HOBBY OF SOME KIND HE NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD TO OFFER HIS KINGDOM FOR SOMETHING TO RIDE.

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WANTED: NEW PHRASES

Hark to the bird who sweetly sings,
"Stamps—the hobby of kids and kings."

Give ear to the chap with the wheezy chug,
Who's "badly nipped by the stampic bug."

And list to the guy with the quizzical phiz,
Who windily chirrups, "they're sold as is."

Then all three chant till the air is blue
This ancient ditty, "or what have you?"

Wanted: some phrases zippily new,
And peppily fresh as this morning's dew.

Classic or slangy, polished or rough;
But ring us a change on this old stuff.

* * *

Every time the Equus asinus brays it loses a bite of grass. Stampsters who knock the hobby and each other remind us of the Equus asinus.

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GOAT GETTER NO. 3

I'd like to biff the loony mutt
Who's always chirping 'round,
"Why, stamp collecting is for kids,
And those whose brains aren't sound."
—Phil U. Tellem.

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Scotland does not issue its own stamps. This looks suspicious.—Robert E. Dunlop.

AIR MAIL DEPT.

(*Continued from page 399*)

A.A. made their first trial trip north, ing Lima May 4, and made pickups all the line into Cristobal. Mail went there by boat. We have therefore a trip Peru-Canal Zone and a first trip 9, which are two separate affairs ent Whew! * First mail from Nicarag the Route 5 stop is reported dated Ma and franked with the new overpr stamp.**

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George Kieley is the second man to r a first Miami-Cristobal signed by Lindl as pilot, as well as by two postma Next time you put some like that thr George, remember the editor. I w how many there are of these. * A ber of covers have been reported Colombia-Cristobal, as being by the P Co. I think these early dates are prob flown by the SCADTA Co., who bea P.A.A. to it and started service s months ago. *** The new Australian ice Adelaide-Perth, was scheduled to June 2.**

AIRPORTS AND UNOFFICIALS

The mail this week has been full of c bearing all sorts of cachets. A lot of are turning up to celebrate or advertise events which are interesting enough in t selves, but haven't the slightest conne with aviation, let alone airmail. I'm a airport dedications, air derbys, avia shows, famous aviators, etc., as occa for special cachets, but I do think th lot of conventions, special days, etc. getting cachets for airmail covers that deserve them. I repeat, and I'm goi continue repeating it—Leave the spo ship of special cachets to some proper or aviation organization; and don't pro cachets for events which haven't any nection with the development of aviati airmail.

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And yet—some of the things are ni that. The big auto races were held a dianapolis May 30, and I received a from Harry Ioor, mailed at 4.30 P. that day, bearing a printed cachet of event, and giving the name of the wi and his time! That's really good enou merit an exception to my above rem * Another unusual cover from ther Floyd Shockley. Postmarked in gre green cachet, and little red racing actually cancelling the stamps a la kic mule. Pretty!**

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Memorial Day brought in 3 items. ton, Mich., cachet in memory of the dents, now all dead, of Williams Scho Aviation, 5000 mailed, and 150 of sp gold starred and black bordered envel * Oyster Bay, L. I., special Roos cachets and printed envelopes from home and burial place—Elmira, N. Y. A Memorial Day Air Meet cachet in mag *** Airport Managers' Convention at C land May 15-17 had two cachets, one official, one by C. of C. Both scarc little advance word. *** Little Falls, M Lindy's home town, had a cachet the Quite appropriate, and it's too bad it w advertised in advance. *** First Iowa nautic Conference, Ames, Iowa, Ma (red), 28 (purple), 29 (blue)—special c by the C. of C. *** Atlantic City dedic a new convention hall the 31st, and a st was furnished for all mail. *** U Stamp Societies in convention at L Mass., May 30 put out a snappy cachet**

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Walla Walla, Wash., Air Derby Ma and 25 brought forth a neat, small c in blue and violet. * Indianapolis A tion Show May 27-June 2 is one I see have missed. Cachet in different co each day. *** First Anniversary CA brings in a red printed cachet from U sent by Harry Klotzbach, June 1st. The convention of the American Societ Mechanical Engineers, Aeronautic Mee at St. Louis May 27-30 sponsored jo with the St. Louis Air Board a cachet, ferent colors each day. Some thous mailed, helping give St. Louis one o biggest air mailings. Cachet work n handled by Nelson F. Gerken. *** Ro International Convention in Dallas prod an appropriate cachet used in diffe colors each day of the convention. Broyles, Jr., kindly sends a cover, gives the first word I had of this.**

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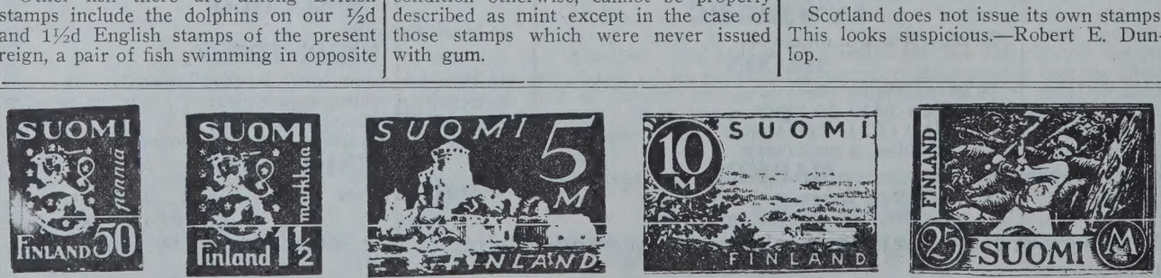
Gardner Trophy Air Races had cac from two starting points—Buffalo, by Contractors, and Indianapolis likewise. C. of C. at East St. Louis, home of P Airport, the terminus of the races, prov a nice one on the 28th, 29th, and 30th mailed well over a thousand. J. W. St zenberg handled covers, and reports not a one came in postage due. Congr lations, everybody! He added the "S of St. Louis" cachet, used on first day co from St. Louis, on the back of many co * Lockport, N. Y., Auto Races and**



NEW STAMPS TO BE ISSUED BY FINLAND EARLY IN 1930

We are indebted to Geo. H. Jaeger for the subjects of the above illustrations. These stamps pictured will appear as a regular issue at the beginning of the year 1930. The designs are characteristic of the stamp issues of this country.

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there is anything else that you desire, likely to have two or three on hand if a rare variety and a much larger numif not so scarce.

im also negotiating for a magnificent ction of mint U. S. in blocks of four rger, valued at upward of $100,000.00. am so fortunate as to acquire this, it possibly be the second largest collecof blocks that I have ever had the ure of handling.

rther details next week.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.
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bit had an unofficial cachet May 30th—nailed.

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Mary's, Kans., dedication June 1—no t but a printed envelope in 2 colors, ailed. *** Newton, Iowa, May 31, "The kshop of Iowa" in magenta. *** Wil-, Cal., June 1 and 2—no cachet. *** as City, Kans., postponed till June *** Anderson, Ind., May 31st, winged n in black, violet, and magenta. *** okin, Pa.—A surprise one for me—1st—Richardson Field. *** Cary, Ill., 1—no cachet. *** Pacific Grove, Cal., 8—no cachet.

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few figures on events previously mend. Pasco, Wash., dedication — 5000 's mailed, red and purple; Pasco Air lee May 16, 17, 18—red, green, and respectively, and a few purple on all . 490 on the 16th; 516 the 17th; and he 18th, both by C. of C. *** Cedar City, May 18, blue green, 3,000, by C. of C. Friendship, N. Y., Republican Anniver-May 16, blue, 200, by C. of C. *** a Rosa, Cal., May 18—black—4600; 19 —3400; by C. of C. *** Columbus, O., Air Maneuvers—a total of 12,055 for 1 days, by C. of C.

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ming—Olympia, Wash., this summer—'s to C. of C. *** Ditto for Marlin, *** Rochester, N. Y., Air Expo., Sept. 2-arge event. Pribable cachet, and Lenard abin offers to look after covers. Send m at 77 Joiner St., Rochester, and do soon as you like. *** Duluth, Minn. e summer. *** Selma, Ala.—June 27, 's to C. of C. *** Newark, N. J., C. is holding covers for Aviation Show in Airport Dedication scheduled for May ll off. *** Kankakee, Ill., June 23, no cachet. *** First Anniversary CAM outh Bend, Ind., July 17. Covers be sent to John G. Kuespert, 843 Lin-Way E., Mishawaka, Ind. *** Cape N. J. July 4, cachet by C. of C.

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think I owe one coöperator a public of appreciation. P. R. Hudson of land has had his name on every list I started to work, and it's been starred time, usually in multiple. I've re-d 8 covers from him this week and I him, and the rest of you, to know his htfulness is appreciated. The other helpers are as follows: Allen P. Hard-*Samuel J. Smith, *Harry E. Klotz-*Charles J. Buckstein, *Capt. Kenneth ewis, *United Stamp Societies, *Louis norr, *J. K. Hanson, *E. J. S. Halvor-*Frank Herget, Chas. L. Hall, H. G. don, J. B. Mays, Jerry R. Erikson, R. Kieley, *J. G. Kuespert, Archie D. son, Lenard L. Babin, C. M. Bengless, . Bell, *M. P. Colegrove, *Nelson F. en, *Nelson E. Willits, *J. W. Stoutzen-, *C. S. George, *William Broyles, Jr., Weston, *Frank W. Wright, *Harry Anna M. Schafer, *R. A. Brooks, yd Shockley, William Lycett, Maj. Pas-Lopez.

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United States

New Sullivan Stamp

The new 2-cent stamp, bearing a portrait of General Sullivan, which was recently described in this column, is officially announced by the Third Assistant Postmaster General in a letter dated May 29th, to be found in the *Postal Bulletin* of June 1st. We quote the official description given:

"Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the department is preparing to issue a special 2-cent postage stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Sullivan expedition in New York State during the Revolutionary War. The new stamp is the same size as the regular issue, 75/100 by 87/100 inch, and is printed in red ink.

The central design is a three-fourths length portrait of Major General Sullivan in continental uniform over which in a semi-circular panel appear the words 'United States Postage' in white Roman letters, on a dark background with white edges. This panel is supported on either side of brackets of scroll work forming the upper part of a narrow panel and ending at the base in dark circles with white borders. Within the circles in each lower corner appears the numeral 2 in white Roman letters. Across the top of the stamp is a ribbon bearing the title 'Sullivan Expedition' in dark architectural Roman letters. Below, in similar lettering, on either side on extensions of the ribbon panel are the dates 1779 at the left, and 1929 at the right. A dark panel with white edges bearing the word 'Cents' in white Roman letters connects the circles inclosing the denomination numerals. Above this base in a ribbon panel appears the wording, 'Maj. Gen. Sullivan' in dark Gothic letters. The entire stamp is enclosed in a narrow white border.

The new Sullivan expedition commemorative stamp will first be placed on sale June 17, 1929, at the post offices of Geneseo and Perry, N. Y. The stamp will be placed on sale at other post offices and the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., as soon thereafter as production permits.

Postmasters at direct and central accounting post offices may submit requisition to the department for a limited supply of this stamp, using Form 3201, indorsed across the face, 'Sullivan Expedition Stamps.' Postmasters at district post offices may submit requisition on Form 3338 to their central accounting postmasters for a small quantity as required to meet the local demand.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of the Sullivan expedition stamp at Geneseo or Perry, N. Y., on June 17, 1929, may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not to exceed 25, to the postmaster at either office, accompanied with a remittance covering the value of the stamps, which will be affixed to the envelopes prior to mailing on the above date."

The *Postal Bulletin* of June 5th further announces that the Sullivan expedition commemorative stamp will also be placed on sale on June 17th at Canajoharie, N. Y., as well as the other two cities mentioned.

General Sullivan, the subject of this stamp, was born at Somersworth, N. H., February 18, 1740, studied law, became a member of the New Hampshire Provincial Assembly and later the Continental Congress. In 1774 he was commissioned a major in the New Hampshire militia, and in December of the same year, led an expedition capturing Fort William and Mary. He was made a Brigadier-General in the Continental Army in June, 1775, and was promoted to Major-General the following year. He was present at the siege of Boston, commanded the American troops in Canada, was present at the Battles of Long Island, Trenton, Staten Island, Brandywine and Germantown.

In 1779 he defeated the British at Newtown, now Elmira, New York, for which he received the thanks of Congress. He died in 1795.

New Edison Stamp

The new Edison stamp previously described in this column was placed on sale as announced on June 5, 1929, at Menlo Park, N. J., the home of Thomas A. Edison, inventor of the incandescent lamp. The stamp is most attractive when one considers that the designer had to make a stamp out of little or nothing for a subject, as an incandescent lamp is a thing of utility and not beauty. It was placed on sale during the week of the National Electric Light Convention at Atlantic City, and no doubt a good supply will be available at that point after first appearing at Edison's home. This is the second stamp issued by the United States upon which the name of a living man has appeared, the other stamp being the Lindbergh variety, issued shortly after his famous flight.

The first cover mailed from Menlo Park enclosed a communication from the Postmaster General addressed to Mr. J. F. Quinlan, Executive Secretary of "Light's Golden Jubilee."

The department has now placed orders for in the neighborhood of 180 million stamps, so that the issue will possibly be the largest commemorative issue that has as yet appeared.

New State Variety

One of our correspondents in the middle west has discovered two new State

(*Continued on page 403*)

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The half-page advertisement of Chas. J. Phillips elsewhere in this issue cannot fail to attract the attention of every reader of the WEEKLY. The superb collection of Confederate States, local adhesives, formed by Mr. Geo. Walcott, has been purchased by Mr. Phillips, and is now offered for sale. A perusal of the advertisement will give an inkling of the extent of the collection. Our New York dealer friend certainly has the happy faculty and good fortune of handling some of the choicest of collections.

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WE have a letter from J. B. Shastid who advises us that his uncle, Dr. Thomas H. Shastid, is entitled to a large share of the credit of the Edison commemorative. Our friend claims that Mr. Shastid has for several years been urging the P. O. D. to honor both Edison and Dr. Mayo. The Duluth *News Tribune*, May 29, says that Shastid "deserves credit for his share in bringing out the stamp."

WE have received from Albert L. Stokes and Bill Schneider, Jr., details connected with the first day sale of the Edison stamp at Menlo Park, June 5. Space will not permit giving the details, which were not unlike those of other first days.

ACCORDING to Geo. T. Bush the Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte, Pa., has adopted a set of resolutions endorsing the proposed new set of U. S. Stamps.

A HOUSE organ called the "Colonialist" is published by E. C. Cantrell, San Antonio, Texas. The June number lies before us, and it is interesting enough for us to suggest to our readers that they apply for copies of the same. Any who are interested in air mail stamps or covers or British Colonials will particularly appreciate the publication.

IN *Colliers'* for April 27 appeared an article dealing with the Nicaragua volcano stamps, written by Edwin E. Slosson. This story is quite familiar to our readers. Clipping from R. C. Davidson.

THE C. C. Stamp Co., has issued a very complete price list on British Colonials. It consists of forty pages, and the line of offerings will furnish much of interest to any collector of British Colonial stamps.

REV. E. A. BUTLER has issued a very nice retail catalog of the stamps of Newfoundland. It is nicely gotten up, fully illustrated, and will be sent to anyone upon request.

A NEW forty paged bargain list is just being published by the Red Star Stamp Co., Box 496 Grand Central Sta., N. Y. City. It is illustrated, has many attractive offers, and is recommended to our readers.

THE attention of dealers is called to the fact that H. E. Pohlmann, 1409 2nd Ave., New York City, has just issued a catalog of what he terms the "Most Popular Line of Stock Books and Albums on the Market." Looking through the list, which is finely illustrated, one may imagine that Mr. Pohlmann can easily meet the needs of dealers for accessories of the kind mentioned above. List will be sent upon request.

RE-USE OF PRECANCELS

As a result of the fraudulent use of precancelled stamps recently disclosed by U. S. postal inspectors it is reported that this privilege will be drastically modified or abolished.

Despite warning circulars sent to business houses, inspectors were able recently by marking stamps inbound on the undeliverable mail of twenty-one Chicago firms to identify the same stamp outbound later. Several corporations were fined $1,000 and the directors $250 each. A number of trials are still pending.

In the present investigations many stamps were discovered so dilapidated that officials believed they must have been used several times.

Stop Press News

NEW SULLIVAN STAMP

PHILA., June 7.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, we are enabled to inform our readers that since the last official information was available, that the Post Office has decided to issue the new 2-cent "Sullivan" stamp at fifteen cities in New York, instead of the two cities originally decided upon. The stamp goes on sale June 17th, and will be available at Auburn, Canandaigua, Elmira, Geneva, Horseheads, Owego, Penn Yan, Seneca Falls, Waverly, Watkins Glen, Waterloo, Binghamton, Perry, Geneseo and Canajoharie.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

We are indebted to L. B. Gatchell and Fred W. Church for the information that the list of cities for first day sale of the Sullivan stamp was to be extended. Both wired the WEEKLY, and we deeply regret that the news arrived too late to run June 10. Tuesday is the last day that "Stop Press News" can be received.

FORT ORANGE CLUB VISITS N. Y. C.

On June 5, the Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany, N. Y., returned the visit of the Collectors Club of New York City. A delegation of nine members made up the party, which dined at the New York Athletic Club, and was then escorted to the Collectors Club where nine exhibits were shown by E. R. Ryder, Wendover Neefus, G. L. Habbert, W. L. L. Peltz, Richard Walton, Warner Bates, J. I. Wyer, G. R. Cooley, W. W. Reynolds. The visit was a very profitable one.

A MARSHAL FOCH STAM

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A. WAG

THE EDISON STAMP

We have been fairly flooded wit ters giving the particulars of the day sale of the new Edison stamp we regret that it is impossible for our limited space to reprint some matter that has been sent in. We be content with thanking the many scribers who have furnished us wi particulars of the avalanche of sale flooded the Menlo Park Post Offi June 5. First day covers have bee ceived from various subscribers: (Park) A. E. Gorham, Henry W Everett G. Emerson, Bradie Buch Fred G. Anderson, W. F. Kerr, H R. Ackerman; (Washington) A. E. ham; (Metuchen and New Bruns N. J.) W. F. Kerr.

AIR MAIL NEWS

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varieties of unusual interest, namely—a sheet of one hundred of the 9c Nebraska, plate 18744, wherein the surcharge on the entire top row is missing, giving us ten vertical pairs with one stamp only, surcharged.

The same correspondent has located a sheet of the same stamp, plate 18742, showing a wide spacing between overprints of 32mm instead of the normal 22mm. This, like in the case of the similar error found in the Molly Pitcher and the 2c Hawaiian variety, is due to the fact that the plate for printing the surcharge did not synchronize with the plate printing the stamps, and as a result the gap in the surcharge which is supposed to span the gutter between the panes did not fall in the right place, resulting in the two varieties above, of which the first described is a most important addition to twentieth century stamps.

Miscellaneous Notes

The Third Assistant Postmaster General advises under date of May 29th that the ½c rotary precancel varieties have been issued at intervals for the past three weeks and that the uncancelled stamp was placed on sale for the first time at the Philatelic Agency as we previously announced, on May 25, 1929.

Mr. Robert Richardson reports the finding of a coil of three thousand of the 1½c sidewise varieties, in which the perforations were not clearly cut out, giving us what is known as a blind perforation.

Mr. Thurman Woodruff has sent for inspection a block and strip of the 2c "Vermont" in which the left inner frame line is almost completely missing. These pieces were taken from plate 19037, and may be readily noted by the naked eye.

Mr. George P. Brockway calls attention to a variety to be found on the 16c air mail stamp. A horizontal line under the inscription "U. S. Postage" runs through both stamps. This is a plate line placed upon the plate when it was first laid out and was not finally erased.

Mr. Samuel J. Smith kindly sends two air mail covers from Shamokin, Pa., sent out as a farewell testimonial to Captain H. C. Richardson. The covers were mailed from Richardson Field, Shamokin, Pa., and bear a concentric marking showing a plane in flight, together with date, etc.

We thank Mr. R. H. Langdon for showing us copy of the new Playing Card stamp.

Mr. J. C. Long has written to the Postmaster General relative to the new series of postage stamps and suggests several western scenes of well-known importance, such as—Mount Whitney, Bridal Falls, Mount Holy Cross, etc. He also asks for an 18-cent stamp to be added to the series.

Antigua.—Copies of the 1½p puce brown and 1sh black on emerald, script watermark, have been received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co.

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two values will show portraits of Leopold I (after the well-known painting by De Winne) and Leopold II, whilst the third will present the likenesses of King Albert I and Queen Elizabeth, in two medallions. It is anticipated that a special printing of the latter stamps will be made in miniature sheets for sale at the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Antwerp in July, 1930.

Bulgaria.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a new issue of stamps commemorating the millenary of the Great Tzar Simeon, whose kingdom stretched from the Adriatic to the Black Sea, and also the fiftieth anniversary of the Independence of Bulgaria. The stamps are surfaced printed on highly surfaced paper perforated 11½ with no watermark. Values and shades are 10st dark purple, St. Clement Ohreda, The Bishop of Tzar Simeon's capital; 15st mauve, Khuladinoff; 30st carmine, Rakovski; 50st sage green, Drenovsky Monastery; 1L red-brown, Father Paissy; 2L dark blue, Tzar Simeon; 3L olive-green, Liuben Karaveloff; 4L grey-brown, Vassil Levsky; 5L brown, George Beukovsky, and 6L Tzar Alescander II.

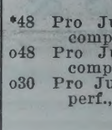
Canada.—Whitfield King & Co. submit for chronicle the 1c orange, perf. vertically, imperf. top and bottom.

Italy.—A correspondent of *Stamp Collecting* advises them that the Montecassino commemoration stamps will be on sale during the first fifteen days of June only. Four values will be included in the issue of which the highest, 10 lire, will be engraved. Ten thousand sets will also be overprinted for circulation in the Italian Colonies of Cirenaica, Eritrea, Somalia and Tripolitania. New Italian stamps for Express Delivery, Pneumatic and Aerial postage are in course of preparation by the rotogravure process.

New Guinea.—The Nassau Stamp Co. have sent a photograph of the current stamps with handstamp surcharge "O S". The 3p has a double overprint one of which is handstamped and the other the printed surcharge. Also the 1p, 4p and 1sh values appear with the surcharge inverted. Our correspondent adds that while Scott's catalog lists some officials under Nos. 202 to 209, they believe these refer to the printed surcharge and not to the handstamped.

Roumania.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a very attractive set of six values known as the Transylvania Commemoratives. The values are 1 leu purple, 2 lei green, 3 lei brown, 4 lei carmine, 5 lei orange, and 10 lei blue.

South Africa.—In a letter just received from Mr. J. Robertson of Johannesburg we learn that, owing to leakage of unused official stamps, the Union Government has decided to make these available to the public in unused state at face value. They will not be on sale at the Post Offices, but may be obtained from the Postmaster General at Pretoria on special application. The 2p King's Head Official stamp is now obsolete, having been replaced by the 2p pictorial, the current series now consisting of the ½p, 1p, 2p and 6p, all pictorials. The same applies to the South West Africa overprints.



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Vatican State.—Mr. S. Bayer Rome correspondent of *Stamp Colle* reports that the date of issue of the stamps of this State has been fixe June 10th. The series was describe week under "Stop Press" news.

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(Cut and article by courtesy "All About Switzerland")

One of the most interesting points in the historic capital of Switzerland is the little park known as "Kleine Schänzli." It is surrounded by an iron railing and bordered with rows of linden, poplar and fir, and lined with lilacs. The eminence, now crowned with a bandstand, where music is dispensed three times a week, is faced with a rocky cliff out of which water percolates into a little lake. It is the resort of people living in the central part of the town and one side of the park is walled up and commands a beautiful view of the river Aar as it bends around the city. Way beyond is the chain of the distant Alps.

The *pièce de resistance* of this park, which is one of the beauty spots of Berne, is the World's Postal Monument. This exquisite piece of art was unveiled some 20 years ago. It was modeled by a Parisian sculptor and symbolizes in a striking manner the great work of the International Postal Union. It is wrought in bronze and riveted to the rocks at its base and seems to rise naturally out of the basin of water and stone. The round globe is encircled by several figures, representing the human races encompassing the earth, while the airy figures are belting the world. These forms barely touch the sphere and seem to be flying through space. The Indian, of course, represents America, the comely Caucasian is Europe—then come the Malayan, the Mongolian and last the African—all combining to put a girdle around the earth.

The monument was put up to celebrate the establishment of the Postal Union, held at Berne in 1874—and the statue of Helvetia (Switzerland) enthroned at the base—just above the surface of the water, is graceful and commanding. The cloud effect, which really supports the huge globe and connects it with the rocky pedestal, is light and firm and comports with the whole work of Morceaux, the French artist. For Switzerland is the official headquarters of several international agreements, commercial treaties and unions. It made the initiative for the International Telegraph Union, dispensed with a central administration whose main office is in Berne. Then came the Postal Union, now comprising the coöperation of fifty modern administrations. Under this union a letter mailed, say, in Africa, will be transported by all the nations and landed in Oregon or Siam, with equal facility. So the design of the huge figures handing on the letter to his neighbor, floating over the surface of the suspended globe memorializes one of the most important world monuments ever inaugurated.

Around the base of this monument visitors linger, reading the motive of the sculptor and marveling at the poise of the metallic creation and the graceful swing of the human figures as they scarcely touch the surface of the globe, and seem to be expediting the delivery of the missives which they are passing around the terrestrial sphere. Over all the structure falls the deep shade of Swiss verdure and at its feet flows the tireless current of a Swiss stream, as it filters through the rocks of the Kleine Schänzli and passes into the little basin below the rocky throne of the complaisant Helvetia.

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By HERMANN FOCKE.

(The history of Air Mail progress must necessarily include the interesting stamps described in this article by Mr. Focke. They are pioneers and worthy of the consideration shown them by our faithful correspondent.—EDITOR.)

These letters are the initials of the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos, or the Colombo-German Association of Aerial Transportation in our Southern Sister-Republic of Colombia, which has functioned for almost ten years and brought to the country a never dreamt of progress in transportation of passengers, mails and, to a moderate degree, freights. Instead of a tedious trip by river boat and mule-back, consuming under most favorable conditions two weeks, the distance is now covered by hydro-aeroplane and railroad from the coast to the capital of Bogotá in the interior in less than two days, including an overnight stop at Girardort, the terminal station of the aerial voyage, reached in eight hours' flying time. It is noteworthy that in all these years there has not occurred one single serious mishap to an airship, while in service, while only three serious accidents are to be recorded.

While one of the main objects of this enterprise is the transport of the mails between the Coast and the Interior of Colombia, and to the original river route to Girardot, others have been added to the important commercial centres in the interior, and more recently to the Canal Zone, the Pacific Coast of Colombia, and finally to Ecuador.

As was to be supposed, the Company issued from the start of the air mail service special postage stamps, but these have been refused, so far, space in several of the more important catalogues, because, it was contended, the stamps had not been issued, nor were being sold by the Colombian Government Post Offices, and were, therefore, not official; however that may be, anybody familiar with the Colombia air mail knows that the air mail stamps, the same as the regular postage stamps, are invariably cancelled by the same postmark, indicating that the "SCADTA" must have some rights conceded to it by the Government, as far as mail matters are concerned. If we want to go to the bottom of the matter, I believe that in every country where there exists air mail service, it is handled by more or less private undertakings, and if the government issues and sells postage stamps for that particular purpose, a good part of the fee reverts to the owners of the planes; if I am not grievously mistaken, the same conditions exist today in our own country.

There is no doubt that the "Scadta" Air Mail Service is today the most practical and efficient one in existence, and for anybody to exclude its stamps from a collection of air mail stamps is a mistake which will sooner or later be regretted. Up to the present there have appeared three distinct issues of these stamps, and while I myself have not a complete collection of them, in fact the first issue is about as scarce as the famous hen's teeth, I have at least a good number of them, referring interested parties to the catalogues of Yvert & Tellier, and various other European concerns which have given these stamps the recognition they deserve.

The first issue, appearing in 1920 when the service was inaugurated, consisted of large oblong "pasters", about 50x25mm, crudely lithographed on white or colored paper, with inscriptions, at top: "Sociedad Colombo-Alemana", at bottom: "De Transportes Aereos" and value in the two lower corners, the centre showing a picture of the Magdalena river with the familiar flat-bottom river steamer and an aeroplane aloft; on either side of the picture which is in a semi-circle frame is a sort of a cherub or young maiden with outstretched arms, as if awakening from a sound sleep, or doing a dance of joy. The postmark on these stamps consisted of an equally crude rubber stamp in violet with the name of the Company, the town of origin and the name of the agent. Several of these stamps were surcharged with new value, such as VALOR 30 CENTAVOS on 50c (black on white paper) again with a rubber stamp in the same purple color.

The second issue consisted of a elaborate affair, the stamps being graved on white paper, the centavo ues showing again the Magdalena with aeroplane above and snow-c mountains in the distance, while the values have a picture of the Capit Bogotá, with the main plaza and cathedral in the fore, and the two tains of Montserrat and Guadalu the background; the inscriptions on were: "Servicio Postal Aereo de Co bia", with value and S. C. A. D. at bottom. The cancellation on consisted at first of a postmark wit same wording as the stamps, with of town at bottom and SCADTA in c while later the word SCADTA was tuted by the date. Of this second there exists also at least one provis stamp, the 60c orange having been charged in black diagonally "PROVI AL" and "30—30" over the old value

The third issue, now current, is similar design, but on white paper watermark crosses and circles (S type 116) and the inscriptions cha to read "Servicio de Transportes A en Colombia," to comply with an of the Colombian Govt. The post now being used has again the same ing as the stamps, with date in cent

At the recent inauguration of the vice to Ecuador a number of the Co bian stamps were surcharged with words ECUADOR at top, PROVISIONAL onally across the centre, and the E dorean currency at bottom, e.g.: SUCRE on the 30 centavos blue, but provisional issue was short-lived and recently been superseded by a perma issue, of which I have seen the 1½ S in grey-blue, quite a little smaller the Colombian stamps, with the façad some building, apparently a church, the inscriptions: ECUADOR at top in

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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Through the courtesy of R. W. Becker we are able to present the latest and most complete list of air mail combinations having the error on center plate 19597, and which is so widely sought among collectors of this issue. Mr. Becker writes: "As you know, the center plate 19597 had the word 'TOP' engraved on the left side of the plate instead of the right side, resulting in the 'TOP' of this plate, which prints with blue ink, falling on the 'TOP' of the frame plates printed in combination with it which are printed with red ink. The result is a double 'TOP' printed on the left sheets and the omission of any 'TOP' on the right sheets. This center plate was probably used more than any other, resulting in a large variety of combinations with it." Combinations with the following border plates are all in Mr. Becker's collection: 19585-587, 19605-606-612-613-614-615 - 620-622-623-624-625-626-627-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-670-671.

Several readers have also reported right panes having this center plate (19597) in combination with borders: 19605-606-608-613-615-619-624-630. No doubt the others will be reported soon.

Mr. A. E. Owen, president of the PPNA, has kindly sent for our files a complete list of all postage due plates issued by the Bureau, to date. There has been some confusion concerning these plates among collectors, due mainly to their trying to definitely place certain plates with particular issues. As one authority remarks: "It is futile to try to say definitely to what issue a *plate* belongs to when *stamps* are classified in issues on watermark and perforation differences." Some of these plates run through three, four and even five issues, for instance, printings from 2c plates 6703-04-05-06 are found with single line watermark, perf. 12; s.l. wmk., perf. 10; unwatermarked, perf. 10, and unwmk. perf. 11. The only sure way to determine the issue of certain postage due stamps is to check carefully the watermark and perforation. I will appreciate readers sending in lists of plate number stamps of these issues, taking care to give proper classification.

Letters containing information on various subjects are acknowledged from Wayne E. Kuhn, R. H. Mason, Theodore H. Ames, Mrs. O. W. Mott, J. Hartley Bowen, Jr., Robert Richardson, J. B. Bogne, Dr. Richard A. Metcalf, A. E. Owen (2), R. W. Becker (2), J. L. Keffer, Dr. Fletcher J. Towlerton, Arthur W. Line (2), Frederick A. C. Strubel, F. J. Stillman and Walter W. Hopkinson. Many long lists were included. Many thanks.

At the request of a reader asking for information concerning a certain plate and possible printings therefrom I sent the query to H. M. Southgate, chairman of the Plate Number Committee of the PPNA, who has generously sent the following reply: "Plate 8336 was used for sidewise coils, i.e., perforated vertically—1c. It may have been in use when the watermark paper was in production, as well as no watermark. Coil waste was perforated making the 11x10 compound. Some may have made the 11x11 rotary. The plate *may* have been used for:

No. 452—single line watermark, perf. 10 vert. coil.

No. 490—no watermark, perf. 10 vert. coil.

No. 538—no watermark, perf. 11x10 coil waste.

No. 545—no watermark, perf. 11x11 coil waste.

I got my copies, 11x10 coil waste in June, 1919, and probably it was not used on watermark paper and may be called a 1919 issue if No. 538 or No. 545 or 1916 if in coil form." Other readers having printings from this plate will find this report interesting.

Walter W. Hopkinson writes that he has all 144 Vincennes combinations now represented in his collection, and 667 5c air mail combinations! This is the largest amount reported to date. He adds that two other west coast collectors have succeeded in getting 556 and 584 combinations, respectively. These are record holdings I feel certain.

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CANAL ZONE NOTES

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The permanent series of postage stamps for the Canal Zone (replacing overprinted United States stamps) was inaugurated with the 1c green, and 2c carmine rose, bearing portraits of General Gorgas, and General Goethals, issued on October 3rd (the anniversary of the birth of General Gorgas, on Oct. 3, 1854), and October 1, 1928, respectively. Booklets of 2c stamps (25c and 49c) were issued November 5, 1928.

In January, 1929, order was placed with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for two additional denominations in the same size as the 1c and 2c, i.e., 19x 22mm, these being the 12c brown-violet, bearing a portrait of Col. David D. Gaillard, and the 50c lilac, Gov. J. C. S. Blackburn—these gentlemen having been former members of the Isthmian Canal Commission. Of the 12c 500,000 were ordered, and of the 50c, 250,000.

At the same time an order was placed with the Bureau for a commemorative stamp of 5c denomination, blue, which in size will approximate that of the air conference stamps of the U. S. A., issued December 12, 1928. The vignette will be from a photograph of a steam shovel operating in Culebra Cut, opposite Culebra, about the time that the dry excavation was completed. Of this stamp, 1,000,000 copies were ordered.

It was desired to have these new stamps in issue before the close of the fiscal year (i.e., June 30, 1929), but at last word it seemed hardly probable that they would arrive in time.

Canal Zone On U. S.

The 14c American Indian (50,000) in the shipment of Sept. 26, 1927, with the sharp "A" overprint, was issued about December, 1928.

According to the list (dated Jan. 9, 1929) of stamps available at the Philatelic Agency, Balboa Heights, the ½c, 2c, 3c and 10c flat plate printed, were exhausted, although the 2c, 3c and 10c were still to be had in rotary form.

Canal Zone Stamped Envelopes

Since writing the article which appeared in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of August 13, 1928, the following stamped envelopes have been manufactured by The Panama Canal Press, at Mt. Hope, Canal Zone—

	1c, No. 6.	2c, No. 6.	2c, No.9
Jan., 1929,	10,000	10,000**	5,000**
Jan., 1929,			25,000
Feb., 1929,	15,000	45,000**	
March, 1929,			10,200**
March, 1929,			25,200

**Air Mail

The 2c air mail envelopes in the first printing (May, 1928), bore in addition to the blue, white and red horizontal stripes on the face, a single lined box, 32x32mm, in the lower left corner, with the instructions, in blue "Via—Air Mail —Envelopes of this—design to be used—exclusively for air—mail.—Sender's address—must be shown on—envelope." In the January and March, 1929, printings, the box is omitted, and the words "Via Air Mail" (70x6mm) are printed in blue, just above the colored horizontal stripes, at the left of the envelope.

25c on 2c Air Mail, Jan. 11, 1929

For use in connection with the air mail service between Cristobal and Miami, over FAM No. 5, inaugurated from Cristobal on Feb. 10, 1929, a special air mail stamp of 25c denomination was manufactured, to be added to the 2c air stamped envelopes, to express the 27c rate (per half ounce).

The overprint "AIR MAIL" at the top, and "25 CENTS 25" at the bottom, was applied in blue, to the 2c rose carmine, Goethals, issued October 1, 1928, in Post Office sheets of 100 (10x10), by the Panama Canal Press, Mt. Hope, Canal Zone. All four plate numbers are known with the overprint, i.e., 115184, 115185, 115186 and 115187.

The first printing consisted of 500 sheets (50,000 stamps), which were first placed on sale January 11, 1929. (The inauguration of the air service was first reported for Jan. 11th from Miami, and Jan. 19th from Cristobal.)

The demand for the overprinted stamp was great, and with the postponement of the first flight north from Jan. 19th to February 10th, large quantities of co were presented additional to those pared with ordinary Canal Zone (1c 2c), or U. S. overprinted stamps.

Just previous to the dispatch of first mail north, a second printing 20,000 was made, and on February a third printing of 20,000 was compl During April, 1929, an additional 10(were manufactured, making a total the four printings) of 190,000. O printings will be made as needed.

The use of the overprinted air stamp was not compulsory at first, towards the end of March, 1929, the rector of Posts ruled that only mail paid with the special 25c air mail st would receive air treatment over Cristobal-Miami route, and that ordi stamps would not be accepted, eve totalling the proper amount. The re given is that this is necessary for counting purposes.

Subsequently, by a notice of M 20th (*Postal Bulletin* of Mar. 21st), air letter rate over FAM 5 from M to Cristobal (and vice versa, of cou was reduced from 27c to 25c per ounce. The first mails dispatched a new rate were on April 2nd north south.

Jan. 11, 1929. Provisional air mail st Permanent series (2c) line engr and recess printed (from flat pla by Bureau of Engraving & Prin Washington, D. C., and overprinte the Panama Canal Press, Mt. H Canal Zone, in blue, in two lines, MAIL—25 CENTS 25." Unwatermar perf. single line 11.

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Mr. R. L. Bell rings a carillon from Fort Dodge, Iowa, that our remarks on the word MILITARY *on stamps is quite off in that he submits specimens picked up at random. All were from the Chicago Universal cancel. He remarks that this has nothing whatsoever to do with Chicago gunmen. This summer we are going to Random where so many chaps pick up stamps.*

Summer is here. It is just that heat of the sun that comes along and tries to make you forget stamps. It lends you that flaccid philosophy of Omar to sit under a tree and do nothing. You are entranced to dream in the shade and waft a Nirvana of selfish idleness, as if such a philosophy were ever practical in America. If summer brings to you an unconsciousness for the occlusion of your doubts, forget it. Stamps are stamps in summer as well as in winter. Remember the ant who worked all summer while the grasshopper rubbed his elbows. In the winter, the ant was selling stamps while the grasshopper still had blank spaces. Let Omar go around in his nightshirt with his bunk philosophy, but you dear friend, cast your fly at plate numbers, churn up the dust with post office cancels, do eighteen holes at perf. 10 or perf. 11, or either mixed, but sit down every now and then, and keep after those blank spaces. Stamp collecting is 100% perpetual motion. I second the motion.

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MEXICAN CHARITY STAMPS

By DONALD D. SMYTHE.

The present law requires that all mail originating in Mexico and addressed to points *within* the country shall carry, in addition to the regular rate of postage, 1c for each 20 grams or fraction thereof. The 1c may be paid with ordinary stamps or with the new charity stamps. Thus, strange as it may seem, a letter addressed to the next town requires 11c postage while a letter sent anywhere out of the country requires only 10c.

Parcels post requires quite a string of stamps, sometimes a dozen or so. I asked the postmaster if other denominations would be issued to care for this mail and he told me no. There is a new order out and in two weeks the P. O.s will be supplied with hand stamps in place of adhesives for use on papers and parcels. I presume that the adhesive will still be used on letters.

The first stamp to appear was a provisional made by overprinting the 1c "Proteccion a la Infancia" (For the protection of the Children). Judging from the supplies that reached here (only 10 sheets of 100 each) the issue was a small one. The permanent stamp has now arrived, showing mother and child, and is inscribed "Proteja a la Infancia" (Protect the Children). There are plenty of these.

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THE postmaster of Geneseo, New York, is living and learning, and moreover he has attained an ease of expression that makes him a man among men. He says that he "didn't know there were so many nuts in the world," and his access of knowledge is the result of his recent experiences with collectors of stamps who have written him on the subject of the Sullivan sesquicentennial stamp which is to be placed on sale at Geneseo on June 17th. Not unnaturally stamp collectors from all over the country have written him to have his coöperation in obtaining their beloved first day covers. Our information is gained from the columns of the esteemed Rochester *Democrat* of June 7th, and further the postmaster of Perry, New York, has his tale to tell, and we learn that the first sheet at Perry is reserved for "Guy Comfort, president of the Genesee County Association, which association was instrumental in getting the new stamp." To revert to the Geneseo postmaster and his swelling correspondence: "When the first batch of requests arrived, Shepard stacked them on one corner of his desk. The next mail indicated that a desk basket would be needed for them; then a double-depth drawer was designated as the receptacle. The drawer is full and the post office force is getting out cardboard cartons to hold the stamp-fan letters until the 17th. Some of the requests are for blocks of four. Many of the envelopes are addressed to the senders. Only one collector has offered to pay any one for the job of licking the stamps that he wants in his collection." The shipment to Geneseo is 200,000 of the Sullivan stamps.

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THE Rules and Classifications Governing American Philatelic Exhibitions as Adopted by the American Philatelic Exhibition Committee, consisting of the findings of the committee appointed to formulate a scheme for general usage has appeared in pamphlet form. The committee has done its work with careful attention to the development of a practical plan for the furtherance of stamp shows, and the whole subject seems to have been handled with a proper view of the perspective. The committee is: Gustave M. Mosler, Hugh M. Clark, Alfred Lichtenstein and the sub-committee: Charles J. Phillips, J. J. Klemann, Jr., Albert J. Squier, Walter Scott and Harry M. Konwiser. The plan of operation recommended has been adopted by the Minneapolis exhibit and what we have said before in praise of the scheme is strengthened by a reading of the rules and classifications which are designed to make the stamp show a personal rather than a remote object for the collector as we know him.

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LITERALLY clippings by the score have descended on us describing arrests in New York and elsewhere or persons concerned in alleged stamp frauds. Lacking details that give warrant for plain speaking on the subject, we reserve hasty judgment and can only say that the colors in which the picture has been painted may be too somber. Opportunely, Franklin P. Adams in his Conning Tower in the New York *World* contributes the following sapient observation: "Postal Inspector Shea reminds us of the man who said somebody had been talking in prose all his life without knowing it. Commenting on the fraudulent trade in stamps, he said, 'Some who got in late also said that they were philatelists, but they didn't even know how to spell the word.'" We take the liberty of reading into these lines that some may have used the cloak of philately to cover a multitude of sins; and it is well for us to remember that the self-styled philatelist may be one who merely assumes the role of respectability to cover unworthy aims.

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WE cannot dismiss the brilliant "F. P. A." before adding the following observation that proves that he is a kindred soul; and we respectfully suggest that instead of loitering on the banks that he again plunge in the philatelic pool and be refreshed. He says: "Why, inspector, most of us were philatelists before we knew that there was such a word, let alone how to spell it. More than that, many of us were engaged in the stamp business. We were in it ourself on rather a grand scale, getting sheets to sell on commission from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp Company of St. Louis and the Scott Stamp and Coin Company of New York, whose International Album we used. We still know the difference between buff and mauve, and can tell the flag of Ecuador at sight." Mr. Adams then makes his contribution to the list of light occupations: "We are no professional stamp washer but our notion of the world's easiest job would be that of washing the adhesive stuff from the stamps."

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THE following note appears on a letter bearing a 3c and a 6c War Department, addressed to an army officer in Kentucky from the Quartermaster General's Office, Washington: "A. B. Masoner to whom this letter is addressed committed suicide in Cincinnati, Ohio, several years ago and none of his relations are residing within the delivery of this office." The statement is signed by the postmaster at the office of address.

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THE following is a copy of a letter from the Hon. W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general, Washington, in reply to an inquiry as to the authenticity of certain so-called first flight covers from Miami to Central America. The covers submitted showed no postal evidence of having reached Honduras, to which they were addressed, and the owner had certain misgivings about them as having actually completed the journey. Mr. Glover writes: "Returning the seven covers submitted with your letter of June 5, you are informed that the fact that they do not bear the Miami-Central American special cachet indicates that they were dispatched on the first flight from Miami to Central America. Many, if not all the covers sent in the first dispatch to Tela are being returned from Tela by steamship *via* New Orleans without being delivered (even though they are addressed to bona fide addressees at Tela and other places in Honduras). There are also being returned from Tela many letters addressed to the postmaster at Tela which were sent thereto in the ordinary mails (as well as by air mail) and which are thought to contain international reply coupons for return of first flight covers. Some of these letters were marked at Tela as 'Rehusada (refused)', others, as in the case of yours, were not marked to show why they were not delivered. A sack of first flight covers sent to Managua has been returned to Miami by air. These are largely letters addressed to the name of the sender, c/o the postmaster at Managua which contain international reply coupons to prepay postage for their return by the ordinary means of first flight covers sent in his care. Since these first flight covers are being returned to the senders without their being obliged to pay return postage, the advantage is theirs and Nicaragua and the Republic of Honduras have lost the postal revenue that would have accrued to their services in exchanging the international reply coupons sent to the postmasters at Managua and Tela to prepay such return postage."

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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

AN EDITORIAL

The June issue of the "Airmail Collector" carried an announcement of great importance to all collectors of airmail. The editor of the American Airmail Catalog gives detailed information as to plans for the new World Edition, which will appear this fall, and which will catalog items from all over the world, instead of just from the U. S. and a few surrounding countries, as heretofore.

Due to the increased range of the catalog, its sponsors have decided to list only official flights and cachets hereafter. I don't know how far this will affect certain early items, now in the classic group, which were really not in the least official at the time of flight. However, it will mean certainly that many modern covers of a historical, though unofficial nature, will be omitted, and that Airport Dedications, Aero Shows, etc., will be dropped entirely.

The editor of the catalog is entirely within his rights in this decision, and I do not question it. I do insist, however, that the large group of collectors who have been getting together these interesting covers, whether Byrd Polar, or Pasco Airport Dedication, have a right to expect some sort of organized list of these covers. They are eminently collectible, highly interesting, and the vast majority are entirely clean from any hint of speculation or private enterprise.

If the American Catalog does not list these covers in its future editions, some other catalog will have to take up the task. I should like to hear from interested collectors, or from any professional who thinks he has the time, inclination, and equipment to tackle such a piece of work.

OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

While not necessarily airmail, the first day covers of the Edison stamp, singles, pairs, blocks, airmail letters, and one signed by the P. M. came rolling in. Some must have arrived late, and been postmarked the 5th anyway, as I received 2 covers on the 10th with the proper 1st day cancellation. James J. Maye, who sent the autographed cover, says that when he asked the P. M. to sign some covers he replied that he was busy, and, says Mr. Maye, "He was, too!" At any rate, Postmaster Shepard did sign six covers, one for each mile Mr. Maye drove to mail them.

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By this time, you know of the much augmented list of first day sale cities for the Sullivan stamp the 17th. Mr. W. Irving Glover was kind enough to wire me this information several days before it appeared in the Postal Bulletin, and we appreciate his thoughtfulness even though the first paper we could make was the one dated the 17th.

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Guess here's an Airport Dedication that has to come under the officials this time. The opening of the Kingston, Ont., airport June 4th was the occasion of special official flights to and from Montreal and Toronto, and four typical Canadian cachets were applied. On June 6th, the airport at Hamilton was opened with similar flights between Hamilton and Toronto. And I do like those pictorial cachets.

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More FAM 9 and 5 covers back this week. Covers on route 9 to Guayaquil reached there the 19th. Mine to Lima were not backstamped. Those to Truxillo were backstamped the 19th, and front stamped the 20th. *** And I have just received covers sent to Tumaco, Colombia. It was reported that Colombian mail was included at the last minute in the first dispatch from Miami. The Miami postmark of May 14th bears this out. BUT, while the letters are backstamped Cristobal the 16th, they did not reach Tumaco till the 25th, or the date of the first official dispatch announced in a subsequent Postal Bulletin. Covers evidently left Miami with the Ecuador-Peru lot, but were held at Cristobal. Wonder how they handled the Chilean lot. Ought to know soon. Incidentally, these covers bear the same first flight cachet as applied at Cristobal for the Peru and Ecuador mail, but in blue instead of black.

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First mail south on Route 5 from Nicaragua has a map design cachet in purple directly over the P. A. A. surcharged stamp. This mail left Managua May 16, and is backstamped Cristobal the same day. *** Several folks have reported that mail directed to various points on this new service, southbound from Miami, received no terminal backstamps. Evidently these countries are following Uncle Sam's lead in some things we'd rather see them pass up. *** Covers recently received via SCADTA from Colombia bear a new 30c stamp for this company, the same size, and more of the appearance of the regular Colombian postage stamps.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, ETC.

Miniature Aircraft Contest at Kansas City, Mo., June 8th, brought out a purple cachet sponsored by the Aviation Club. *** The United Confederate Veterans reunion at Charlotte, N. C., was commemorated by an appropriate cachet in various colors June 4-7.

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The second "Birthplace of the Republican Party" celebration and cachet came June 8th at Ripon, Wis. See by the paper that some place in Michigan also claims it's the REAL birthplace, and is going ahead to plan a celebration just as if the other two hadn't happened. *** Here's another one. Sunnyside, Wash., broadcasts its Annual Ford Day with a cachet June 7. And yhat's that, now?

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Toledo used an attractive first anniversary cachet June 3rd, a year after the inauguration of mail service there. Colors were green, blue, violet, and magenta, and W. H. Wolfgang persuaded Postmaster Huntsman to sign one for me with all four on it. Thanks! *** The St. Marys, Kans., dedication last week is the first dedication of a College Airport, so says Todd Fagan. The legend on the envelope reads, "Dedication St. Marys College Airport". Covers sent in to be mailed received no cachet but somewhat over 300 of the special envelopes were mailed. *** And of course these deserve full rank as dedication covers, too. A cachet does not make the cover—the postmark of the proper dedication date on an airmail letter does that. The cachet simply adds decoration and identification. *** Ryder, N. D., dedicated June 8, magenta cachet by C. of C.

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The Kansas Air Tour came to an abrupt halt at Wichita, due to bad storms which damaged many of the planes, and any further cachets in connection with it were thereby eliminated. *** Wichita will dedicate in August; cachet by and covers to the C. of C. *** Grinnell, Iowa, dedication and Diamond celebration of the settlement of Grinnell Oct. 1st. Cachet by C. of C. *** Fairfax Airport dinner and cachet, due June 5 and K. C., Kans., postponed a week. *** Kansas City, Mo., C. of C. will have a special cachet July 1st in connection with the first stop there of the new air-mail service.

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For new official routes or first flights, covers should be sent ready to go to the postmasters of the various cities affected, accompanied by the request that he hold and mail for the first flight. For covers coming your way, simply have them addressed to your own address. For the opposite direction, send either to some correspondent, or to yourself care the Postmaster of the terminal city, and send him return postage with the request that they be returned to you. Ready to go means cover should be sealed and stamped, all ready to go in the mail. It is advisable to put at least a few thicknesses of filling inside the envelope, to give it stiffness and keep it from being bent.

For other events, of an unofficial nature, directions are the same, except that your covers are sent to the Chamber of Commerce, or individual mentioned as looking after the job. Simply fix up your covers, stick them in a big envelope, write a polite note of instructions to accompany them, put on enough postage to carry the lot, and you should get your flown letters in due time.

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Coöperators this week were fewer than usual, but they made it up in quality: Frederick Hambrock, Jr., *Robert M. Hayes (evidently trying to get in Paul Hudson's class), *Charles J. Martin, A. C. Roessler, Douglas Montell, *Maurice S. Petty, C. S. George, *Otto Edenharter, *Leo August, *Todd Fagan, *James J. Maye, *Edward C. Lovell, *Allen P. Harding, *C. J. Buckstein, *Harry Citret, Floyd D. Shockley, *W. H. Wolfgang, *J. W. Scott, *P. R. Hudson, Harold Rosenthal, Nelson E. Willits, *Anna M. Schafer, Tom Simmons, Henry O. Meisel, *Wm. H. Mackie, Donald M. Custer.

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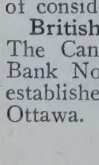

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British American Bank Note Co.—The Canadian branch of the American Bank Note Co., of New York. It was established first at Montreal and then at Ottawa. Nearly all the Canadian stamps issued since 1868 have been designed, engraved and printed by this concern.

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This subject comes up so often that another little note would not be amiss. First of all, let me make it plain that young boy and girl collectors should collect everything as a help to an education. When you are getting into the twenties and beyond and feel that you should concentrate your efforts in a more limited area, then you must decide for yourself what you wish to specialize in. I dare say that no matter what you specialize in, you will not make a mistake as far as the investment element is concerned. If you feel that you should specialize, then you have the pick of many countries and many issues. You can take, for instance, any of the following:

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I have overlooked quite a number, but these are just written down as they occur to the Scribe. The thing to do is to select that which interests you most, then go to it, without paying any attention to what your neighbor thinks or does.—*Stamp-Itis.*

Collecting Suggestions

By JACOB SPITZ.

I believe that the following rules for collecting will help to make one's collection very attractive in appearance and will prove sound philatelic sense:—

(1.) Collect mint only and in perfect condition.

(2.) Set aside a regular amount weekly for stamps.

(3.) Remember that beauty counts, not quantity.

(4.) Buy in sets at first, as complete as you can afford.

(5.) Buy as many pictorial sets as possible.

(6.) Get commemoratives as soon as issued.

(7.) Buy no reprints.

(8.) Use a loose-leaf album with black leaves; hinge on one side of page only.

(9.) Allow plenty of space between stamps and between rows.

(10.) Use gold ink for headings and brief descriptions.

Junior Dictionary

Poste Estensi.—Found on many of the stamps of Modena. It means "Post of the House of Este", the House of Este being the family name of the rulers of the Duchy.

Poste Italiane.—Found on most of the stamps of Italy and meaning of course "Italian Post."

Poste Khedevie Egiziane.—Found on the Egyptian stamps of 1872-75, meaning "Khedival Egyptian Post".

Poste Locale.—Found on many of the early Cantonal stamps of Switzerland. It means "Local Post" and indicates the somewhat local nature of these issues.

Poste Paye.—An overprint upon the 1904 stamps of Hayti, meaning "Post Paid".

Poste Persane.—Found on all Persian stamps issued between 1881 and 1898, meaning "Persian Post". All subsequent issues show both words in the plural, viz., "Postes Persanes".

Poster Stamps.—Advertising stickers in the shape of postage stamps.

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—CAPT. A. C. TOWNS

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Oswald O'Goofus of philatelic fam Is the guy with the pop-eyed lamps When seeking a pane, he always ins On perfectly centered imperforate sta —W. E. Ja

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SALMAGUNDI

Advertisement refused by the Ac Bugle:—

FOR SALE: Ford, 1921 issue, f all nicely perforated; grid cancellat N. W. corner; inside O. G.

MacKechnie's latest economy - bought a job lot of Neurope and v the gum off to fill his mucilage pot

Hoot Mon! Mac Celewee uses tenstein and Hungary stamps for pe hinges by cutting same into strips Turner beats this, he makes hing the gummed sheet margins; while Tavish manages by cutting off the of perforated stamps.

CHAMPION OPTIMIST.—In a c Precancel publication a chap has tised for the seventh consecutive "I still want Belgium Nos. —— cancelled."

JED MACR

* * *

"NEEDS RETOUCHING," WAS THE EN ER'S COMMENT ON HIS WIFE'S DRUG BLUSH.

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PHILATELIC PROVERBS

Foolishness is bound in the heart child and he is dumb enough to wri free stamps.

Bread of deceit is sweet to a ma afterward his grandchildren will di the clipped perforation.

There is gold and a multitude of r but the lips of knowledge are a pr jewel and any auction will prove it.

Seest thou a man wise in his ow ceit? Verily the club brethren will him out of his pants.

HILL BILLY (Scappoose, O

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The high light of a recent phi meet was the showing of a nice blo 24c wine stamps, after which the broke up the meet. The trouble cording to Ches. W. H., was tha block of 24c wines was still on th original case.

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FOR SALE: STAMP ENGRAVER'S O BY AN ARTIST WITH SEVERAL CRA PLATES.—ROBERT E. DUNLOP.

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**Jane collected pretty stamps
As many ladies do;
The boy friend he collected Jan
And now it's Me and You.
—Phil U. Telle**

* * *

Dumb: I see that there are lo precancelled stamps used at Ni Falls, N. Y.

Bell: Yeah? What kind of pac are they used on?

Dumb: I dunno. What do they there?

Bell: Electricity.—A. C. LEDUC.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

plementing my article in MEKEEL'S
LY of April 1, 1929, the following
racted from the 35th annual report
Jamaican Post Office Dept. for the
ending 31st March, 1903.
.—Under an agreement between His
ur the Commissioner of the Cayman
ds, and approved by His Excellency
overnor, a Money Order exchange
en those Islands and Jamaica and
abroad via Jamaica, came into
1st January, 1903.
.—Under this arrangement, persons
nt in Grand Cayman enjoy the great
ntage which they did not possess
ously, of sending and receiving,
as well as large sums of money, not
to and from Jamaica, but to and
every country with which Jamaica
oncluded a convention or an agree-
for the exchange of Money Orders.
.—The benefits resulting to Grand
an from the Money Order system
bvious, and I submit that the public
must be very grateful to His Hon-
he Commissioner, Mr. Sanguinetti,
gh whose efforts the system has
established.
.—The Cayman Islands had already
permitted to avail themselves of the
l order system in Jamaica, which is
sed in the remittance of small sums
e public in both places, the Postmas-
Grand Cayman being supplied with
ica postal orders for such purpose
limited extent."
. J. H. Pearce, for 38 years in the
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United States

"Edison" Stamp

On June 6th, the day after the first appearance of the 2-cent "Edison" stamp at Menlo Park, N. J., the variety was placed on sale at Atlantic City at a special post office at the Convention of the National Electric Light Association. Henry Ford purchased the first stamp sold and a clipping from the *New York Times* relative to the occasion, is of interest.

"Standing in front of the Atlantic City Auditorium today, Henry Ford had to borrow 2 cents to buy the first Thomas A. Edison commemorative stamp at a special post office established there.

Behind the counter, flanked on either side by pictures of Edison, was Postmaster Alfred Perkins. As he handed the first stamp to be sold here to Mr. Ford, the latter searched in vain for the 2 cents. J. F. Quinlan of New York, executive secretary of the Golden Jubilee of Light Committee, came to the rescue.

'Thanks,' said Mr. Ford, 'I'll see that you get it back.'

Mr. Ford handed the two pennies to Mayor Ruffo, who accompanied him, and the Mayor kept them for souvenirs, so that the postmaster didn't get them after all."

Mr. Francis Hartzel kindly sends a cover from Atlantic City from the Convention Hall temporary post office, which, unfortunately, bears no special postmark. Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman sends a cover from Menlo Park and a similar cover is received from Mr. E. G. Emerson, who took the trouble of having a special green label printed for applying to his covers, reading—"In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Invention of Electric Lights by Thomas A. Edison."

Unfortunately, the English are not actively participating in our coming celebration, as they claim Swan is the real inventor of the incandescent lamp, as his lamp appeared a year or so in advance of the Edison product.

The new 2-cent "Edison" variety printed from the rotary plate and perforated 11x10½, as well as the sidewise rotary coil with 10 perforation, were both placed on sale for the first time at the Philatelic Agency in Washington on Tuesday, June 11th. We wish to thank Mr. W. K. Sump, as well as other Washington correspondents for first-day covers.

Mr. Philip R. Hough has discovered a scratch on one of the left panes of Plate 19778. He is not sure as to whether it is the upper or lower left pane, but the third stamp immediately to the right of the left plate number has a scratch starting in the lower right corner extending through the margin, through the upper right corner of the fourth stamp into the stamp immediately above. I have not seen the variety, but am describing it from Mr. Hough's sketch.

2-Cent "Sullivan" Variety

In the "Stop Press" column of last week, we announced through the courtesy of Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, the fact that these new stamps would be placed on sale in fifteen different cities of northern New York State. The information is further confirmed in a letter of Mr. Glover's dated June 5, appearing in the *Postal Bulletin* of June 7.

20-Cent Air Mail Plate Variety

It is the general practice when a plate has been completed and is ready to harden to apply the letter "F", indicating "finished" to the plate, near the upper right plate number. I have just been shown a block of the 20-cent air mail stamp from plate 18892, wherein this "F" is applied in an inverted position near the lower right plate number.

Air Mail—Backstamped

Since a ruling of the Post Office went into effect during the early part of the year, relative to the discontinuing of the backstamping of first-day air mail covers, collectors have been disappointed and have been complaining that there is nothing to indicate that the cover in question has actually flown. For the benefit of first-day air mail collectors, who have no doubt, overlooked the fact, we call their attention to the necessity of backstamping special delivery mail, hence, every air mail cover bearing a special delivery stamp in addition will be backstamped. The postal regulations make it necessary for the postmaster at destination to backstamp special delivery mail, which gives the collector the cover that he desires. While it gives Uncle Sam 10 cents additional, first-day covers showing the backstamp will, no doubt, be worth the extra amount. As the Post Office Department has been accustomed to backstamping special delivery letters for years, it will not necessitate any unusual trouble if the collector follows this procedure.

Perforated 10 Revenues

In the Chronicle for June 10, I devoted a long paragraph to the current Perf. 10 revenues which have recently appeared. In writing this article, I had before me a blank sheet of paper, bearing an impression from the perforating machine used on these varieties, and as my eye as a rule, can accurately separate a Perf. 10 from a Perf. 11, I guessed at the perforation, and now find that the eye which is trained in the case of a stamp, is not trained in the case of a

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Iceland 121, .10; 149, .50; 145, .05.
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blank piece of paper, hence, my remarks concerning the presses in use at the present time on revenues should have read perforated 10, instead of 11.

Under the circumstances, we may expect all of the current revenue stamps with the ten perforation. So far, we have noted the Documentary overprinted "Stock Transfer" 10c, 20c, 1c and $2. No doubt, all of the others will be available in time, and we will be glad to chronicle new denominations, as they are brought to our attention.

Barwani.—Two new colors have been issued in the type of A2. They are the ¼a ultramarine and ½a dark green. Copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Cuba.—The *Philatelic News Bureau* states that, notwithstanding that only ten sets were supplied to each applicant, the "Capitol" commemoration stamps were completely sold out within a few hours of their being issued on May 20th.

Cyprus.—*Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* prints the following figures as the total numbers sold of each value of the Jubilee series: ¾ piastre, 1,258,080; 1 piastre, 816,080; 1½ piastres, 262,440; 2½ piastres, 236,664; 4 piastres, 44,730; 6 piastres, 36,120; 9 piastres, 117,740; 18 piastres, 83,000; 45 piastres, 54,576; and 1 pound, 19,164.

France.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 10c mauve, type of A16. *Stamp Collecting* in chronicling the special stamp sold at the Havre Exhibition describes as follows: 2fr orange and blue overprinted "Exposition Philatelique Le Havre 1929" in bronze blue. The number printed and issued was 40,000.

Iceland.—Reports from Theodore Champion state that the total number of the 10 on 2kr surcharged stamps noted in our chronicle last week were 30,000. Of the 10 ore Air Post stamp of 1928, 180,000 copies in all were provided.

Malta.—Mr. Francis Hartzel advises that he has received the current issue of stamps surcharged "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" in three lines. The overprint on all values up to the 1sh is in black, while those of the other values are in red, and the letters are smaller than on the lower values. The higher denominations have a period after the word "Revenue".

Manchuria.—Mr. Fred W. Church sends for chronicle the 1, 4, and 10 cents values of the new Unification series surcharged for use in this province. They were placed on sale April 27th last.

Roumania.—The 7½ lei, King Michael design, which we chronicled several weeks ago on unwatermarked paper has now been issued watermarked wavy lines. Whitfield King & Co. send us the information.

Tunis.—The 30 centimes stamp of the 1926-28 series has been surcharged "10" for inland and French use, but is only issued in precancelled state according to information furnished by *Stamp Collecting*.

Stop Press News

THE SULLIVAN COMMEMORATIVE

First day Sullivan covers, June 17, have been received from Horseheads (Frank W. Wright), Seneca Falls (Bradie Buchanan), Elmira (Frank W. Wright), Syracuse (Harry E. Klotzbach), Canojoharie (P. R. Crooker), and Penn Yan (Albert E. Gorham). Others may show up. Every cover bears a different design, including a map of the Sullivan operations, the flag, monument at Elmira, a realistic cartoon and pictures in both blue and olive colors of the hero of 1779.

BUREAU PRINTS

Cumberland, Md., Junction City, Kans., and Hartford, Conn., are shortly to join the fraternity of Bureau Print cities. The first two have ordered the one cent coil, and Hartford will have the 1c, 1½c and 2c ordinaries. In addition to these, the following new denominations from old Bureau cities are shortly to appear: Jackson, Mich., all coils except 1½c; Los Angeles, Calif., all ordinaries above 3c; Lowell, Mass., 1½c coil; Peoria, Ill., 1c coil; and Portland, Oreg., 4c, 5c and 6c ordinaries.

The following B-11 ordinaries have been reported since the last chronicle: Akron, Ohio, 3c; Cincinnati, Ohio, 6c; Cleveland, Ohio, 1c; Detroit, Mich., 7c; Holyoke, Mass., 1c; Newark, N. J., 5c; Rochester, N. Y., 8c; Saint Louis, Mo., 2c; Syracuse, N. Y., 10c.

C. A. CARROLL, *Editor*.

AIR FLIGHT ITEMS

The Cleveland Air Mail Society was organized June 11. Nearly fifty air mail enthusiasts of Cleveland and vicinity met at the Hotel Winton, listened to talks by Bob Brooks and others, elected officers, with H. H. Griffin as president, and completed the organization. Meetings first Tuesday of the month, Hotel Clinton.

The Canadian Post Office Dept. announces the following special official air mail flights July 1st: Charlottetown, P. E. I. to Moncton, N. B., also reverse and Moncton, N. B., to St. John, N. B., also reverse. Covers will bear special cachets and should be forwarded to the various postmasters, accompanied by money orders for 5c rate.

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White River Junction, Vt., July covers to R. A. Clanger. *** Mon Vt., dedication soon. 5c covers to Grady, Box 34. *** Anniston, Ala 14, cover from George Kreyli Elkhart, Ind., June 14, cover from Emerson.

MAJ. T. CHARLTON HENRY HON

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As a result of the most surprisin eral British Election of modern Philately finds itself more strongly sented in the House of Common ever before, says *Stamp Col* Amongst the new members who a philatelists is Mr. R. P. Croom-J K.C., who is "in" for Bridgewate is a fellow of the Royal and was f ly philatelic editor of the *Bazaar*. er legal luminary, Mr. J. B. M K.C., the new member for Gat was the first Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society—though no rela the great F. J. M.! Capt. Vict Cazalet was again returned for Ch ham, whilst the philatelic proclivi Lord Birkenhead, Sir P. Cunliffe and Major the Hon. W. Ormesby are well known, so that the ph public may be sure that its interes be in safe hands.

NEWS FLASHES

We have received from W. T. V a first day cover of the 16th Ph Congress held at Birmingham, En ginning June 4. We appreciate his tesy. The cancellation is a very d tive one. Charles J. Phillips contr a paper to the Congress. It was "Reminiscences".

We have seen no list of Am attending the Havre exhibition a the present writing the honors bel Albert W. Batchelder of Salem, formerly of the New England Stan

DR. CHASE'S BOOK NEARLY READY

By LYMAN J. SEELY.

After months of delays the printers of Dr. Carroll Chase's book on the U. S. 3c stamp of 1851-1857 announce that the volume will be mailed, beginning the last week in June. As originally planned, Dr. Chase intended to make some corrections and amendments to the work as published serially in the *American Philatelist*, using so far as possible the original illustrations. For a long time the half tones were mislaid and when they did turn up a large number were missing. After weeks of search these were finally found.

Then, because of many new discoveries, in the so-called "Plate 10 group" of the perforated Type II stamps, Dr. Chase decided that he must rewrite about 25% of the copy. New cuts were required to illustrate this, and to replace a number of old illustrations found to be technically illegal. This brought the question of high finance to the front. Original subscriptions were taken at $5 (for a technical book of a size and type generally published at from $10 to $15) and the amount of the subscriptions did not contemplate these additional expenditures. This difficulty was easily arranged, but the preparations of drawings and photographs for these new illustrations took time as well as money.

As there are more than 500 subscribers and others interested in the volume, and as the office force of J. O. Moore, Inc., was seriously handicapped by illness, it did not seem practical to write al time a new stumbling block ap The printers are running a few copies and these will be available they last at $6 each.

SPECIAL POSTMARKS

When the Ohio River was carryi passenger packets its whole length Pittsburgh to Cairo, along with fleets of coal barges pushed do powerful towboats, there were packet lines of majestic steamboats wheelers and sternwheelers, in the between Louisville and Pittsburgh. were splendid sidewheelers runnin tween Louisville and Cincinnati, a tween Cincinnati, Wheeling and burgh, with shorter trades be Wheeling and Parkersburg, Ma and Gallipolis, Portsmouth and C nati, and Pomeroy and Cincinnati. Pomeroy and Cincinnati "White Line" had three big sidewheelers in operation.

In the 1870's and 1880's there what old river men call "palmy Everybody rode the steamboats, carried the mails and express ship and freight, as well as passengers. the lines "fed well" and carried people. Most of them had cozy, stocked bars. There were card day and night, dancing every night much gaiety among passengers, with eymoon trips to the "Queen City" a "Smoky City."—Chicago *Journa Commerce*.

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have just entered upon our list a new subscriber, Kenneth Shepard, Park, N. J. We extract the fol- g from his letter: "My father is aster of Menlo Park, and there was at rush for the new Edison stamps irst day covers. We sold nearly 0 stamps, and this post office has in more receipts on June 5, than ever taken in before. There were ximately 70,000 first day covers ed."

have a suggestion for the new U. S. issue from Mrs. E. M. Appleby coma, Wash., who feels that Com- r Byrd has shown "courage, wis- and kindness" in his aerial activities. the letters we have received, we that the P. O. department at Wash- , is receiving a great deal of advice.

have received from R. E. B. Roe he May number of the monthly al of the British Empire Chamber mmerce, U. S. A. It contains an in which reference is made to the vative manner in which Great Brit- as refrained from commemorative .

are indebted to Geo. F. Wild for a first air mail cover N. Y. City to . S. Leviathan. It bears a hand- cachet showing a picture of the er, two airplanes, and complete in- ion which includes, "By Adams air ick-up." In addition to this cachet is the following statement, "delivery ick-up postponed." The postmark w York, June 10. It is an interest- ver.

E. GORHAM favors us with first day covers of the 2c Edison rotary vertical coil. The postmark reads ington, D. C., June 11.

J. OLSON, the well-known philate- list of St. Paul, has a superb write- the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* of June r. Olson is a member of the firm olm & Olson and the managing edi- tor has good reason to remember the hospitality extended him on a recent visit to that city. A fine picture of Mr. Olson adorns the article and there are several illustrations that lend interest to the text. The WEEKLY wishes that it had the space to reproduce in full the very interesting story that is written around his collecting activities. If possible the salient features of the article will be reproduced later.

A WHOLESALE list has just been issued by the Vic Sales Co., New Dorp, N. Y. It offers a wide range of stamps per ten and hundred, and a copy will be sent to any dealer who may request it.

THE Precancel Stamp Society convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5-7, instead of the dates given in a previous number of the WEEKLY. Road maps can be obtained for those who will attend by auto from L. E. Oberholtz, 935 W. 33 Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. The Kansas City *Star* will report the convention, and it will be broadcasted by one of the local radio stations.—ART BLEDSOE.

THE prospectus of the first annual stamp show sponsored by the American Philatelic Society to be held at Minneapolis in connection with the August convention, has been issued, and a copy can be obtained from V. W. Rotnem, 1054 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. The prospectus gives the complete exhibition rules with the various classes, and full information in regard to the exhibits. Any who think of participating should send at once for a copy.

IN the *Telegraph World* for June is a poem, "The Tale of the Postage Stamp," by Emerson S. Brooks. It is quite a feature taking an entire page of the publication. Thanks to A. J. Kommers, for clipping.

IN the June 1 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, "Captain Dollar," by Ernest Poole, you'll find the picture "Arrived. All Well" reproduced from painting owned by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Marine Dept. This was used for our current 20c Golden Gate stamp.—HARRY E. HUBER.

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

By A. WAGNER, Essen.

Zeppelin Flight.—The readers of the WEEKLY have no doubt become familiar with the reasons that compelled Dr. Eckener to break off his third flight to the western hemisphere and to return to Friedrichshafen via the French airport of Cuers-Pierrefen, where excellent assistance was rendered by the French Naval Authorities. I have news to the effect that the entire mail weighing about 500 pounds is still on board the Zepp and that it will most probably not be sent by steamer, but be flown to Lakehurst. The addressees may, therefore, feel that they will receive *flown* letters very belated though which, however, under the existing conditions cannot be avoided.

Nothing can, as yet, be said as to when the next flight will take place. Dr. Eckener refuses, and rightly so, to start again before the cause of the part failure of the machinery has been cleared up beyond doubt.

Czechoslovakia.—The set of Wenceslas Commemoratives already announced in No. 1999 will appear shortly. The following values will be represented in the set: 50h, 60h, 2kr, 3kr, 5kr.

Liechtenstein.—Eugene Verling, residing at Vaduz, the capital of the principality, has been entrusted by the government with designs of postage stamps to be issued for the purpose of rendering homage to the new prince Francis. It is intended to issue four values and to place them on sale during August, 1929.

Norway. — To commemorate the St. Olav Jubilee in 1930, four new stamps of 10, 15, 20 and 30 ore will appear. While the 10, 15 and 20 ore stamps will be of ordinary size, showing Trondjhem Cathedral and a picture of St. Olav, the 30 ore value will be a large size stamp—similar to the A12 type of this country, issued in 1914—depicting the battle of Stiklestad after a painting of N. P. Arboe.

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The leader for the eight months is the Johnson Stamp Co., with 185; with the Hawkeye Stamp Co., runner-up with 158. The detailed record to June 1 for the eight months is as follows:

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Hawkeye Stamp Co.	158
Ancher Stamp Co.	138
D. B. Nagle	112
A. R. Perry	97
L. W. Hudson	96
E. F. Hitchings	93
H. A. Keigwin	89
Palmer Stamp Co.	60
Rev. E. A. Butler	54
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Phil Lundsted	19
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Lakeview Stamp	18
O. K. Stamp Co.	18
Fenway Stamp Co.	17
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Independent Stamp	16
H. M. Brehm	15
A. A. Leve	15
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Ashley C. LeDuc	14
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Wm. R. North	13
C. A. Stegmann	13
A. H. Klopfer	12
F. A. Gericke	12
STPA	12
W. H. Leckie	11
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Nine Each: W. H. Dodge, F. E. Hadley, Dudley Stamp Store, Mountain City Stamp Co.

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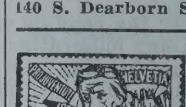

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Judgment reversed, with costs, and the plaint dismissed, with costs, as to the dants John A. Klemann and the au Stamp Company. Opinion by Mar- . Order filed.

s decision purges the title to this an collection and vests it absolutely hn A. Klemann.

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STEINMETZ AIR MAIL SALE

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

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The prices realized at this sale are of utmost importance, as they will act as a guide as to real values of these most interesting covers, for it is the first large public sale held in recent years and the sale was so thoroughly advertised that everyone was given an opportunity of bidding, and as a result, the prices more nearly indicate actual values than any guide heretofore available.

The total sales reached $11,779.20; the high bids previous to the sale totaling $12,320.15, and the low bids, $7,250.05. There were 137 mail bidders, and 25 in attendance at the sale, of whom 14 bought 60% of the collection.

The first ninety-one lots consisted of the pioneer flights; that is, those flights made previous to the official government flights in 1918. The first-day flight of the Garden City Estates of Sept. 23, 1911, which was the first actual flight carrying mail in the United States, sold at $42.25. A similar cover with additional handstamp reading, "Aerial Special Dispatch," sold at $29, while a postal card bearing date of Oct. 1, reached $14. The early St. Louis of Oct. 4, 1911, sold at $25, while the Rochester of Oct. 21st, found a new owner at the same figure. The Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 5, 1911, a most desirable item, sold at $32, which is the full catalogue price placed upon the variety by the American Air Mail catalogue of 1929. Future references to catalogue price will refer to this publication issued by the Berkshire Exchange. A second-day flight from the same place sold at $18, which was the price paid for a Savannah, Nov. 28, 1911. A Columbus and an Albany, Ga., both of December, 1911, sold at $33 and $16 respectively, the former cataloguing $25 only. An outstanding rarity, namely, the Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1912, listing $60, went into a new collection at $77.50. The Los Angeles of Jan. 21, both on envelope and postal brought $11 each. Another outstanding piece, namely, New Orleans-Baton Rouge, Apr. 10, 1912, postal card listing $65, sold at $90. Like in the case of stamps, it pays to buy the rarer things, as they usually take the more substantial advances. A Milwaukee, Wis., May 30, 1912, postal card listing $60 sold at $70, the Saugus, Mass., June 1, $42, while the same price was paid for an Evansville, Ind., June 6. A Lexington, Ky., June 13, reached $57.50, while $37.50 was paid for a Lima, Ohio. A postal card of Portsmouth, O., June 27, sold at $32.50. A July 4th, Bedford, Ind., at $52, and the same date, South Amboy-Perth, N. J., at $57.50, exactly $10 over catalogue price.

A Hamilton, O., July 13, sold at $40, while $5 each was paid for three copies of July 18, Benton Harbor, Mich. A Stone Harbor, Ocean City of August 5, 1912, reached $55, while $150 was paid for a Boonville, Ind., August 29, 1912, showing a picture of the aviator. A price of $95 was paid for a Cedar Falls, Sept. 5 envelope of which three only are known. The same postmark on a postal card sold at $34. A Grant Park, Ill., Sept. 16, listing $60 sold at $72.50, while $60 was paid for a Puyallup-Tacoma, Sept. 28, 1912.

Another outstanding piece was the San Francisco, Nov. 24, listing $90 and selling at $130, while $62.50 was paid for a Boston to New York, Feb. 28, 1913. For a Woodstock, Vt., Oct. 17, 1913, postal card listing $60, $75 was paid, while an envelope with same postmark reached $65. Other items of importance were: Troy, Ala., Nov. 3, 1914, $41, Tacoma-Seattle, Feb. 20, 1915, $36, Chicago-New York, Nov. 2, 1916, $77.50.

Among the official government flights first-day covers from Washington, Philadelphia and New York on May 15, 1918, sold at prices varying from $5.25 to $14.50, the latter amount being paid for a Washington-Philadelphia. A New York-Columbia Country Club, Washington, of June 15, stated to be exceedingly rare, sold at $200, while $56 was paid for an Aug. 12, Washington to New York 16c air mail, which was the first trip of the regular post office operation, the mail previously having been carried by the army. Other outstanding items were: Montgomery-Macon of 1919, $35, New York-Steamship Adriatic at Sea, Aug. 14, $95, while covers carried on the airship R-34 from New York to Ireland and listing at $135, sold at $135 and $80 respectively.

Among the foreign covers, one of the outstanding items was an Australia, Ross Smith, Feb. 26, 1919, which sold at $300. A Canada Truro-Charlottetown of August 25, 1919, brought $140, and a Columbia, June 18, 1919, 2c air mail stamp on cover, Scott's No. 481 brought $200.

Balloon covers of France, 1870-71 period, were well represented in the Steinmetz collection, as there were upward of forty covers present. These sold at prices varying from $1.10 to $20.25. A Great Britain, Blackpool-Southport, Aug. 10, 1910, reached $80.

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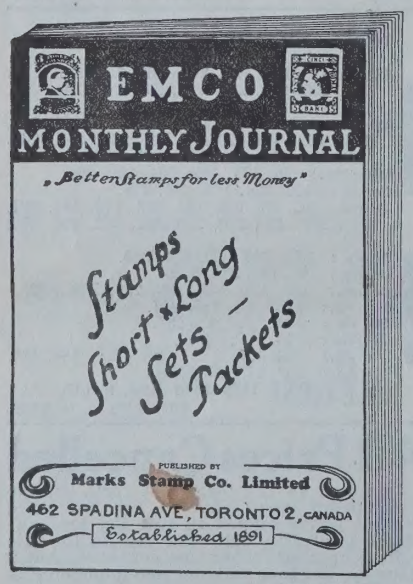

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entire cover reached $570, while the De Pinedo on cover sold at $145. The Alcock cover bearing a signature of the pilot and most desirable in this condition, reached $280. Another item whose value was mainly dependent upon the stamps upon the cover was a Madrid-Manila, May 15, bearing a complete set of the Philippine air mail stamps from 2c to 10p inclusive. This found a new owner at $195.

One interested in air mail stamps or covers should certainly obtain a priced copy of this catalogue, as it is an excellent guide to airplane values.

The only air mail item owned by Mr. Steinmetz, which was not included in this sale, was the U. S. 24-cent invert, which was sold at a previous session.

VITALITY OF STAMP COLLECTING

(Clipping from H. W. Gulager)

The scramble at Menlo Park for first issues of the new stamps commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the incandescent electric light discloses the persistent vitality of the stamp-collecting instinct. Most men pass through the stamp age and out again, though most of them will be collectors of a sort all their life, concentrating their adult interests on books or antiques or some special objects of art. But there are still plenty of gray and whiskered stamp collectors, who pursue perfection in their philatelic preference and can never quite achieve it, either because some stamps are gone forever or because new ones are forever appearing.

There are small nations that fatten their income materially by issuing stamps of special charm and appeal for young collectors. The United States manages to make quite a good thing out of the numerous commemorative issues that brighten the corners of our correspondence. Sales to collectors all over the world support an Assistant Postmaster General and staff, and declare an annual profit. It has become a sufficient task, in fact, to make and maintain a complete collection of United States stamps alone. Some collectors find sufficient to do to keep up with the air mail, with all its varieties of first-flight wrappers and special imprints. It is a fascinating game, perhaps the most entertaining indoor sport for young and old alike, and the crowd at Menlo Park shows how many are playing it.—*Phila. Ledger.*

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H. T. ANDERSON of El Paso, Texas, has been visiting in Detroit. He is a member of the A. P. S., and a well known philatelist in El Paso. On his way home he stopped at several philatelic centers.—HERMAN W. BOERS.

THE Pittsburgh (Pa.) Philatelic Society held a stamp exhibit June 8 and 9, at the Roosevelt Hotel. A splendid program of entertainment was provided. Twenty-one awards consisting of chromium shields mounted on ribbon were awarded to the following: L. J. Shaughnessy, Dr. K. M. Day, W. J. Price, H. C. Buttermore, B. V. Imbrie, F. N. Newton, Geo. C. Wright, Delf Norona, W. W. D. Sones, Arno Kiessling, T. H. C. Hunter, H. W. Bedford, A. M. Mottlau and C. A. Vowinkle. The judges' committee consisted of W. W. MacLaren and M. J. Lloyd of Cleveland, and W. W. Sones of Erie. The affair was most successful, and all visitors agreed that even though Pittsburgh has not been heard from very much of late, its collectors have gathered some very fine material. A special attempt was made to make all visitors feel at home, and the proceedings were kept very informal for that reason.—B. V. IMBRIE.

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MANY EXHIBITS FROM COLLECTIONS SHOWING SUSTAINED STUDY AND RESEARCH WORK

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS

On June 5 a delegation of the members of the Fort Orange Stamp Club visited the Collectors Club, New York. Prior to the meeting a reception and dinner was held at the New York Athletic Club. At 8 P. M. a move was made to the Collectors Club. Before the proceedings started the President, H. L. Lindquist, made a sympathetic reference to the great loss we have sustained in the death of J. C. Morgenthau and he requested the members to stand in silent prayer for one minute.

Warner Bates, who made a most efficient Chairman, and who was in charge of the delegation, stated that the visiting members of the Fort Orange Stamp Club could not show collections of great rarities, but had endeavored to bring with them collections of interest showing study and original research work.

Elliot R. Ryder of Troy exhibited early stampless covers. Most of these were from an original find made this year. Mr. Ryder's interesting exhibit was grouped as follows: 1st, cancellations of Troy. 2nd, Rochester, a great variety of ovals. One shown was 1820 when Rochester was first incorporated as a village and then up to 1854 the date of incorporation as a city. Other groups were colored cancellations, in green, magenta and blue, the latter being the rarest. Holiday cancellations were shown on Jan. 1st, July 4th, and Dec. 25th. Group of cancellations showing names of Postmasters. Some scarce stamp rates were noted, such as 25c and 56½c. Covers showing views of early railway locomotives were interesting. In one case it was stated the locomotive could not draw the train so the passengers got out and drew the locomotive!!! Covers were shown proving that after the War of 1812 the rates were increased 50%. Interesting steamboat covers were shown, especially an early form used on the Hudson in 1809. Covers were also shown of 1820 when Fulton and Vanderbilt were fighting to break the steamboat monopoly.

G. L. Habbert of Troy showed early U. S. covers and stamps. He explained that many of his covers came from the same find as those of Mr. Ryder. He showed New York 1842, 5c well tied on with U. S. Express Mail cancellation. A number of 1847, 5c on covers. Some rare railway cancellations on 1851, 3 cents, such as Madison and Lake Erie. Also Troy and New York Steamboat in blue.

W. W. Reynolds of Albany showed a small portion of his specialized collection of 1869, 3 cents. Many of these were on covers. I noticed in the Territorial cancellation on covers Salt Lake City and Nevada in green. Orange cancellations of Virginia Court House; green star of Sheffield, Ill.; a curious cancellation of 5 Dice or Dominoes; Savannah, Ga., Rising Sun; some registered covers showing the 3c used with 15c; advertising covers, town names in green; railways, such as Chicago and Quincy, and Burlington, Vt. In a book of 3c not on covers, Mr. Reynolds also showed some interesting items such as: Square and Compasses, Hatchet, etc., etc.

Richard Walton of Schenectady showed advertising covers between 1850 and 1857. He showed 50 selected interesting covers out of his collection of some 400, grouped under Schools, Colleges, Hotels, Grocers, Dentists, etc., etc. These pictorial covers were very interesting and are said to be rare. Designs included Plough and Anvil, Baynes Western Telegraph, etc.

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exhibit that elicited roars of laughter and many sighs of regret. He explained that this was a combination exhibit contributed by the members. He entitled it "Booze Covers." Everything relating to John Barleycorn; a Federal License; a cover of 1851 with advertisement of drink, Whiskey and Pine Oil; covers showing stills, brewers and hops; advertisement of Taylor's Brewery in 1865 who made 271,000 barrels of ale; colored convivial scene; temperance cover which appropriately enough was from Springwater, N. Y. His hilarious exhibit finished with a view of a graveyard where John Barleycorn was buried!!

Geo. R. Cooley of Albany exhibited a selection of striking cancellations from the Coopertown find. He told us this find comprised 20.500 covers, including the following: 1847, 5c, 86 copies; 1847, 10c 4 copies; 1851, 3c, 1,800 copies; 1857, 3c, 3,600 copies. The most interesting were "Noisy Carriers" cancellation in oval, a very rare form which E. Wiltsee stated he had never seen; fine example of the 3c cracked plate, and the line thru "Three Cents"; Odd Fellows cancellation; but the gem was a perfect Waterbury cancellation of "An Irishman with his Pipe"; in the find were some interesting bisections of the 2c Black Jacks. One cover had a 2c and half 2c for the 3c rate. Another two 2c and two halves of 2c to make the 6c rate.

At this period A. F. Lichtenstein asked permission to make a few remarks as he had to leave to catch a night train to Canada. He pointed out the necessity of supporting the Exhibition that was being organized by the A. P. S. to be held during the Convention next August in Minneapolis. Mr. Lichtenstein thought that the holding of these exhibitions at the annual conventions was a great step forward in forming friendships and getting acquainted with collectors all over the United States. He thought that this Empire State should contribute a large proportion of the expenses. Shares at $10 each, and the more you donate the more you get back. Let us make Minneapolis feel that the Empire State is with them both in help, in funds, in exhibits and in personal attendance.

Warner Bates, of Albany, showed New York City postmarks and cancellations between 1870 and 1890. Included in this exhibit was some fine cancellations of red foreign mails on cover; scarce rates such as 60c to Bordeaux; New York Foreign Despatch "F. D". A rare item was a New York outgoing Passenger Delivery used on a steamship.

Wendover Neefus of Hudson showed postmarks from Hudson and 30 miles round. In his opening remarks Mr. Neefus gave us a brief interesting account of the early history of Hudson, which was, he said, founded in 1783 by Nantucket fishermen. The earliest cover he had was 1801. Hudson was fond of colored cancellations, and he showed examples in blue, red, brown and green. In the 1847, 5c he had examples with blue and the rare green cancellations on covers. 1851, 3c orange-brown, dated July 21st. Early rare railway cancellations were shown of small lines, afterwards merged into the N. Y. Central.

Dr. J. I. Wyer of Albany showed a collection of 1857, 3 cents, Type I. He included in his exhibit an extraordinary rare cover of 1851, 3c Imperf. On this a pair of the 3c was used *over* a 13c red, thick paper Hawaiian. The cover was used from Honolulu to Albany. Dr. Wyer showed 80 selected copies o 3c Type I, among them a cover Washington family in Virginia. dates in fine shades; block of 6 us one cover, an unusual item; varietie the inner lines recut. He also s some 1861, 3c rose, including som cellations of large letters which h arranged to read "A L L LO Railway and Steamer cancellatio good lot. Year Date between Au 1861 and Feb., 1869.

W. L. L. Peltz of Albany showe cellations on U. S. Revenues. Th a new subject to the members Collectors Club, and was much ciated. He pointed out that ther mass of curious cancellations on nues, which seems to have been studied. He showed a page of S ship cancellations, and one used ferry. In the Express Compani showed Adams, National Expres Merchants Despatch. A page of Railways which are all now in th Four. Page of Boston & Maine, Vermont Railways. Another of ware and Hudson, which he finds Another of Montreal & Champlain a branch of the Grand Trunk. cancellation of a "Two-horse car

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AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE DISCOVERY OF UNCHRONICLED DOT VARIETIES

By MAJOR HARRY MORELL, Shellsburg, Iowa.

The recording of a secret or identification dot on a stamp issued over sixty years ago and which has evaded the vigilance of philatelists is well worthy of comment, and this opportunity is taken to direct the attention of those who are especially interested in Canadians to the presence of a secret dot on the 1c 1868.

The 1c 1868 in its various colors and shades is a particularly beautiful stamp, which has been subjected to the scrutiny of observant philatelists over a long period of years, and it is rather remarkable that the dot, about to be described, has escaped detection up to this time.

Credit is to be given to those philatelists who have kindly verified my observations with specimens in their own collections, and one gentleman writes me as follows: "Last summer I went over some 4 to 5 thousands of this stamp in my collection, with a glass, looking for errors, strikes, etc., and I must say I missed it."

Jarrett's latest edition mentions a guide dot at the bottom of the design, but says nothing about a secret or identification dot at the upper left scroll; as this edition is just off the press, it would naturally contain any important "finds" to date.

In order that priority of the discovery of this dot be established, it is necessary that certain conditions should be fulfilled, as follows: (1) The dot must be constant. (2) It should recur in an unvarying position. (3) That its presence should have never before been brought to the attention, or presented before a philatelic society or body of philatelists. (4) That the dot has never been pointed out in a published article, and (5) Its presence should be verified by philatelists, other than the writer.

As all the conditions have been satisfied in this case it is very evident that "Morell's Dot" has never before been brought to the attention of philatelists. Dr. Reford, the doyen of Canadian collectors, says, "I am practically certain your observation is new, and very interesting. Your conclusion that it is a secret or identification dot, I agree with."

Description of "Morell's Dot"

Canada, Large 1c 1868.
1c Orange.
1c Orange-yellow.
1c Red-brown.

Besides a guide dot upon the bottom of the design, a minute dot is found on the convex margin of the upper left scroll on an imaginary line outward from the upper curl on the inside of the scroll. The dot is almost microscopic in size, lays against the shore line on the external margin, and it occurs constantly. It is very well defined in orange and reds, but on the yellow it is not so well differentiated. It can easily be made out, however, with a lens. I have gone over all the specimens in my collection, including all shades, and this dot appears on every stamp in the same unvarying position. I would class this as a secret or identification dot, as a guide or position dot would not occupy this situation.

Another stamp which I have had an opportunity of studying is the ½c of 1882. This stamp is the smallest in size and the smallest denomination ever issued by the Canadian Government, and the only mention of dots on this stamp is a general one, covering the small cents issue in Jarrett's latest edition, and on page 62, it says, "A position dot will be found under the design at the lower left corner on stamps from January, 1870, until September, 1888."

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THE first day cover enthusiasts have been having a carnival time in collecting Sullivan firsts; and we find that many cities other than those on the department schedule are represented by June 17th cancellations. There is no denial to be made of the fact that the coming of the Edison and the Sullivan specials in the month of June has made a bustle that is not associated usually with the first month of summer, and that in a material sense, the stamps have made business good. The modest denominations of our commemoratives forces the conviction that the aim of the post office is to please the public because the returns from the sale of these stamps are comparatively small in view of the expense of their preparation, and what is more to the point, the added work entailed; and if the department does more than balance accounts, well and good. Here we want to say that our suggestion that collectors give collections of recent commemoratives to philatelic prospects has not been ignored, and we name Mr. Thomas L. Vicksers, New York; Mr. Anton Schilling, St. Louis; Mr. A. N. Bayles, Cincinnati; and Mr. M. Moreau, Omaha, as having acted upon our plan, with good effect. The sum total of the recruits that we have made through the distribution of a dozen lots of the stamps is one, with a possibility of one more; and this score is one that is not to be ashamed of. It is sometimes better to talk to one man in a corner than a hundred in a hall.

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MANY months ago, the statement was made in one of our departments, to the effect that in a precanceled sense, the post office at Agana, Guam, existed "only in story." We received a letter at the time from Orville R. Goss, Lieut. Comdr. (M. C.), U. S. Navy, who said: "The sentence is incorrect as Agana is the seat of government of Guam, which is vested in the Navy Department under a Naval Officer as governor. Agana has a population of between eight and nine thousand people. There is only one post office on the island to serve the entire population of about fifteen thousand, and it is in Agana. There never was, and I believe there never will be, a need for 'precancels' in Guam, the bulk of the post office business being C. O. D. packages directed to Chamonas, as the natives of Guam are called, from mail order houses. I am enclosing a picture of the new post office building in Agana, which was dedicated in 1925, during my stay in Guam. The entire lower floor is the post office quarters, and the second floor is used as schoolrooms."

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WE are informed that the first mailing of the Advance Sheets of the 1930 edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue will be made about July 25th; and so it seems that collectors will have a pleasant summer occupation in comparing the old with the new prices of their stamps. Nowadays, there is only a little dip in philatelic interest during the hot weather period, where some years ago, it was a decided fall.

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THE following clipping has been received from Mr. Ronald A. King, Lisburn, Northern Ireland, telling of the impending issue of commemorative stamps for Ireland. We quote from the Irish *Times* of May 27, 1929: "The Free State Post Office has decided to issue postage stamps of a new design to commemorate the centenary of Catholic Emancipation. The design selected is the work of an Irish artist, and consists of a drawing of the head of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, enclosed in an oval band, bearing the words, 'Fuascailt Nag Catouiliceach' (Catholic Emancipation). The top of the stamp shows 'Eire' with the dates 1829 and 1929 on each side. The denomination is shown on panels below the head. The stamp will be issued in three denominations, 2d, 3d and 9d, which are the popular rates for the inland, foreign and parcel post services, respectively. It is hoped to have the new stamps ready for sale during Emancipation Week (16th-23rd, June). While every effort is being made to attain this end, the technical difficulties attending the preparation of the dies and plates are such as may possibly cause some delay in the issue of the stamps."

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FROM Mr. R. H. Eilers, our philatelic alderman of St. Louis, we have received copies of envelopes that were used to transmit soldiers' votes in the Ohio state election during the Civil War period. The envelopes bear the interesting postmark: "Miamiville, P. O., Oct. 13, 1864, Camp Dennison, O."

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WE have not made extended references to the Associated Press dispatches based on the newly issued commemoratives since the newspapers throughout the land gave space to them. Some of the stories were very good, especially the one with the Menlo Park, New Jersey, date line, saying that the first package mailed from there contained the master die of the stamp and was sent to Edison at Fort Myers, Florida. The publicity that philately is receiving in the press shows that stamps are now included in the major interests of people by the newspapers; and in this respect we are beginning to compare with countries in Europe where collecting is a standard subject for discussion in the press. As showing how Great Britain's newspapers regard our pursuit as a normal source of news, one has to point only to the London *Daily Mail* of May 13th, where across the top of a whole page of eight columns is the streamer, "Experts Condemn British Commemorative Stamps." As Mr. E. M. Ash, Santiago de Cuba, who sends a copy of this paper says: "In what other country do stamps get such publicity?" We are progressing and the day is breaking when the postage stamp will be given a proper perspective. Stamps enter intimately into the lives of the people, and it is not to be denied that they carry a news interest, which in its sweep embraces the collectors of them.

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THE Rev. E. Rasmussen, Duluth, Minnesota, writes: "It may be of interest to your readers to know that according to Krist. S. Kristoffersen, the renowned tenor of Oslo, Norway, who is an ardent philatelist, there is a distinct error in the Abel stamps of Norway, issued earlier in the year. It is an error that occurs once in every fourth sheet of the 20 ore, where the date of 1828 is given as '1328'. As soon as this error was detected, all these stamps were recalled from the various post offices of Norway and burned. This variety is worthy of catalogue quotation, and no doubt will be of no little scarcity, even though the Abel stamps in general will be common enough."

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A CORRESPONDENT reports a case where he is having a controversy with a postmaster who, he alleges, seems to delight in blotching stamps to an inordinate degree, even though it is apparent that the stamps are employed philatelically. We do not need to say that it becomes a delicate matter for a collector to suggest that stamps be canceled lightly for reasons that are on the surface, but nevertheless, collectors are entitled to some consideration, a fact that Mr. Regar, as third assistant postmaster general realized. Some months ago, the department instructed postmasters to be alert to effectively deface the stamps, it having developed that some postmasters were lax in this particular. The advice was ... to mark the stamps so that their r... would be impossible, and recent re... of stamp cleaning in the newsp... loaned point to the order. How... last March, Mr. Regar addressed p... masters in these words when refe... particularly to cancellations on regis... mail: "Postage stamps may be pro... canceled without disfiguring the st... Care should be taken not to cause ... figurement of postage stamps having ... atelic value." Under the circumst... it would be well for our subscrib... present this view to his postmaster, ... certainly would have no object in t... out his spite on the postage stamp... pecially if he is made to understand ... they are to be preserved for phil... use.

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Mentioned the Leviathan's new ship to shore service a week ago. Flight to and from the ship was planned for June 10 as the ship approached New York. The United States Lines prepared special envelopes for this trial flight, and one envelope, and sheet of special paper, was supplied each passenger. Due to weather conditions, the flight did not take place till the outgoing trip, June 12. The covers originally prepared, however, were mailed at New York the 10th, and make interesting souvenirs of the attempt. I'm sorry to say that I seemed to have no friends on the out trip, so can't report as to cachet.

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Canadian flights mentioned last week, as all cacheted in black. Have since seen the Hamilton - Toronto in blue. *** Received covers dated May 14 from Hamilton and Toronto with the special machine cancel commemorating the Alcock - Brown flight June 14, 1919. *** New official routes are soon to open as follows: Regina - Winnipeg; Regina - Calgary; Regina - Saskatoon - Edmonton. These follow the routes blazed by the trial flights last December.

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First flight Medford - Pasco, etc., postponed, as the P. M. is returning covers. Best place to send covers on these unofficial advance-announced flights is to the local C. of C. (Chamber of Commerce); C. A. M. equals Contract Air Mail; F. A. M. is Foreign Air Mail. *** The P. O. Dept. announces that business reply cards and envelopes may be prepared for return via air mail, and require 6c postage.

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Perham C. Nahl reports the number of first transcontinental night flight cachets applied to date. Figures are not final, as covers are still being returned for the cachets. Following are for the Boeing Co. cachet: San Francisco—violet—1625; blue—452; black—168; Sacramento—magenta, as are all following—117; Reno—52; Elko—43; Salt Lake City — 102; Rock Springs — 38; Cheyenne—90; North Platte—106; Lincoln (west)—37. The Oakland C. of C. cachet is found in the following colors, scarcest last: black, blue, purple and green. The Boeing cachet was used in 2 colors, so we have 8 combinations. Between 4000 and 6500 from the P. O.; 1200 airmail field, and 380 cancelled Airport Station. If you have covers from any of the above, you may get the cachet by sending to Mr. Nahl, 6043 Harwood, Oakland, Cal.

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C. A. M. 31! Who has a cover from this newest official contract route? Effective June 15, and announced only on that date, amphibian planes carried mail from the Chicago airport downtown to Grant Park, only a few minutes to the Post Office, connecting only with the overnight plane from New York. No official cachet, but I received a cover bearing a cachet gotten up by Chapter No. 2, A. A. M. S. I'm afraid that's one C. A. M. that'll be hard to get.

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Effective with the planes leaving Miami (and Porto Rico connecting flight) June 18, Cristobal June 21, F. A. M. 5 was extended to Cartagena and Barranquilla, Colombia and Curacao, Dutch West Indies. Service will be extended to Maracay, Venezuela, soon. Postage rate 40c, and no cachet used. This news came in Postal Bulletin of the 10th, reaching me the 12th. If you really want to get in on these short notice affairs, a $2 subscription to the Bulletin is cheap, as it gets the news in time, in many cases.

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First official non-stop drop of mail soon at Youngstown. Covers to J. P. Penning, Homestead, Pa. Must be addressed to Youngstown, and may be sent care Mr. Penning, Youngstown, if you send a stamped return envelope.

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On the recent F. A. M. 5 extension to Central America, it was announced that the Miami cachet would be applied only to covers addressed to the new stops. I sent some covers, marked "Via First Trip Miami-Tela", etc., addressed to Colombia. These are all backstamped Cristobal, and made the direct trip there, rather than to the terminals indicated, but all have the purple cachet—Covers addressed directly to Tela bear a large, round, undated backstamp. *** Northbound covers from Managua, Nicaragua, were forwarded by the Miami P. M. after I sent 5c postage due for each and bear no backstamp. First connecting mail on this route left San Juan May 18, and bears a cachet in the form of a plane and "Via Air Mail" in magenta. *** The New York-Buenos Aires Airways Corp. sent their first amphibian on a trial flight over the proposed route June 11. This will be one to watch for.

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The rest of the southbound F. A. M. 9 covers are back by this time. Talara, Peru, backstamped May 19; Mollendo May 20; Lima May 20; Iquique, Chile, May 23; Arica May 22 and Antofagasta May 24. These Chilean covers are all backstamped Mollendo the 20th. Don't know whether they flew the rest of the way, or went by ordinary route; but at any rate there weren't many of them. First northbound mail definitely left Lima the 18th.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, ETC.

The articles in the "Airmail Collector" referred to last week have evidently started something, judging from letters I have received. There should be some interesting developments in the next issue.

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A bunch of coming events: Columbus, Ohio, Dedication July 6, 7, 8—covers to C. of C. 8th also will commemorate first air-rail flight at Columbus. *** Bridgeport, Conn., July 5 and 6; Air Circus—cachet by C. of C. *** Coleraine, Minn., dedication July 4—cachet by C. of C. *** Ditto for Cape May, N. J. *** Redding, Cal., July 6 and 7—C. of C. *** Red Bank, N. J., July 3, 4, 5, 6—cachet C. of C. for Air Meet. *** Big Spring, Tex., July 6—C. of C. *** Laurel, Mass., in late summer—cachet C. of C. *** Grinnell, Iowa, this fall—cachet C. of C. *** Kankakee, Ill., was scheduled for June 30, but may have been postponed a few days. Might be worth trying—C. of C.

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Harrisburg, Pa., C. of C. returns covers, and asks that they be sent about Aug. 1. *** Poughkeepsie, N. Y., says nothing doing for either new route or airport. *** Newark, N. J., Air Show in Sept. instead of earlier—Valentine Feind, 280 S. 8th St., will take covers. *** Grant Whidden reports that 389 covers bore the Springfield, Mass., Lindbergh Day cachet, all in black, and authorized by the C. of C. That's the sort of detailed information I'm glad to get. *** Sam T. Vary shows a Santa Rosa dedication cover dated the 18th, bearing cachets in both black and red. *** The Gadsden Purchase celebration has been postponed indefinitely. Covers to J. Delano Bartlett, Box 11, El Paso, Tex.

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June 10-15 covers from Ft. Worth commemorating the Robbins and Kelly endurance flight. Don't quite see why these many special dates. *** Buffalo, N. Y., Air Derby cachet by Scripps-Howard June 15 red and purple. *** Fairfax Airport Celebration neat yellow cachet printed on covers. Should say that Fairfax Airport is in Kansas City, Kans.—date June 12—C. of C.

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Several recent dedications. Anniston, Ala., June 14—purple—by C. of C. and P. M. signed. *** Pontiac, Mich., June 15 and 16—the Indian with his bow and arrow—by the C. of C. *** Niagara Falls June 13, a beauty in purple by the C. of C. and C. A. M. 20. *** Rochester, Minn., Diamond Jubilee June 12-13-14 (Dedication also?) fancy cachet by the Philatelic Club; covers to Commercial Club simply have "Rochester Commercial Club, Pres. ———", and no signature. *** Elkhart, Ind., Dedication June 14, Air Circus and Expo., 15 and 16. *** Same cachet, but different colors—By Legion and C. of C. *** Memphis, Tenn., June 14 and 15, blue on 14, and blue or red on 15—C. of C. One of my covers came in all chewed up, and I immediately thought "Plane wreck cover!" Turned out that a local train had thrown a pouch carelessly, and it got under the wheels. *** St. Ignace, Mich., June 11th, no cachet.

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Warm weather or not, the coöperators keep at it. They are Ray L. Bell, Maurice S. Petty, Geo. Kreyling, Frank Bennett, *John K. Howe, *Everett G. Emerson, *Geo. F. Wild, C. E. Wagoner, Anna M. Schafer, Lyman H. Cozad, *P. R. Hudson, *C. E. Jandrue, *Allen P. Harding, Buell A. French, Carter Glass, Jr., Maj. Pascual Lopez, Kenneth Tallmadge, *Joseph Goldberg, *Dr. F. Whitney Davis, *J. O. Peavey, *Robert Young, Tom Simmons, William Orr, Albert Broska, J. Delano Bartlett, *Geo. A. Zimmerman, Herbert Levinson and Valentine Feind.

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Starting a Collection

By F. J. MELVILLE.

The best way to start is to get a good packet of varieties—300, 500 or 1,000 different stamps. Turn out the packet on a table, carefully dusting the table first, and start sorting them into their proper countries. Don't finger the stamps more than you can help; in fact, it is a good plan to use a pair of light tweezers for lifting each stamp. A pair of serviceable tweezers costs about 25c. Accustom yourself to use them from the start.

Many of the stamps you will recognise at once as belonging to a particular country; others will puzzle you a bit at first. To avoid mistakes, go easy at first; don't try to sort the whole packet at one sitting, a few at a time will keep you interested, and you can take more time over each specimen to make sure you are placing it under its proper country.

Secure a good illustrated catalogue; the best English ones are Stanley Gibbons ($3.75) and Whitfield King's ($1.75); the best American one is Scott's ($2.00); the best French one "Yvert," costs $2.00; all are well illustrated and will be of the greatest assistance in distinguishing to what country each stamp belongs.

Don't jump too quickly to conclusions, or you may make blunders; don't imagine that a stamp marked FRANCO (meaning Free) must belong to France, because the word looks like the name of that country. Don't search for the whereabouts of "HELVETIA" in an atlas, for you won't find it there, as this is the Latin name on the stamps of the country we call Switzerland. A good atlas will, however, be very useful, for you ought to know the whereabouts of the country or colony that issued each stamp you possess.—*Postage Stamp.*

Musicians Shown on Stamps

Anyone who listens to a radio for any length of time, soon hears the announcer mention names of composers. Sometimes they tell the name of the composer's native country. To many people these names of individuals or countries do not mean much. This is not the case with the student of stamps. He frequently hears a musician's name mentioned, that calls to his mind a picture of that musician, on a stamp of a foreign country.

Let us examine our stamps to see how many musicians we find pictured. First, we come to Austria. Here we find a whole set of seven varieties, issued in 1922, showing pictures of famous musicians, who were born in or near Austria, namely Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss, and Wolf.

In 1926, Germany brought out a set of "famous men" stamps, and among them we find Beethoven's picture again. Altho a native of Germany, he spent much time in Vienna with Austrian composers. In the same set we also find a picture of Bach, the famous composer of organ music. Turning next to Poland we find Paderewski's picture on the 15f of the 1919 issue, and Chopin's on the 40g of 1927.—A. C. LEDUC.

Scandinavian Skillings

The value in which the early stamps of Norway, Denmark and Iceland were

expressed is a skilling worth a trifle more than a half cent in American money.

Junior Dictionary

Postes Ethiopiennes.—Found on the current stamps of Abyssinia meaning "Ethiopian Post". Ethiopia is the native name for the country.

Postes Ottomanes.—Found on the current stamps of the Ottoman Empire or Turkey as it is more generally known. It means "Ottoman Post".

Postfaerge.—This surcharge on a Denmark stamp issued in 1919 means "Ferry Post", which indicates the use to which the stamp was put.

Postfrim.—A word on most of the stamps of Norway, Denmark, etc., the last portion being an abbreviation for "frimaerki". It may be translated literally as "free postage stamp".

Postgebiet Ob. Ost.—An overprint applied to some of the contemporary stamps of Germany in 1915 for use in the occupied territories of Lithuania and Courland. The abbreviation is for "Oberbefehlshabers", and the surcharge means "Postal area of the Eastern Commander-in-Chief".

WENCESLAUS COMMEMORATIVES

Five values in three designs make up the set just issued by Czechoslovakia to commemorate the one thousandth anniversary of the death of "Good King Wenceslaus."

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

A rolling stone may gather a great many stamps.

* * *

Alas for the rarity
Of Christian charity
Under the sun.
—Thomas Hood.

AND

Alas for the rarity
Of stamps made for charity—
Made by the ton.
—T. D. S.

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"O. G.", said Little Miss Muffet as she sat on the fly paper.

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"Iceland," said the teacher, "is about as large as Siam."

"Iceland," wrote Willie, afterwards, "is about as large as teacher."—Tit-Bits.

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Quite sad is the lot
Of a stamp loving wife,
Who has a husband
Who eats with his knife.
Mrs. G. B.

* * *

"'Lo, Bill." "'Lo, Phil."

"Hear that you soaked your British Colonials for two hours in hot water." "Yep."

"Well, so long." "So long."

(Week later)

"'Lo, Bill." "'Lo, Phil."

"Did you say that you soaked your British Colonials for two hours in hot water?" "Yep."

"It ruined mine." "Mine, too."

"Well, so long." "So long."

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GOAT GETTER NO. 4
The man who makes
My stomach ache
Is the pill who whines,
"Why that's a fake."
—Phil U. Tellem.

* * *

"Stamp collectin'," said the Forum Filosopher, "is just another of Life's sittin'-down places."

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Teacher: "Where is Sonora?"

Eddie: "In any room where dad sleeps."

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"Tradition is a mighty good thing—to depart from," said Dad Fetchett, when he learned that the U. S. had turned down a proposed commemorative, and that Great Britain was to issue one.

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Hey diddle di diddle,
I'm glad I could fiddle
With a "cat." and jump like a loon;
I once had a hunch,
And bought a big bunch
Of stamps that sailed over the moon.
—Phil U. Tellem.

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Friend Robt. Dunlop says that Kokomo, Ind., is in no way connected with the coconut industry, but that it turns out precans that are the coconut butter.

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HE WAS JUSTIFIED

The Bisects were calling on the Serrates. Says Mrs. Serrate to Mrs. Bisect, in a nasty tone: "I can't get my husband to go out nights at all; won't even take me to a movie."

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"Oh, the poor goofus has the stamp mania," snorts Mrs. Serrate.

"Does he collect all countries?" asked Mrs. Bisect.

"No, only Rou-mania," snaps Mrs. Serrate.

And then Serrate gave her a hearty slap, and the party was over.—CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

SECRET DOTS ON CANADIA

(*Continued from page 421*)

Now the small ½c was issued in 1882, and consequently should these dots as mentioned above, but, going over many specimens I fail find any of these stamps with the tion dot as described—instead of wh found the following, all well define constant, showing them in the sam varying position on every specime amined:—

(1)—A single minute dot, midwa immediately above the upper bord the design, directly above the conv the letter "P" in Postage.

(2)—A single dot close to the border of the plate at its junction its upper third.

In some specimens this dot is so to the cross hatching of the design it is hard to distinguish. It seems the design impinges on the dot, than the dot striking the design. dot is sometimes difficult to define field, but one may see it plainly by ing from above downwards thirteen zontal lines in the cross hatching right border of the plate, and the do be found at the extremity of the teenth line in every case, and it out clearly.

(3)—The third position where may be demonstrated on this little is inside the upper part of the left pillar of the letter "H" in Half. dots will be found here, but as the sometimes irregular in form, they prove to be plate defects rather dots—they are very constant howe

All these congenital dots or marks" have been also verified by philatelists. This stamp evidently ha been studied very closely, as the mar described have never before been re ed as far as I can find in the literatu hand.

For the minute examination of st it is suggested that a lens with a p of about 6 diam. be used, as this m fication should give a sharp definiti in focus in a limited field, with light. With such a glass properly one may be assured of good result glass of 4 diam. with the specimen diagonally in direct light, will be very satisfactory in obtaining the p rays as to color, shade or tint, more definitely than with the naked

STAMPS FOR INVESTMENT

By H. R. WEAVER.

"Show a man how to make mone he is your friend for life." As this ing is true in the business world can it not be applied to stamp colle Regardless of what is said about th lector who is interested in stamps the pleasure of collecting only, i opinion there are a number of colle who appraise stamps from the ma standpoint, also.

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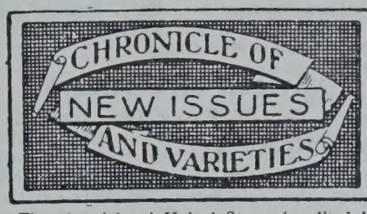

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United States

Post Office Department Changes

Under date of June 18, the Postmaster General announced the appointment of three new Assistants, namely—Mr. Arch Coleman, former postmaster of Minneapolis, as First Assistant; Mr. Frederic A. Tilton of Detroit, Third Assistant; and Mr. John W. Philp, former postmaster of Dallas, as Fourth Assistant. The first and fourth are undoubtedly political appointments, the former gentleman having recently been defeated in the congressional primaries. Mr. Tilton, the Third Assistant, who is in charge of stamp matters, and the one the collector is mainly interested in, was taken from industrial life in Detroit, and is considered an efficiency expert. We have made arrangements to meet Mr. Tilton in order that we might have a story from him in behalf of collectors. From what can be learned he is likely to be as considerate of philately as has his two predecessors.

Mr. R. S. Regar, former Third Assistant Postmaster General, has been appointed Purchasing Agent of the Post Office Department.

2-Cent "Sullivan" Stamp Issued

In accordance with previous announcement in this column, the 2-cent red Sullivan expedition stamp was placed on sale on June 17, in fifteen of the smaller towns of northern New York. The stamp, which has been previously described, is not unusually attractive, but is sufficiently different from the current variety to command attention. There is no doubt that each new stamp of this type aids philately generally, as the non-collector has his attention attracted to the new variety, which often results in a new collector. Several Chambers of Commerce, as well as others, took occasion to issue special envelopes and cards for the first day of issue. Mr. E. G. Emerson favors us with an attractive card from Perry showing Eagle in flight in addition to wording appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Frank W. Wright sends three covers from Horseheads and Elmira, the former showing a cartoon by "Zim" depicting General Sullivan on horseback chasing the hostile Indian. This is sponsored by the Horseheads Rotary and reads "Major-General John Sullivan persuading the hostile Indian to change his residence from Horseheads, N. Y." The Elmira cover shows portrait of General Sullivan, and a second cover from the same town the Sullivan Memorial Monument at Newtown Battlefield. These last two envelopes were issued by the Elmira Association of Commerce. Mr. P. R. Crooker sends from Canajoharie, a cover showing a map illustrating the paths taken by General Sullivan and his army. Mr. D. C. Fulmer also favors us with a first-day cover from Syracuse.

The new stamp is printed from the flat bed press in sheets of four hundred, which are in turn perforated eleven and cut into post office panes of one hundred subjects. The stamps will be available in most of the post offices throughout the country and collectors may obtain a supply from the Philatelic Agency. It is again suggested as in the case of all new issues that orders to the Agency asking for this variety call for this variety alone. The Department originally ordered 30 million Sullivan stamps from the Bureau and recently a second order for 20 million went through, making 50 million in all.

2-Cent "Edison" Variety

The Department has been receiving a number of letters requesting the 2-cent Edison variety in imperforate condition. It is not the intentions of the Department to issue this stamp imperforate and it is doubtful if any further varieties will appear in this condition as arrangements have been made to furnish coils of three thousand stamps for use in the mailing machines that formerly used the imperforate stamp. These larger coils, as explained at the time of their first appearance, are identical except in the case of numbers, with the smaller coils, so that they do not produce a new variety for the collector.

The 180 million Edison stamps are divided among the flat plate, Perf. 11 variety, the rotary print—Perf. 11x10½ and the sidewise rotary coil imperforate top and bottom perforated 10 at the sides.

The flat plate varieties so far noted are from plates 19776, 19777 and 19778, while the rotaries are from 19779 and 19780. We will furnish a complete list in the next lot of plate numbers. The coil, by the way, is the first commemorative coil ever issued by this country and is available in coils of 500 and 1,000. The brown craft paper which wraps the coil reads in four lines—"2c—500 Edison commemorative postage sidewise perforate."

2-Cent "George Rogers Clark" Stamp

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser has shown me a right pane of the 2-cent Vincennes-Clark variety, bearing red plate No. F-19725, but without black number. The Clark stamp has proven to be the most popular commemorative variety that has appeared since the Norse-American issue and, no doubt, when the small supply available has become exhausted, the stamp will be in demand.

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Carter, we have received a list of the stamps available at the Philatelic Agency at Balboa Heights. The 1c green flat plate has become exhausted, but the following flat plate varieties are still available: 1½c, 3c, 5c, 12c to $1 inclusive. The rotary press: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c in addition to the permanent issue 1c and 2c showing portraits of Generals Gorgas and Goethals, in addition to the new 15c and 25c airmail stamps. Booklets, postal cards and stamped envelopes are still available.

The Agency calls attention in capital letters to the fact that stamps furnished are the best specimens available when the order is filled. They are not guaranteed to be perfect as to centering, etc., and may not be exchanged. It is for this reason that it will pay the collector to purchase his small requirements from the dealer, hence, being assured of receiving first-class copies.

Mr. Carter also sends us several new Panama stamps recently placed on sale, namely—the 10-cent orange and 20-cent brown Special Delivery, showing a messenger upon bicycle, together with three airplane stamps consisting of the Special Delivery stamps overprinted. The 10-cent has been surcharged in blue—"Correo Aereo." A 15-cent variety has been produced by applying the same surcharge in addition to 15 centesimos to the same stamp, while the 20-cent has received a 25-cent surcharge, also in blue.

Australian Commonwealth.—According to *Stamp Collecting* the date of the issuance of the forthcoming West Australian Centenary stamp is given as September 9th.

Bahamas. — The 4p pale yellow-orange with the value tablet in brown,

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*608-10	1923, 8c. 16c, 24c	.65
*624-6	1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c	.65
*201-4	Alaouites 1925	2.00
*205-8	1925	.60
*209-12	1926	.40
*601-7	Albania 1925	3.75
*608-14	1927	2.85
*615-21	1928, rare	9.00
*675-7	Austria 1918	.60
*678-85	1922-4	1.00
*686-95	1925	1.25
*696-702	1926	4.25
*301-7	Bolivia 1920	9.50
*308-10	1928	.75
*801-16	Brazil 1928	14.50
*200	Canal Zone 1929, 25 on 2c	.45
*601-9	Chile 1929, 9 varieties	5.75
*451-5	China 1921	2.90
*301-4	Congo 1920	.65
*147	Costa Rica, Lindbergh	2.75
*504-6	Czechoslovakia 1920	3.75
*507-9	1920	4.00
*510-12	1922	.40
*401-3	Danzig 1920	.30
*404-9	1921-2	.30
*410-16	1922-3	.30
*428-32	1924	1.80
*701-3	Denmark 1925-6	.30
*351-5	Dutch Indies 1928	2.50
*356-60	1928	2.00
*251	Egypt 1926	.25
*201-6	Estonia 1920	3.50
*207-8	1920, perforated	5.50
*212-16	1924	1.00
*218-22	1925	.65
*351-2	France 1927	1.25
*501	Fr. Morocco 1922, 75c deep blue	6.00
*504-6	1922-3, 25c, 50c, 75c	.50
*507-11	1927	.90
*551-60	1928	2.35
*561-70	1929	3.00
*403-15	Germany 1922-3	.35
*422-8	1924	2.75
*429-35	1926	2.75
*437-8	1928	2.25
*751-4	Greece 1926	.60
*651-2	Hungary 1918	.75
*656-9	1924	.45
*660-1	1925	.70
*662-9	1927	1.20
*551-2	Italy 1917	1.20
*553-6	1926	.25
*451-2	Japan 1919	3.50
*251-2	Latvia 1921	.40
*253-4	1921	1.25
*201-4	Lebanon 1924	1.30
*205-8	1924	1.00
*209-12	1925	.60
*213-16	1926	.55
*217-20	1927	.60
*221-4	1928, rare	1.00
*225-8	1928	.50
*413-16	1926	.90
*401-7	Lithuania 1921	1.40
*408-14	1921	.50
*415-17	1922	.50
*418-20	1922	.25
*432-5	1923	.85
*440-2	1926	.30
*301-7	Memel 1921 (except 305a)	7.00
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*320-30	1922	.70
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*712	1927, 50c	.90
*504-5	Netherlands 1928	.75
*202	Newfoundland 1919, $1 on 15c	6.00
*203	1921, 35c red	2.00
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*120-6	Norway 1925	.85
*501	1927, 45ö	.20
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*281-3	1929, 3, 10c, 15c, 25c	.85
*1117-21	Persia 1928, 3k to 3t	20.00
*1122-6	1928, 1c to 1k	.50
*1127-8	1929, 20c & 2k	.70

Scott No.	Mint	Price
*802	Peru 1928, 50c dark green	.50
*401-9	Poland 1925	.40
*701	Russia 1922, 45c green & black	1.50
*702-5	1923	5.50
*706-9	1924	.60
*710-11	1927	.25
*401-5	Spain 1920	1.00
*501-3	Sweden 1920	1.00
*275	Switzerland 1919, 50c	.75
*276	1919, 30c	3.00
*277-82	1923	.80
*283-5	1924	.80
*318-21	Syria 1924	1.35
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*201	Tunis 1919	.45
*202	1920	.25
*203-6	1927	2.15
*207-9	1928	.50
*601-3	Uruguay 1921-2	10.00
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624-6, 644	1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c, 10c	.25
624-6, 644	Same, used blocks of 4	1.40
421-31	Lithuania 1922	6.00
501-3	Netherlands 1921	.40
801	Peru 1928, 50c violet	3.00
401-8	Siam 1925	1.75
501-3	Sweden 1920	.65

COVERS

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U. S. - Mexico 1929, carried by Col. Lindbergh from Brownsville to Mexico, inaugural airmail	2.00
Mexico - U. S. 1929, Col. Lindbergh's return trip, with 25c Mexican air-mail stamp	2.00
Costa Rica Lindbergh, first day cover (Scott's No. 147)	4.00
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Panama - U. S. 1929, 25c orange, Lindbergh Inaugural flight	2.00
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We have just received from Victor W. Rotnem, 1054 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., information in regard to exhibition plans, and every collector who contemplates making an exhibit, should write immediately for the rules now made public. The circular just at hand is detailed, and too lengthy for us to use. We give it the benefit of this "Stop Press" notice so that all interested parties can immediately write for this statement supplementary to the prospectus. The managers of the exhibition are working hard for the success of the enterprise, and exhibits are called for in no fewer than five different classes: juvenile, junior, novice, winners, and open.

NEW 5c CANAL ZONE

In 1894 the postal service of the Canal Zone was inaugurated, and stamps of Panama were surcharged for use. This event was celebrated on June 24, with a new stamp of the 5c denomination. The stamp shows a steam shovel at the Culebra cut and was placed on sale June 24. We are indebted to John J. Feulner for this information, but we have not seen a specimen of the stamp.

VATICAN CITY STAMPS

ESSEN, GER., June 18.

According to press statements the Papal stamps have been completed and will be put into circulation immediately after the ratification of the Lateran Treaties. As this ratification took place yesterday, the stamps may be expected before long. There are two different designs. One shows St. Peter's Cathedral, the values ranging from 5 to 75 centesimi, while the values of 80 cent. to 5 lire show the likeness of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. Special postal rates will become effective for mail matter posted within the precincts of the Vatican City, for mail matter destined for the Kingdom of Italy and for foreign countries.

A. WAGNER.

NEWS FLASHES

—Frank F. Wills sends us a first day cover commemorating the first trans-Atlantic air mail, June 14, 1919. There is no cachet, but it bears a distinctive stamp cancellation.

—In addition to the first day Sullivan covers, recorded last week, we have also received the following: Syracuse (A. Atlas Leve), Binghamton (B. F. Caton), Fredonia (Wm. G. Ogilvie), Geneseo and Perry (E. G. Emerson), Geneseo and Perry (Tisdale Lumber Co.), Geneseo and Perry (Alex J. LaRoche), Geneseo (Ernest R. Ackerman), and Washington, June 18 (A. E. Gorham).

—Lancaster Co., Pa., 200th Anniv. June 24-26. Cachet from A. F. Witmer.

BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMB

I am informed that the Departm giving serious consideration to a n cent stamp commemorating the Ba Fallen Timbers, an Ohio revolut event, in which Anthony Wayne p pated. I am afraid that it will be sary to get out my history and bru on the affair, for while I considere self well posted on early Am events, I must admit that this is th time I have ever heard of such a Anthony Wayne is mainly noted f activities at Stony Point, at whic he told Washington that "he storm hell" if Washington plann Official approval of the issue has n yet, been given, but further detail possibly be available in short order

PHILIP H. WARD,

LIBERTY BELL STAMP

Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., advis through a clipping from the *U. S.* that authority to the Postmaster G to issue a special two-cent postage commemorating the hiding of the L Bell at Allentown, Pa., during the olutionary War period, is proposed resolution just introduced by Rep. ly of Sally Ann Furnace, Pa.

AIR FLIGHT NOTES

—The Postmaster at Friedrichs Germany, has announced the foll rates of postage for the Graf Zep around-the-world trip. To Tokio Los Angeles, $2; Lakehurst, $2.5 Friedrichshafen, $3.50.

—Mail for Chile, dispatched fro ami with the first plane for FAM 9 only as far as Mollendo, Peru. R service to Chile will start about Ju including probably Iquique, Arica, fagasta, Valparaiso, and Santiago. of postage likely 70c per ½ oz. D word later in the *Postal Bulletin.*

—Two new U. S.-Canada routes July 15:—Montreal-Detroit, via To Hamilton, London, and Windsor, a second Toronto-Buffalo. Different et for each city. Send covers t P. M.'s of the cities (Air Mail rat ready to mail (Canada stamps) or M Order for same ("Hold for flight" Raleigh, N. C., airport dedication 4, cachet. Covers to C. Ross Shun Box 1107. *** Bridgeport, Conn., cates July 5, cachet and special flight. Covers to C. of C. ** Spring, Texas, between July 6 an cachet by C. of C. *** New S Colo., Airport dedication, July 3 a Special mail flight. Covers to C. with note on the outside for P. open if not so deliverable. *** Har Conn., Anniversary CAM 1, July cachet each day. Covers to C. o Box 680.

DONALD E. DICKAS

script watermark, King George type, has been received from Mr. R. Roberts.

Bermuda.—According to information noted in *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* late supplies of the 2½p now come in with single line perforation instead of the comb. It is also in a brighter shade of ultramarine. Also the 1p is now without the double frame line around the sheet and the 2sh6p is on a deeper blue paper which affects the colors of the stamp.

Cuba. — A very attractive set of stamps picturing the new capitol at Havana have been sent to us by Mr. R. Roberts. They are line engraved and printed by Cia Impresora De Cuba, S. A. large oblong format, watermarked star, perforated 12. Values and colors are 1c green, 2c red, 5c blue, 10c brown, 20c violet.

Finland.—We have received a new commemorative set of three values from Mr. R. Roberts. The 1mk sage green depicts a steamship with the old castle of Abo in the distance, the 1½mk purple brown, upright format, view of Abo Cathedral, and the 2mk blue grey close-up view of the Castle of Abo. Each stamp bears the dates "1229 1929," are perforated 14 on paper watermarked Posthorn. The stamps measure 35x25mm, the 1mk and 2mk values being oblong format.

France. — A very attractive stamp with a view of "Pont du Gard" in 20fr value has been issued in brown, oblong format, and copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co.

Germany.—The annual issue of charity-cum-postage stamps will appear on November 1st in designs showing the Amorial devices of Bremen, Lippe, Lubeck, Mecklenburg-Strelitz and Schaumberg-Lippe, their respective denominations being 5, 8, 15, 25 and 50 pfennigs. *Stamp Collecting* furnishes the above information.

Kishengarh.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a new ¼a in blue.

Mexico.—A 1c violet, with the words "Correos Mexico Protejaa La Infancia" in three lines at the top with a mother with a small child pictured in the centre and an inscription in Latin at the bottom. This is the permanent issue and will take the place of the surcharged stamp noted a few weeks ago. Whitfield & Co. advise regarding this issue.

Netherlands. — The 7½c type has been issued in rose color, perf. watermarked circles as before. C have been sent for chronicle by M Roberts.

New Guinea.—Mr. Rex Allison ports to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* tha German Junkers Co. has been runnin air service from the gold fields t coast and that on the initial flight nary stamps were used with "By typewritten across them, while a c "Guinea Airways, Ltd." was also a

Ruanda-Urundi.—Mr. R. Robert vises that the number of the wide se of the 10c surcharged stamp is 30,000 not 3,000 as previously reported.

Transjordania. — Two high v stamps with the portrait of His H ness Amir Abdullah have been rec from Mr. R. Roberts. They are the brown and 1000m gray, perf. 14.

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IDEAS FOR NEW DESIGNS

In connection with the article in your issue of May 20th, I am inclosing a copy of my letter to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, in which I present a few ideas for the new series of stamps referred to in that article, as well as a suggestion for an Armistice Day commemorative stamp.

The more I think about the possibilities of the Armistice Day stamp the more enthusiastic I feel. This day should really be considered the greatest of all such dates, ending as it did the greatest conflict in the world. For without this day we would have had chaos in the world long before this. Won't you get back of it and help boost? A postage stamp is a small thing, but one commemorating this day with a really suitable design, will do more to make the people remember this great day and observe it, than any other one thing that could be done. And this without especial cost to anyone.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Division of Stamps,
Washington, D. C.
My Dear Sir:

I notice in a recent issue of a philatelic magazine an announcement that the Post Office Department is considering the issuance of a new series of postage stamps, and that the Postmaster General would receive suggestions.

At present there are twenty-five denominations of postage stamps issued, from the half-cent to the five dollar value. I suggest that two series of these stamps be worked out, each value to bear the representation of some well-known landmark from each state, the District of Columbia and Alaska, making a total of fifty. The views could be similar to the present issue of 20c, 25c, and so on, each stamp bearing a suitable inscription.

I also want to suggest that a great improvement could be made in the appearance of our stamped envelopes, possibly they could be made similar to this suggestion for the new series of stamps. While it is entirely fitting to commemorate the memory of our statesmen on our postage stamps, after a length of time a change toward more artistic stamps commemorating the beauties of nature would be most welcome.

I wish to congratulate the Department on the "Edison Stamp" to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the incandescent lamp. It is most fitting that accomplishments such as this be properly noted and no way is more effective than by issuing a commemorative stamp.

Another suggestion that was brought to my mind thru the observance of Memorial Day, is the possibility of a stamp being issued in the early part of October, bearing a suitable design to commemorate the most important occurrence of recent years, Armistice Day—November 11th. Ask the National officials of the American Legion what they think of that idea.

Along with these suggestions, please remember that the two color stamp makes a much better appearance, and if not too expensive could be used to advantage in many new issues.

I trust that you will seriously consider these suggestions, along with the many others you will receive, and that the result will be a very interesting issue of postage stamps.

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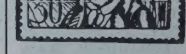

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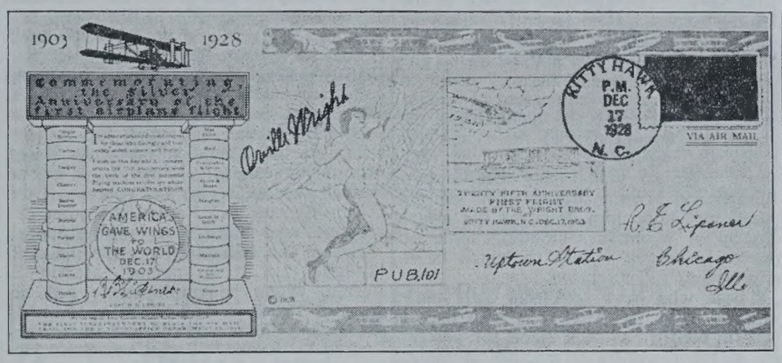

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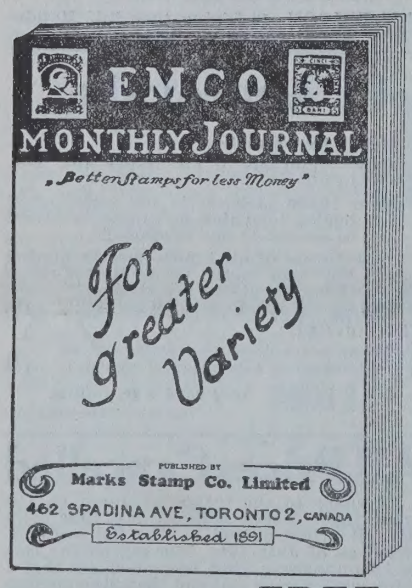

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As the "Daily News Almanac" for 1925 says: "The air mail service in the United States was suggested in 1918 by Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner, U. S. A., and when the idea was approved by the post office department, he was asked to become the first superintendent of such a service. He accepted the appointment, resigned his commission in the army and made the service a success from the start." We are glad to say that Captain Lipsner has become interested in pioneer dates, and upon him devolves the clearing up of obscurities clouding some of the early usages, a task to which he is now giving full attention.

Those who have seen this 25th anniversary cover feel that it is well that a careful record has been made for posterity of the inception of mechanical flight, down through the postal ages, particularly in the beginning. If others had done as much, the task of the present-day student would be simplified. On the reverse of this celebration envelope is the wording: "This is to certify as a member and guest of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, called by President Coolidge, to mark the first quarter century of human flight, I accompanied Hon. Orville Wright from Washington, D. C., to Kill Devil Hill, N. C. On the entire pilgrimage, I carried this commemorative cover and finally mailed it personally at the place and on the date as postmarked. (Signed) B. B. Lipsner."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

KLEMANN WINS APPEAL

By a judgment of Justice Schmuck in the Supreme Court, it was decreed among other things that Baron von Scharfenberg was the owner of a certain Russian stamp collection described in the complaint; that the two alleged bills of sale executed by the plaintiff to the defendant Bernet, conveying title to the stamp collection, were null and void because their execution was procured through duress; that the alleged sale of the said stamp collection made by Bernet to John A. Klemann was illegal and void, and the judgment further provided for the delivery of the stamp collection to Baron von Scharfenberg. John A. Klemann and the Nassau Stamp Co. appealed from this judgment, and Bernet, the other defendant, was not a party of the appeal.

Baron von Scharfenberg, the plaintiff, brought this action against Martin S. Bernet, whom he employed to sell his Russian stamp collection, to recover its possession, alleging fraud and duress exercised by Bernet. Baron von Scharfenberg, who resided in Berlin, met Bernet about July 1, 1926, and entered into a written contract whereby he employed Bernet to sell his Russian stamp collection. On July 13th the plaintiff executed a power of attorney in English, which was on the regular printed form and provided among other things:

"for the sale and marketing of my complete Russian stamp collection, which will be given to him personally in Berlin, giving and granting unto him said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney or substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof."

It was this power of attorney shown to John A. Klemann when he purchased the collection from Bernet, and at Bernet's request, made the check payable to Paul F. Lowinger, who was a personal friend of Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, and on whose recommendation Mr. Lowinger called at the office of the Nassau Stamp Co. in reference to the Russian collection.

There were some personal matters of difference between Baron von Scharfenberg and Bernet, which were ad as the basis of the duress, and beca which the Baron executed two b sale. The Baron for several montl been holding Bernet out as his agen left the stamps in his possession a given him authority to sell the wh any part of the collection. It w mitted that the plaintiff held Bern as his agent to sell the stamps; t gave him possession thereof with b sale, transferring title, and the po attorney, clothing him with the a ance of authority.

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U. S. Plates and Plate Markings

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

We have taken the list of postage due plates mentioned in our last notes and have had a very attractive chart made. Copies of the original in the form of blueprints will be furnished to column readers who request same and send a stamped and addressed envelope. The list includes all postage due plates issued by the Bureau from 1894 to date, we being indebted to Mr. A. E. Owen for the data, which is of course authentic and complete.

In conjunction with the above we have a very important announcement to make, one which will be of great interest to all collectors of United States stamps. Arrangements have been completed for the periodical appearance of lists, charts, diagrams, etc., of certain plate numbers, plate layouts and marginal markings. Each will be complete in itself and comprehensive in its scope. For the first diagram we plan to take the 360 subject plate. The blueprint will contain a diagram of this size plate, showing its arrangement and layout, position of guide lines and arrows, and the various marginal markings; in fact, everything that can be of service to enable collectors to familiarize themselves with details and to acquire a complete understanding of the subject. Data will be furnished by one of the foremost specialists on U. S. Bureau issues, and the drawing will be made by the same expert who has done such excellent work on the due list. More details will appear in an early issue.

We acknowledge with thanks first day Edison covers from Menlo Park from Thomas H. Hawk and Theodore H. Ames; an Edison air mail cover from the temporary post office at the new Convention Hall at Atlantic City, sent by Francis Hertzell, and for a first day cover having an Edison coil stamp, from H. M. Southgate. Several readers have reported the new stamp from plates 19775-776-777-778. The rotaries we have seen were very poorly perforated, the plate numbers being removed.

Theodore H. Ames reports a lower right pane from plate 17431 (15c), which shows no trace of the bottom plate number although the arrow is clearly printed.

From Akron we have a request to explain the significance of the symbol "S 30" which is found on the margin of certain rotary printings. Three symbols, S 20, S 30 and S 40, were used by the Bureau when they were making trials of different depths for the rotary plates. S 20 and S 40 depths were not satisfactory, and S 30 was found to answer the requirements and was made standard and used on all later plates having these symbols. Copies of No. 539, type III, show the S 30, and No. 539, type II, show the S 20. These latter are very scarce. No. 545, No. 546 and No. 588 also show S 30. No copies showing the symbol S 40 have ever been reported. The above information was kindly sent by Mr. Owen.

Through the courtesy of George Brett we add two plates to our list of Canal Zone on U. S.: 2c flat "A", 15378; and 5c sharp "A", 15571. Thomas E. Lally kindly reports the following for our list also: 2c postage due, sharp "A", 14599; and 10c postage due, sharp "A", 6556.

Commenting on the interesting oddity reported in our column for May 27 by Wayne E. Kuhn, C. C. Damon writes that he has located the same combination, and in addition reports the same center plate (19730) with borders 19721-723-724-726, all showing the line a little to the left, but not always in the same place.

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We have just completed a check list containing the first 5,000 plates issued by the Bureau, but due to its great length cannot undertake to furnish copies. However, those having specimens from these early plates and desiring further information concerning them may send their inquiries and we will endeavor to furnish the required data as usual.

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On June 19, Mr. Stephen D. Brown made a wonderful display of some of the choicest pieces from his wonderful selected collection at the Collectors Club. In the auction room he displayed a large portion of his famous collection of the New Orleans stamps, which were shown in the glass cases round the room. The most important pieces here were, first of all, three complete reconstructed plates consisting mostly of used copies and which were shown on the white, the blue and the yellow paper, the latter, the third printing, being mostly unused.

In the rarities I noticed 5c on white paper, first issue, used, printed on both sides. Also another rarity was the imprint inverted on white paper and used. On the third piece a very interesting item showed a tete-beche imprint, traces showing above the one imprint of the bottom portion of letters of another imprint. This was shown on a strip of three and a single.

The collection contained a very large number of superb copies in singles, pairs and strips, on and off covers, with all varieties of cancellations.

Mr. Brown also showed a few choice pieces in Confederate States in addition to the New Orleans, such as a strip of five of the 2c green lithographed on cover; strip of 5 of the 2c brown on cover; a TEN cents on cover postmarked JACKSON; a very fine Knoxville on cover tied on with a Railroad cancellation.

In addition to the Confederates, Mr. Brown was good enough to bring with him a selection of rarities in the most superb condition, of United States stamps. Among others I noted as follows:—1847, 10c bisected vertically and diagonally; 1851, a 3c bisected tied with a black grid used on a circular as 1c; 1851, 12c, three diagonal bisections, one cancelled San Francisco, the second a New York town with "Via Nicaragua, Ahead of the Mails" on the cover, and a third one with the year date 1852 and the word PAID on the stamp; 1869, 2c, horizontal half, used as a 1c drop letter with a cork blob on the cut and with the word "Carrier" on the envelope, not in Scott's Special Catalogue. Also a 2c of the same issue, vertical half used with a full 2c mate the original 3c rate; 1870-71, no grill, red-brown, vertical half used for 6c letter; 1883, 4c vertical half with the mark O. K. (P. M.).

Amongst other fine things, of which can only note a few, were some pieces specimens of the 1842 New Yorks, including a 5c on the real blue paper. 18 fine lot of 5c Railway cancellations, red, blue and green PAIDS; Pair with the figures "10" in red and another with "FREE" in red; in the 1847's 5c and 10c were both shown with Troy and New York Steamboat cancellations; 1851 issue, a superb set without sheet margins and a magnificent Type I, number "7R1" early.

There was a large number of other interesting and rare varieties, but will not allow a detailed description every stamp in this most magnificent collection deserves full description.

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the *Bell Telephone News* for May, nd and Reinhold Schoemann, sons of o Schoemann, the Chicago dealer and rietor of the Dollar Stamp Com. have an article telling of their exnces in Brazil before coming to rica. It is a very good descriptive nt of Brazil, and is of interest to philatelist. The closing sentence is: ple who have lived there a number ars are drawn back as if by magic at strange and mysterious land."

e Indianapolis *Sunday Star,* Indianps, June 16th, pictures the reverse of d that was sent by air mail to BoonIndiana, in 1912, under the charge e flyer, Phil Kearney, who arranged rry mail from the Warrick County a to Boonville. The flight was allowed he government, and Kearney's re- was the ten cents received for each is cards, which were carried under ne cent rate. Eugene Klein is reld to have paid $70 to the owner of card, Carl Eifler, principal of the e High School, Evansville, Indiana, is also the home city of Mr. H. M. ers.

e Sioux City *Journal,* Iowa, in its 17th paper contained a column from Associated Press; head, "Stamps of Post Prized by Collectors." It is that truck drivers and matrons alike over albums side by side; and aton is called to the vogue of air mail collecting.

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PRICE STABILITY---BUREAU PRINTS

By C. A. CARROLL.

In a recent issue of this paper, the Precancel Editor, Prof. A. F. Gamber, discussed the present day "fashion" in Bureau Print collecting as though it were a Florida boom transferred to the philatelic field.

Precancel collectors probably read this article with understanding and considerable sympathy for the predicament in which Prof. Gamber finds himself; but to the general collector outside the precancel hobby, some of his statements should be interpreted.

The professor has accumulated two extraordinary collections by incessant labor over a period of years. He has one of the finest general collections of precancels now in existence, and he has one of the two most complete specialized collections of city-type coils. Either of these is a philatelic treasure of the first water.

However, he discovers in any direction that he turns that the gems of his collection—stamps of great rarity and of classic standing—are not regarded in the same monetary light as many varieties of Bureau Prints (those precancels which are overprinted at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington) which are much more numerous and more widely held by collectors. He is led to the conclusion that a lot of collectors are being grossly fooled as to the true value of Bureau Prints, and because of the large number held, that prices are due for deflation just as the bottom dropped out of the collection of special favors on commemoratives several years ago.

A collector outside the precancel fold can draw a parallel to this situation. It is as though a person had assembled a general collection from all parts of the world, including many rarities from Central and South America, of which only a few thousand are in existence, and had found these stamps to be cataloged on a par with some of the old United States issues of which a hundred thousand copies are known. This man might logically contend that the South American rarity is worth ten or twenty times the price of the U. S. stamp on the basis of quantity issued and specimens saved, and he would be drawing the same conclusion that Prof. Gamber draws with relation to Bureau Prints.

The fact is that U. S. stamps are the gilt edged securities of the philatelic world, because there are more collectors collecting them than any other country, and more money is available to buy them than any other country. The price is not governed by supply but by demand. No catalog editor would think of basing his prices on any other basis.

It is therefore not strange to find that Bureau Prints, which are the most popular of precancels, are setting up prices far in advance of much rarer city types. The reason is simple. All general precancel collectors are grabbing Bureaus, practically all specialized precancel collectors are saving Bureaus in addition to their specialty, and hundreds of collectors are collecting nothing but Bureaus. The demand is strong and the price is rising to meet the demand.

Prof. Gamber states that if half the collectors who are now salting away Bureaus were to leave the game, the bottom would fall out of the specialty overnight. That may sound strange to some folks, but to a Wall Street operator, it is as simple as ABC. If half the outstanding shares of U. S. Steel were dumped on the market during a business day, the greatest panic in the history of the world would result. But this calamity is nothing to worry about just now, for the simple reason that most holders of U. S. Steel shares are keeping a tight grip on them.

The rise of Bureau Print Precancels during the past two years may be attributed to two factors: first, the fact that three separate and distinct series have been created by the Post Office Department during that interval, thus increasing the number of varieties to the point where a collector can spend his entire time on this specialty; and second, the official character of the precancellation has convinced an increasing number of both general precancel collectors and U. S. specialists alike that the future of these minor U. S. varieties partake alike of the precancel and U. S. general issues and will be increasingly popular as the years go on.

Any reader of this paper interested in Bureau Prints and having no background of experience upon which to judge prices, may secure authoritative advice and find a sympathetic counselor in Dr. W. I. Mitchell, editor of the Bureau Print catalog. Dr. Mitchell possesses not only the most exhaustive knowledge of the subject in existence, but the soundest judgment along all lines of precancel collecting. He is also unusually sympathetic and easy of approach.

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THE number of bills introduced into congress for special stamps has become so large that we are beginning to wonder that if a good proportion of them attain their object, the purpose of the commemorative stamp will not be defeated. If they come in undue quantity, it will follow that the impression made by each one on the public mind will be weakened. While it is flattering to collectors that the objects of their admiration are encored for repeated performances, it follows that even to philatelists, the sense of novelty is lessened by successive issues. Our opinion, based on expressions of the public and collectors alike, is that a golden mean could be observed to the advantage of all concerned, and while collectors do not think that the new special stamps in any sense are a tax on their purses, some of them do say that their sentiment for the stamps is best conserved by a reasonable number of issues. We believe that the sense of proportion of the authorities will prevail, and that while the new stamps will come, their prolificy will not be so great as to disturb the equanimity of collectors.

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ON the latest bulletin of the Philatelic Agency, dated June 12, 1929, we find the paragraph: "The Agency is about thirty days in arrears and it is requested that patrons kindly refrain from reporting the non-receipt of stamps ordered until this length of time has elapsed, as considerable time is required to search the records and answer such inquiries." We have received complaints about the delay in filling orders by the Philatelic Agency and have answered them, much in the manner indicated in the foregoing notice. The help in the Agency is limited and it is not easy to introduce new clerks into the business of filling orders, even when they are available; and since it is not possible to expand the roll of employees without congressional action, we understand, the situation at times becomes irksome. This is true when new stamps are offered, and it may be that in view of the record of the Agency that additional workers may be permitted. The attention of legislators should be directed to the handicap under which the office works on occasion in the hope that in their opinion relief is justified.

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IT is the ambition of Major Otto Lehmann of Germany, a recent observer of air mail progress in this country, to link Germany and the United States by an ocean air line, now that as he says, American air mail transportation is firmly established.

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OUR favorite author is a member of the American Philatelic Society, and his name is Ellis Parker Butler, a resident of far-famed Flushing, New York, whose "Pigs is Pigs" is unadulterated humor, and caused what many thought were seismic disturbances, but which in reality were the result of old man Terra Firma shaking his sides with laughter after reading "Pigs is Pigs." Ellis Parker Butler has marched under the philatelic flag for many years and is a matured philatelic security. As a boy, he was an avid stamp collector and his "exchange" notices appeared in some of the juvenile papers of the times. He has grown up with stamps and he does not change the subject if someone asks if he is a collector, but he turns on the questioner and puts him in the role of opologist when he thought that he had the advantage. At a Rotary Club luncheon he would wear a button as big as a dinner-plate with "Philatelist" on it, with pomp and circumstance. Collectors should know that in his advance to the front rank of writers, Mr. Butler has used stamps as stepping-stones on different occasions; and they may be said to have helped him to a seat on the platform, reserved for the great American humorists. A recent Metropolitan News Service copyrighted article by Mr. Butler is called "Stamp Collecting," and in it, he tells of the "Perils and Pleasures of a Passionate Life," and he does so with a philatelic touch that tickles the reader the real pink of the three-cent of 1861. Friends who ask him why he does not collect alligators or codfish, instead of stamps, are pilloried by a philosophical rebuttal that collectors can chortle over. From first to last, Mr. Butler is at his best and that means that the article is a palatable mixture of stamps and smiles. His peroration is the much-sought for happy ending: he asks a dealer to tell him frankly if war is impending between Luxemburg and the United States, and the diplomatic dealer says that Luxemburg will not attack this country as long as Mr. Butler collects Luxemburg stamps. So, let's draw a breath of relief because Mr. Butler really is a specialist in the stamps of Luxemburg. All the newspapers that take the service no doubt are permitted to use Mr. Butler's article.

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THE following air mail tidings have come from Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece: "I am sending this cover by the first flight from here to Marseilles, bearing a special cachet for the occasion, reading in Greek, 'Aerial Communication between Syria-Greece-France First Flight.' The number of covers flown will be given later. The first flight from Athens to Beyrouth left on June 8th. There was a different cachet for this flight, the words being 'France-Greece-Syria.' Three hundred and sixty-eight covers were carried from Athens. There was no mail from Marseilles for Athens at all. The itinerary follows: Marseilles to Naples, first day; Naples to Athens, second day; and Athens-Castelrosso (Aegean Italian Island) on to Beyrouth. There was no mail from Athens to Castelrosso, nor will there be a mail on the flight to Naples. The importance of this line is enormous. Mail from Greece to Syria was forwarded on to Egypt, and took about ten days or more, which is reduced to twenty-four hours now. France is also united to Syria, which is under her mandate, in three days instead of eight or nine as heretofore. There is one big event scheduled for next year, I think, and that is a line from Athens-Salonica to Belgrade. In speaking of Athens, I mean Phaliron Bay, six kilometers from Athens, the nearest point to the sea."

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A BULLETIN from the office of the manager of the National Philatelic Exhibition of 1929, Minneapolis, says that a weekly news letter will be sent to the philatelic press from now on to August 5th. The remark is made that the committee in charge invites word from intending exhibitors as to space requirements as soon as possible, and here we wish to emphasize the necessity for early application. The work of the Minneapolis men will require their utmost efforts under the best of circumstances, and if timely coöperation is not given by those who intend to exhibit, complications may ensue whose solution adds to the burden. The fact that three of the classes out of five are for the juvenile, junior and novice divisions shows that the exhibit is to be one of popular kind; and the appeal that is made, inferentially, is one that should be heeded by the class of collectors who heretofore did not feel any too cordially welcomed as entrants in national exhibitions. As showing the enlarged scope of the Minneapolis show, the statement is made that it is not necessary for an exhibitor to be a member of any philatelic society. [illegible] forthcoming exhibition must be a [illegible] cessful one, if shows of the kind a[illegible] be made a yearly feature, and it w[illegible] be unthinkable that it would not me[illegible] high expectations of those in charge[illegible] managers are the deputies of the A[illegible] can philatelists who must regard th[illegible] hibition as their personal project. [illegible] the benefit of those who may wi[illegible] write the manager of the National [illegible] telic Exhibition of 1929, Inc., we[illegible] his address: 1054 McKnight Bldg., [illegible] neapolis, Minnesota.

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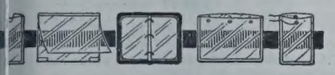

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ghamton used a green ink supple-ary cachet which reads, "Center of York's Southern Tier." We don't this unless McGuffey didn't know eography.
ere has been no little comment on Sullivan stamp. The Association of rete Mixer Manufacturers has de-ced the stamp, believing that the re shows a man carrying a hod. Mr. gate states, however, that the fairy's really is a spear, for he has seen original painting. Mr. Phil Ward es that he is sure that it is a spear se Sullivan was a rough guy with ndians. Can you imagine a General ing after an Indian with a spear and ng him one in the rear?
any years ago, we used to sit and "The Backwoodsman" by H. A. ley, and chase Indians in our dreams. most of these first day cover cities part of the story's campaigns ng the Six Nations.
official markings on letters some-s have been confused with official narks. During the Great War, y fourth class offices were supplied rubber handstamps to advertise the rty Loans. These were supplemen-marks to be placed on the faces of rs, usually in red or blue inks. Mi-Florida, has one, "Practice Fire vention Every Day—It Pays". This inds of the days when Mamma used ay, "It pays to be good." Collecting is difficult.
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AIR MAIL DEPT.

I believe the coöperators deserve the head of the column this week. When I can count up a list like this in about the hottest week of the year, it's hard to feel discouraged with the job. Think I owe public mention to a couple more of the regulars. Miss Anna Schafer of Akron sends along a bunch of good clippings at least once a week, and her name's always on the list. Maurice S. Petty, Sec. of the Washington, D. C., Stamp Club, is an untiring letter writer, and sends me a weekly summary of all the news he's dug up through his wide correspondence. The total list follows: Elton M. Manuel, Frank M. Ham, Max F. Berendes, **Dr. F. Whitney Davis, Marx Reimers, Chas. F. Becker, *Roy Searfoss, ***P. R. Hudson, *H. G. Kingdom, Jerry R. Erikson, A. E. Schafer, J. C. Borchert, William Esselen, Jr., Arthur W. Gilbart, Jr., Allen P. Harding, *Wm. Bruce Bryant, H. C. Carpenter, W. W. Spann, *Maurice S. Petty, Lewis Morris Kaufman, O. H. Phinney, **Everett G. Emerson, William Orr, ****Anna M. Schafer, Donald Levy, **M. P. Colegrove, *A. Atlas Leve, Abraham Cohen, Thomas O'Sullivan, N. E. Norton, Ralph Moffatt, John N. McKenzie, **A. E. Gorham, A. L. Stevens, R. A. Saul, *S. Whitman, *L. B. Gatchell, ***Frank W. Wright, Ross Shumaker, J. E. Whyte, D. E. McPherson, and *** with no names attached.

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OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Lots of interesting Sullivan clippings and covers. Great excitement at Geneseo and Perry when the stamps didn't arrive till after 10 A. M. The Perry P. M. sent a car over to Geneva and borrowed some till his came in. Special cachets at Binghamton, Syracuse, Elmira, and Horseheads. If you haven't seen the latter cartoon cachet, you've missed a good one. Why not some more humor in our cachets, anyway?

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Got back my covers from Belize, Brit. Honduras, and Managua, Nicaragua, this week. One dark spot, however. Covers mailed from San Juan, P. R., for the first official dispatch, postmarked May 18, 4 P. M., are stamped "Received Miami, Fla., too late for Air Mail dispatch 5-21-29." That plane evidently was delayed, and missed connections. These letters went down on the second trip two days later, Managua backstamp for the first trip is ordinary oval cancellation May 22; while that for the second trip, dated May 24, has a plane design and "Correo Aereo." Maybe I got the first day for that, anyway.***Elton M. Manuel reports a funny one. Cover bears cachet of first northbound flight from Ecuador, Ecuador stamps, but postmarked "Cristobal, C. Z. Paquebot". Anybody else get this?

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Bids for the Salt Lake City - Pasco - Spokane route will not be opened till Aug. 15. ***J. C. Borchert shows me a cover addressed to Kansas City, Mo., bearing the cachet of the Legion Convention Flight Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2, 1921. This was mailed from Sacramento Oct. 29, and was lucky as anything to make the flight at all, and the best of all is that it's not an airmail letter in form, but simply an official Post Office Dept. penalty envelope, bearing no stamp whatever.

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If you're not already receiving the special Canadian P. O. Dept. airmail bulletins, write the Dept. at Ottawa and get on the list, which is free. Only those who got the list were able to get in on the short notice flights to and from Moncton, N. B., and Sydney, N. S., July 1 and 2, in connection with the Maritime Air Pageant at Moncton. The same bulletin also announced that the Moncton-St. John and Moncton-Charlottetown flights would take place July 2 as well as the 1st, as originally announced.*** On the recent first flight already noted, 734 letters were carried Edmonton to Grande Prairie, and 682 on the return trip.***St. John's Newfoundland used the promised commemorative cancellation June 14, the anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic Air Mail.

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Wish I could print this whole letter, as it gave me the thrill of the week. It came from H. A. Saul, Radio Engineer on the big plane making both the early attempt and the actual drop and pickup to and from the Leviathan. The attempt started with the crash of the Burnelli plane, then a terrific thunder storm; left New Bedford with darkness approaching, right over the Leviathan, but fog too thick, and it was a case of getting back to land while the getting was good. Landed at Newport, gassed up via small boats, and back to New York. On the 12th, however, a successful flight was made, by the same plane and personnel. Mr. Saul says he didn't have a letter the first time, but got several on the next.*** Only cover I've seen from the successful flight has the special cachet "from the Leviathan" in purple, is postmarked Newark, N. J., June 12, 8.30 P. M., both front and back, and backstamped Andover, Mass., the next morning.

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There's likely to be something doing in Hawaii one of these days. A new commercial service starts Sept. 15 from Honolulu to Hilo, and there might be a mail contract in the offing. A few covers sent out wouldn't be a bad idea.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, ETC.

Missed one Lindbergh Day, it seems. Maurice S. Petty sends me the cover and cachet sponsored by the St. Louis C. of C. May 21.***Airplane Model League of America Annual Contest cachet June 20, 21, and 22, purple, green and black, from Detroit. ***Kiwanis Convention at Milwaukee June 23-27, cachet, private, different colors each day.

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W. B. Bryant sends a cover dropped from the Goodyear dirigible "Volunteer", the official airship of the Shrine Convention, on its special christening flight June 9 at Arcadia, Calif. Signed by Co-Pilot Bud Campbell. The "Volunteer" is being tested for possible future Los Angeles - Hawaii service, and if that takes place, these will be interesting covers. Thanks, Mr. Bryant!

471 covers mailed with the Miniature Aircraft Contest cachet from Kansas City June 8—cachet by the Aviation Club.***I am informed that previously published figures for the Aug. 1 5c rate cachet from Portland, Ore., are incorrect, and that only about 250 letters bearing this cachet were mailed.

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Heavy incoming mail this week. Cover mailed from Tulsa, Okla., by a coöperator June 19, no cachet, in pencil on back "postponed indef." What was it to have been, Mr. Petty?***Greenwood, S. C., evidently had a lot of requests for autographs of prominent citizens, so they added a cachet for their dedication June 19, bearing the names of everybody connected with the event. This was green, the dedicatory cachet in black, both by the C. of C.*** Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 22 and 23, blue both dates, by C. of C.***La Salle-Peru Airport from LaSalle, Ind., June 22 and 23, all signed by the P. M.—black.***Ashtabula, Ohio, June 22—big green cachet and a booster sticker—by the C. of C.***DeKalb, Ill., cachet in purple or magenta reads "First Official Flight", is postmarked DeKalb June 21, 2 P. M., and backstamped Chicago "Air Mail", 6.30 P. M. Looks good. Kerrville, Tex., dedicated June 15, but I haven't seen any of the covers I sent in.*** Clipping says recent Walla Walla air derby was a dedication. Thought that was a year ago. How about it, out there?***Newton, Iowa, covers dated May 31 and June 1, cachet—Dedication Trans-Continental Emergency Airport". All mine had "The Workshop of Iowa" cachet, which is entirely different. Need some local information here, too.

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Coming—Chambersburg, Pa., cachet by C. of C.***Columbia. Mo., C. of C. keeps covers, but says some time yet.***Providence, R. I., ditto.***New Western Air Express airport Alhambra, Calif., before long—covers to Mr. E. J. Fluke, 117 W. 9th St., Los Angeles.

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Excelsior Springs, Mo., getting active, and covers can go to the C. of C. No rush. ***Phoenix, Ariz., holds covers, but says a long time yet.***Agawam Airport, Inc., Springfield, Mass., will dedicate late July or August—cachet and covers to above address.***Redding, Calif., July or Aug.—cachet by and covers to C. of C.***Jamestown, N. Y., all off due to election vote failing to pass.***Marlin, Tex., will be dedicated this year, but has had to be postponed some time. Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture holding covers.*** Niagara Falls dedication was a three-day affair, June 13, 14 and 15, different colors daily.

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Sweden	Cat.	Net
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*Tanganyika 1922, 10/- (23), mint	10.00	5.00
*— 1922, £1 (24), mint	20.00	10.00
*Togo 1915, £1 (76), mint	17.50	9.00
*— 1915, same, with small F, Gibbons £7	..	15.00
*Trinidad 1859, 1/- (17), mint	17.50	7.50
o**Turks** 1893, ½d on 4d (53), very fine	20.00	10.00
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		Var.
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1898	1c to 10c Omaha	6
1901	1c to 10c Pan-American	6
1902	1c to $1	13
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oChina 1923, $5 (222)	1.75
*Congo 1921, 1fr (70)	.35
*— 1922, 5c on 50c (74)	.50
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o— 1912, 1r50c (72)	2.50
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o— 15c red brown	
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o— Same, used	
o— 2c rose	
o— 10c red brown	
*— 10c vermilion	
*— 12c red lilac	
o1890, 2c violet	
*o1893, 1c green	
*— 2c brown	
o— 2c violet	
*— 5c dark blue	
*— 5c ultramarine	
*— 6c green	
*— 2c rose	
*— 10c vermilion	
*1894, 1c yellow	
*— 2c brown	
*— 5c lake	
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By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

is a curious fact that, while new s of Albanian stamps are so numer- s to lead to the belief that they are for stamp collectors, it is in fact difficult for the ordinary collector to n them. The country is some hun- of years behind the west of Europe velopment and there are hardly any ble channels through which supplies amps can be obtained. Those who fortunate enough to be able to get nian stamps will find that here is ner field of marked interest. It is always easy to decide which of the rous issues are those of the legiti- Albanian Government or of revolu- ry governments strong enough to n the right to issue stamps for a por- at least of the country; and which merely bogus labels, made perhaps in other country of Europe, with the ct of deceiving collectors.

will be found, at any rate, that the s from 1917, including those of the blic of Korytza and the Austrian l stamps overprinted with a comet, distinctly interesting. The last- ed are well worth studying, as the ous settings of the surcharge can be nstructed, and abundant material is lable. There are also errors and eties to be found in the later over- ts and surcharges.—*Filatelia.*

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United States

2c Sullivan Expedition

The new 2-cent stamp issued on June 17 to commemorate the Sullivan Expedition is meeting with much criticism. It is certainly not an attractive stamp. One of my correspondents writes that the "micky" should have the traditional hod upon his shoulder instead of a spear. He further states that he knows it's a spear, as he saw the full picture from which the copy was made. One correspondent describes this spear as a mortar-mixing stick, while our famous correspondent, Sevard, writes to ask if this is an Irish Settlers' commemorative. We are under the impression that it was issued in honor of the Irish vote given to President Hoover last November.

The first-day covers have arrived and it seems that most of the postmasters took very little trouble in accommodating the collectors, for the stamps are straight edged, damaged, placed upon the covers in every which way and are generally most unsatisfactory. I do not recall any other first-day issue which was furnished to the collectors in such a manner. Those from Geneseo were especially poor, while the man who attached the stamps at Waterloo had extremely soiled hands, and we get a finger print with practically every copy. The only exceptions were those from Binghamton, Watkins Glen and Canajoharie. The clerks in these several offices at least took the trouble to attach the stamps in a satisfactory manner. The next time that we have a new issue, it is to be hoped that the Post Office Department will write one of its old-time letters to the postmaster in charge, requesting that the covers for collectors be taken care of in a satisfactory way.

We wish to thank Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman for a first-day cover from Geneseo.

Plate Variety

Mr. Albert W. Draves kindly submits for inspection a block of the 2c rotary print from plate 19115, wherein a horizontal line is shown in the top margin completely above the first four stamps and partially above the fifth variety. This was placed upon the plate at the time it was laid out and should have been erased. The stamps come from the northeast pane showing the plate number in the upper right corner.

New Series

Further suggestions are made by stamp collectors as to the proposed new series to be issued by the Post Office Department within the next several months. Mr. R. L. Bell states that some of the new stamps should illustrate the modes of mail transportation, including the Pony Despatch rider, the stage coach, the train, the automobile and the airplane. He also suggests certain scenery and buildings and that they put the Woolworth Building upon 2-cent stamp—a suggestion that will hardly meet with general approval. Engineering projects should occupy the higher denominations, whereas memorials should be found on the dollar values.

Mr. H. M. Lyon suggests a series with the first denomination showing the original thirteen states and each succeeding denomination showing the increase of territory.

2c Envelope, Die-A2

There has been some little question among envelope collectors here of late as to whether the recently found variety should be designated as "Die-A2" or "Die-I." Mr. H. Clay Reed, the well-known student of our current envelopes, writes as follows:

"I think it should be called 'A-2,' because, it is an offshoot of Die-A, and not an entirely new production. This line of reasoning has been used in naming Die H-2 and also in giving the 3c and 1½c dies the same names as the 2c, even though the figures of value were changed.

The argument for giving the new die a new letter is a technical one, having to do with the way the new die was made. A correspondent writes me that the lettering of the new die does not coincide at all with that on the old die (which is evident on examination) and that the die was probably made by defacing all the old lettering and engraving it entirely anew, while retaining the original head. H2 on the other hand, being exactly identical with H, except for the lengthening of all the T's.

Aside from the technical end of it, what impresses me is that it will be less confusing for the average collector if two dies with the same head are called A and A2, rather than A and I. Therefore, I favor A2."

As I believe Mr. Reed's conclusions are correct, this variety will be designated in this column hereafter as "Die A2."

Philippines

On May 9, 1929, a total eclipse of the sun was to be observed in Iloilo between 3.29 p. m. and 3.32 p. m. On the day in question, the Post Office at that town used a special postmark elliptical in shape, with lettering at the top and bottom and horizontal lines off at the left and right reading: "Eclipse Day, May 9, 1929, Sun's total eclipse 3.29 P. M.—3.32 P. M. Iloilo-Iloilo, P. I." The postmark is applied in red and we wish to extend our appreciation to Mr. Walter Bruggmann for one of these covers mailed on May 9th and backstamped "Manila, May 13, 1929."

Antigua.—The 1p has been issued again in scarlet on script watermarked paper. The shade is a little deeper than the original carmine red color.

Australia.—We have just received from Wilcox, Smith & Co., a specimen

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Junior Dictionary

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Qarku Postes i Korces.—This inscription appeared upon the last series of stamps issued by the French forces which occupied Korytza, Albania, during the World War. It means "Local Post of Korytza."

Qint.—The value expressed on a series of stamps issued in Albania in 1913. There are 100 qintar in a franc, and a qintar is, therefore, equal to a fifth of a cent in American money.

Quatt.—An abbreviation for "quattrino" shown in connection with the value on many of the stamps of Tuscany. Sixty quattrini were equal to a lira, which had a value equal to about 32c in American money.

Quatrefoils Watermark.—A pattern of four-leaved or cruciform flowers used as a watermark in such stamps as those for British New Guinea, Zanzibar (1896 until 1914), and the 2c Sarawak issued in 1901.

Queen's Heads.—A term frequently used in connection with those stamps of the British Empire bearing the effigy of Queen Victoria.

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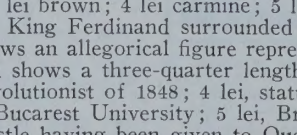

The stamps are of large size and well printed, values and colors as follows:—1 leu purple; 2 lei green; 3 lei brown; 4 lei carmine; 5 lei orange; 10 lei blue. The 1 leu shows the portrait of King Ferdinand surrounded by four Middle Age Roumanian rulers; the 2 lei shows an allegorical figure representing the Union of Transylvania to Roumania; 3 lei shows a three-quarter length portrait of Avram Iancu, a prominent Roumanian revolutionist of 1848; 4 lei, statue of the Roumanian ruler, Mihai Viteazul facing the Bucarest University; 5 lei, Bran Castle, situate about 40 miles from Brasov, this Castle having been given to Queen Maria by the people of Brasov; 10 lei shows King Ferdinand's portrait in the centre surrounded by Roumanian statesmen and people.—*Whitfield King's Bulletin.*

Helpful Notes on U. S.

Many of the collectors of U. S. stamps, especially those who are rather new at that branch of the hobby, have all sorts of trouble with them.

First, there are the various kinds of stamps of the 1862-68 issues without grills and with varying sizes of grills. These should not cause much trouble if the stamps are looked at carefully for a few moments and the grills measured or the rows of the same are counted.

The collector's first real troubles come with the so-called Bank Note issues of 1870-79. Any that show grills can be easily told, but to classify hard and soft paper, the collector should get a copy of the 3c, #136, to keep as a reference for the hard paper. He should also have a 2c, #210, handy as an example of the soft paper. The question of secret marks is very troublesome, because often they do not show, even tho they are supposed to. If the collector is much in doubt about his stamps, he should send them to his favorite dealer to classify. The dealer will gladly do this for a customer if there are only a few of them to classify. When the collector has the stamps correctly classified, it is a good idea to write the catalog number under the stamp, or it may be written with soft pencil on the back of the stamp. (Never use ink or indelible pencil on the stamp.)

The re-engraved issue of 1882 can be readily told if the catalog explanations are followed.

Everything goes well, then, until we come to the triangle issues of 1894-99. Here we have one set on unwatermarked paper and the same thing on watermarked. With the aid of some benzine, it is easy to sort these two groups, as the watermarks show up plainly. Those on watermarked paper are much more plentiful. The 2c stamp of this issue comes with three different kinds of triangles, which are thoroughly explained in the catalog. A microscope should be used for sorting these, as the eye strain would be too great, otherwise.

Beginning with the 1908 issue and working up thru the 1921 issue, on all values from 1c to $1 there appear pictures of either Washington or Franklin. With these the collector will have plenty of trouble. Some stamps appear on the double line watermark paper and some on the single line, pictures of which are in the catalog. Others have no watermark at all. Some come with perf. 12 or perf. 10 or perf. 11 as well as compounds and in coil form. They all can be sorted out and when done properly, make a fine display. It takes patience, and lots of it. Many stamps in this group are much scarcer than the catalog values indicate.

The next troublesome group is the 1922 series 1c to 10c, which appears in perf. 11, perf. 10x10 and perf. 11x10½.

Patience and the constant use of a good perforation gauge will do wonders. Most people like to attack a hard job and come out the winner and have the mental satisfaction of having done a hard job well. Try it for a half hour and see for yourself. Many collectors like the large pictorial issues best. I am wondering if it is all because they are prettier or because they are easier to sort out than the regular series of stamps. To get a complete collection of U. S. stamps it is just as necessary to have the overlooked regular issues that only catalog 2c or so as it is to have the speculative 2c and 5c Norse American or the elusive $5 Columbian issue.

A. C. LeDuc.

Bits of Information

Sinn Fein Labels.—The Sinn Fein (ourselves alone) is an Irish political party dating from 1906. For publicity purposes various labels have been issued but they have never been accorded any philatelic standing.

Sirmoor.—A feudatory state of India situated in the lower Simla Hills. Postage stamps were first issued in 1879.

Skatikas, Skatiku.—The singular and plural forms of the name of the smallest Lithuanian money, corresponding to the French centime. 100 skatiku make an auksinas (plural auksinai) corresponding to the French franc.

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UNDER THE HAMMER

R. E. D. (Berwyn, Ill.) says some of last week's jokes sounde him as if they were written while radio was tuned to saxophone musi

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A perky little springbok
Upon a postal issue
Once tried to do a bokspring,
And creased his spinal tissue.

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Capt. A. C. Townsend rings the Forum's bell every shot. He has fired us a hot one about a chap who a Turkish stamp with a Greece sp it, which he claimed was a surch Capt. T. writes, "At Hot Springs can surely Boil this down to a joke." Thanks, Captain.

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LIVES OF GREAT MEN

Look at that Molly Pitcher st We believe in revering the memor great men, and the clear and scand imputation there that George Was ton had Molly Pitcher on the should not be tolerated for a mome CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

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I went in an' asked
Fer a roll o' stamps,
An' one o' these vamps
Says, "Look here, Cuteness,
Where's yer astuteness?
Don't you read MEKEEL'S?
Stamps don't come in reels."
—Robert E. Dun

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Since writing on this subject, press comment in regard to the doings of the Graf Zeppelin has appeared very sparingly. About a fortnight ago, it was announced that the examination of the Zeppelin motors was progressing, and that an official report would be published June 8 at the latest, but this report is still outstanding. It was stated that upon completion of the physical and laboratory tests, a trial trip would be made, and that a date for the American flight would then be definitely fixed by Dr. Eckener.

I had made up my mind to leave this matter alone for a while, when I received a cablegram from an American friend, instructing me to prepare a goodly number of covers and postals for the new flight of the Zepp. Before commencing activities and spending money for the necessary stamps, I thought it advisable to ascertain whether there would be a flight at all within the near future. It occurred to me that the postmaster at Friedrichshafen, who has been handling the mails for the several trips of the airship, might be in a position to furnish some reliable information, so I wrote asking him to let me know whether a starting date had been decided upon, and whether mail could again be sent in his care. The good postmaster replied without a minute's delay. The reply speaks for itself, and will, no doubt, be of interest:

"G. Z. 127 will start during the month of June. In addition to this there will be a flight to the United States in July or August. Mail will be carried on each occasion.

"Rates will be the same as before, viz.: —4 marks per letter and 2 marks per postal card."

The official postal announcements dealing with the Zeppelin flights contain a paragraph running as follows:

"For any mail matter handed over to the airship, no fees will be refunded to the sender."

This short, but important, paragraph can only mean that in the event of it proving necessary to interrupt or definitely cancel an intended flight, the mail on board the airship will be sent by steamer, in the ordinary way, or returned to the sender, if he so desires. In such case the postal authorities refuse to refund to the sender the difference between the ordinary postage and the air mail rates, and claims made by the addressees on the senders to refund the surplus postage paid cannot be entertained.—A. WAGNER.

NEW MEXICO AIR STAMPS

We have just received from Mariano Anzoreno of Mexico City some specimens of the new set of air mail stamps. The set consists of six values, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c and one peso. The stamps are bi-colored

and are very handsome. The central design is a flying machine in mid-air, while at the left is a picture of Emilio Carranza, who is commemorated by the set of stamps. As we understand it, he died July 13, 1928, and Mexico thus honors his memory.

AIR MAIL NOTES

The Cleveland Air Mail Society has voted unanimously to extend an invitation to the American Air Mail Society to hold a convention in Cleveland some time during the National Air Races, in late August, just following the dates of the S.P.A. and A.P.S. conventions. If held, this will be the first A.A.M.S. convention, and should be a big affair.

The endurance flight at Cleveland Airport has collecting interest. 100 covers are being carried for members of the Cleveland Air Mail Society. These will carry the Airport cancellation, and autographs of both fliers, and are on the plane for the whole flight. One cover goes to each member and the balance will be sold by the Society.

Coming dedications: Goshen, Ind.—Covers to R. K. Mack, Sr., very soon; DuBois, Pa.—Covers to W. N. McCreight, Vice Com. American Legion — probable stop by trans-continental planes—July 18; also Elks Convention Los Angeles, July 7-13—Covers to A. Joel, 5732 Lexington Ave., Hollywood, Cal.

Referring to last week's announcement about Montreal - Detroit, and Toronto - Buffalo inauguration July 15; no mail from Buffalo to Toronto, but there will be from Detroit to Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and Montreal, with official first flight cachet.

Pueblo, Colo., dedication July 10; Grand Island, Neb., July 13 and 14; Hensley Field (Army), Dallas, Tex., July 20 and 23. No word on cachets, but probably O. K.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

CHRONICLE

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he new Commonwealth air stamp. It es in a very pretty design. It was ed to coincide with the first regular ice Adelaide, South Australia, to

th, Western Australia, a distance of t 1400 miles. Only a limited mail carried, and first day flight covers be scarce.

Belgium.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle ies of the 3fr brown, parcel post np forecasted in our issue of No. 2005. understand that the new stamp represents the reduced rate for use on parcels to soldiers.

Dominican Republic.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the ½c claret and 5c blue, in the "Alcazar de Colon" design, have been placed on sale.

Ecuador.—Information received from Whitfield King & Co. reports the issuance of a complete new set of stamps to commemorate the establishment of a commercial air mail service in that country. The stamps are very attractive and are printed by the American Bank Note Co. All are of the same design, showing an airplane in flight over one of the principal buildings. Values and colors are, 2c black, 5c carmine, 10c brown, 20c purple, 50c green, 1s blue, 5s yellow and 10s orange-red. The stamps are for general use and available for all postal requirements.

Federated Malay States.—From official sources *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* learns that two withdrawals are to be made in the current set. The 3c and 20c will be discontinued as soon as present stocks are exhausted.

Honduras.—According to information received from *Champion's Bulletin* two stamps were issued Feb. 25th last to commemorate the installation of the new President, Mejia Colindres. They are the 1c with portraits of the President and Vice President R. D. Chavez and inscribed "18 de Febrero 1929" and 2c with a likeness of the new President and inscribed "Presidente Constitucional." We understand the issue was limited, but up to the time of writing no copies have been submitted.

Italian Colonies.—Rumor has it that Cyrenaica and Tripolitania are to be reabsorbed in Libya, and the current stocks of stamps are to be overprinted "Libya" for general use throughout this colony, *Gibbons' Monthly* announces.

Jaipur State.—The ½a blue, 1a red and 2a green have been issued with the surcharge "SERVICE" in black, according to information received from Whitfield King & Co.

Netherlands.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of a 15c value, design as A23, in orange, watermarked circles perf. 12½ as before.

New Hebrides.—In a recent issue of *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* attention is called to the current ½p and 5c stamps which are now appearing in a dis-

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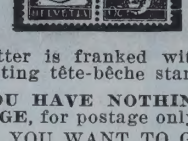

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Persia.—Mr. G. Wilson reports to *Stamp Collecting* that he has information from this country to the effect that after May 22nd all of the "Pahlevi" stamps were replaced by a complete new series which were printed at Haarlem.

Peru.—Mr. E. K. Crews has received a cover from this country franked with the 15c "La Mar" stamp and two of the 10c current postage dues. *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* states that their publishers have also received a similar cover which would seem to indicate a shortage of the ordinary 10c denomination.

Portugal.—The 5c red brown Telegraph stamp has been sucharged "Correio 1$60." The stamp is unwatermarked and perf. 11½. Copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts.

San Marino.—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* states that the new watermark of current stamps represents three plumes. One of these plumes which is made of bronze and which acts as a weather-vane is to be found on top of the tower which caps the summit of each of the three peaks of Mt. Titano.

Tanganyika. — Information received by the *Philatelic Bulletin* states that after the present stocks of the 40c, 75c and 3sh stamps are exhausted no more are to be printed.

MORE THAN MOVIE STARS

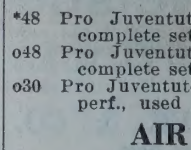
By GUSSIE GURGLE.

Make way for the men of the Long Beach, California, Stamp Collectors' Club, one of the than which there is no whicher. Who wouldn't be metaphorically mixed and cardiacally churned by gazing at the pageant of pulchritude on Page 18 of the May number of *Hi-Tide,* a fine, illustrated monthly devoted to motor modes and club chatter. Here we have the officers of the Club photographed to the life and gazing at them, I cannot cerebrate, but I'll cut out the pictures and paste them on my mirror so that I can refer to them as my philatelic friends. I hope that they will have a convention at Long Beach soon, and that the editor will send me there to cover it. He has asked me to review the notice of the club and—. That's enough, Gussie. The page causing this disturbance is a telling bit of philatelic publicity, filled with local interest and general information. Nearly forty names of members are printed, and J. Lynn Avery, past president of the club, is given this setting: "Mr. Avery is very much interested in the development of enthusiasm in stamp collecting among young people, an enthusiasm shared by other members of the club. The organization of clubs in every Junior High School has been effected and talks are given by the senior collectors. Mr. Avery also finds great interest in meeting the stamp collectors who come here from all parts of the country."

tinct gray color instead of the original black.

Nyasaland.—A new value has been issued for this colony in a 5sh denomination, carmine and green on yellow, script watermark, large format, same type as previous high values. Copies have been submitted by Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts.

Paraguay.—In commenting on the new air stamps *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* notes they are printed in sheets of 50 (5x10) on thick paper watermarked in sheet "Indian Bond EXTRA STRONG." There are two distinct shades of the 2p85, one pale and the other deep. Incidentally, we believe we are hardly cor-



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THE Cincinnati Collectors' Club he annual banquet June 20 at Rai Park, with 42 members present. It decided to hold meetings of the club a month during the summer. Sp committees have been appointed to up a program for the coming year, many new and interesting features been promised.—A. E. HUSSEY, M. D.

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By Roscoe T. Foust

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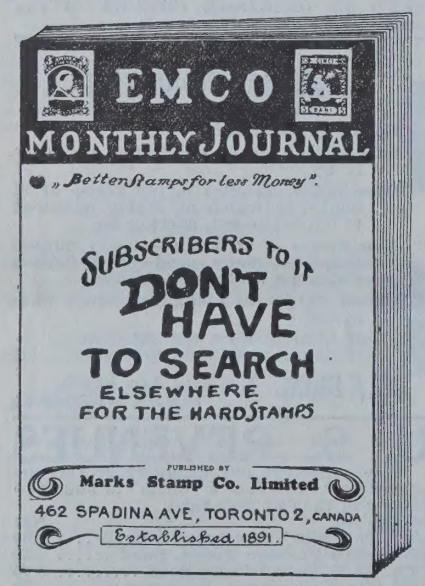

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The system of judging will be a great improvement over previous exhibitions. Each judge will be solely responsible for certain groups of exhibits. We list the judges herewith and give some comment regarding each one.

Raymond V. Bahr, Springfield, Ill., is to judge the Airmail Cover group. He is an officer of the Airmail collectors' society and is well known in this field.

Douglas P. Ball, Chicago, has Central and South America as his field. He has been specializing in these countries for many years as a dealer.

J. M. Bartels, New York, has one of the hardest assignments of the Exhibition in that he has been assigned European Countries and Colonies. Mr. Bartels needs no introduction to our readers, for his is a name that is on the tip of every stamp collector's tongue.

C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, the former president of the American Philatelic Society will judge the Philatelic Literature, Albums and Accessories entries.

Fred Jarrett, Toronto, Ont., is the well-known editor of the Standard British North America Catalog and will do justice to his group of British North America.

Wm. C. Kennett, Lakewood, Ohio, is one of the vice-presidents of the A. P. S. Board which has done such good work during the last few years. For some time past, he has been the philatelic secretary of Arthur Hind. His field will be the Rarities Class.

Beverly S. King, New York, is a well-known writer and collector of United States Revenues. He is secretary of the Revenue Unit of the A. P. S. and is of course assigned to the Revenue field.

John A. Klemann, New York, is a veteran of many exhibitions and his wealth of experience makes him an ideal judge for selecting the best exhibit in each section.

W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, popularly known as "The Stamp Hunter," was president of the Midwest Philatelic Exhibition which was held in Cleveland last May. To him have been assigned several of the Specialty Classes.

Wm. Mannheimer, St. Paul, is a collector of renown who came into prominence because of the scientific work he did in plating the 10c 1847. He has been assigned to the Plating and Classification Specialties under Section F.

E. M. Oleson, Minneapolis, is a collector who is held in high repute by his local associates. It is common knowledge around the Twin Cities that Mr. Oleson is one of the best versed stamp men in the Northwest. He will have the heavy task of judging the General Collection entries.

Olaf J. Olson, St. Paul, is the Northwest's greatest collector. He is a member of the well-known firm of Holm and Olson, St. Paul Florists. Mr. Olson undertakes the most interesting assignment of the judges; namely, that of selecting the best exhibit of the show.

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Edwin P. Seebohm, San Francisco, represents the Far West. He is well known as an auction and stamp dealer of San Francisco. He has been assigned Asia and Africa.

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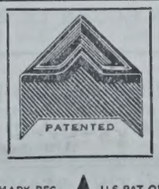

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The washed stamp idea is clever, for the seller cannot be held and the user, if unwary, is trapped. The washed stamps are placed on return or reply envelopes. Use the enclosed envelope, reads the letter. Whether or not we detect that the stamp is one with a cleaned cancel does not bother us, yet, if we use the return envelope, we surely hold ourselves liable for using bogus stamps. We have found three cases of this, one emanating from a stamp dealer. Who is liable if we use such a stamp? What guilt is attached to the person who sends us an envelope on which is attached a washed stamp for us to use?

For a long time, trafficking in stolen stamps has been known. The private perf. initials of which we have often written are discernible on mail from all over the country. The initials W U, meaning Western Union, P R R for the Pennsylvania Rail Road, etc., are found on Christmas cards from our dearest friends. For many years, one knew that perf. initial unused stamps were bought and sold quite openly near Barclay Street in lower New York, opposite the City Hall station. Some clerk would come in with a sheet of 2c stamps and sell them at half price. There were N P, TRAV, W U, P R R, that queer St P, and a host of others. One could buy unused postage stamps at a fraction off face value.

Attempts to curb the sale of stolen stamps have been many, and detections have been reported quite often of late. The stamps most involved are of the higher values, particularly the 25c, 30c and 50c varieties. The 1c, 1½c, 2c stamps play little part in this border line business. Thus it might be said that the "rings" operate on a large scale, while the convicted culprits enjoy but little profit from their proclivities, that the stamps to be watched are those of the higher denominations.

The use of meter and non-metered machines by the largest mailers of advertising matter has been a great assistance to the postmaster. The use of such permits also has eliminated much extra handling. The lack of a postal franking for many publications, or the use of run-of-the-stamp box permits for printed matter has been a useful departure. Stolen stamps are confined mostly to the smaller mail order house and also the letter service companies which operate occasionally. The larger letter service companies usually have Pitney Bowes or Standard machines.

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Another lesson we may take to heart is the use by a large book concern in Garden City of rubber stamp box permits. These run up as high as 96c, the largest we have seen to date. No stamps are necessary, and once the impression is made, it is difficult to re-use it unless you send back the label, remove the address printed thereon, and have the same weight and zone as before. This eliminates all combinations of precancels which might be used. Why Montgomery, Ward & Co. still use precancel stamps in this age is surely beyond reason. The use of the

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ppleton, Wis., gives us a July 4 mark- of a bursting fire cracker. It is evi- ly inspired by the local society or its etary, H. M. Brehm. The P. O. tly cancelled the Harding - Hale ps and smacked the reddish cancel good measure.

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patriotic air mail cover is at hand n Bradie Buchanan. It is a July 4 flight "Patchogue to Cherry Grove" is really a unique affair. To those do not know we might say that e cities (?) are both in N. Y. state. cover is a gorgeous display of red blue on a white ground. A large rty Bell, a huge cachet, the 5c stamp the cancellation are all harmonious in r and these are enclosed within a ler of fire crackers. Truly, a fertile n conceived this Fourth of July phil- ic celebration.

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361	20r green	.04	—
362	50r brown yellow	.12	.04
363	100r violet	.12	—
364	200r black	—	.20
369	10r blue	.20	—
370	20r emerald green	.40	—
372	10r blue	.05	.04
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FLICKERTAIL PRECANCELS

By A. F. GAMBER, Precancel Editor.

In the *Precancel Gazette* for December and January, 1923, Fred Allen ably and accurately described North Dakota's precancels as they were at that time. But considerable moisture has run over the dam since then, times have changed in six years, and our precancels have changed with them.

Since Fargo is only 60 miles away, and since James Kruger is a good friend of mine, I have borrowed his North Dakota collection to serve as a text for this write-up. Dr. Rolf Hovde may have a little larger collection, but the Doctor lives farther away.

The basis of James's collection is the precancels picked up and saved by his father, Fred Kruger, a general postage collector of more than 35 years standing, during his many business trips about this state. The elder Kruger saved all such precancels, with the idea of "doing something" with them. Finding, like some of the rest of us, that the days don't get any longer as one grows older, he was glad to turn the whole works over to his younger son James. What a pleasure it must be for a collector to have one son who takes to stamps! On this basis has been built in the last four years a North Dakota collection with but one possible superior and no peers.

Space forbids any extended description of this collection, but we can at least pause to view some of the more unusual items and to note quite a few unlisted towns, for North Dakota was not revised at all in the 1929 catalog.

North Dakota's precancels fall into two pretty definite groups—the fairly common and the really scarce. The former class consists almost wholly of the output from the three largest towns (it has no cities), Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck. (I mean largest from the standpoint of precancel use, not that of population.) The latter group comprises the rest of the precancel using towns, largely confined to circular mailing and to holiday use.

WILTON N. DAK.

Bismarck will no longer be the first town in the catalog, that honor has passed to Ashley, using a handstamp type similar to the Wilton shown here, the 1c compound being the only one so far seen. His Bismarck is about 95% complete, and includes the scarce 1c stamped envelope used in 1924. Buxton, Carrington, Dazey, all more nearly complete than Bismarck. James didn't get in very heavily on the Crosby type-sets which Mr. Allen illustrated in this paper a short time ago. At least ten of them are known, and in addition Crosby has a handstamp type similar to Wilton's, in which about ten varieties are known. Thirty-two from Devils Lake, including the very rare 2c coil of the 1917 issue. Here are two new towns, Edgeley and Ellendale, the former's type similar to Wilton's, the latter's is U-63. Both seem to have used only the 1c and 1½c. Enderlin used the Wilton type at Christmas on at least ten values. The best item among his Fargos (99% complete) is the 50c 1912. This used to be listed in the old catalogs, but was cut out because no one could vouch for it. Here it is, seeing is believing, in this case at least. No one will ever have anywhere near all the Grand Forks type I, as it was privately used by the International Harvester Company on stamps received as payment for farm machinery parts. But James has his share. In the printed type he is well nigh complete. Jamestown, very good, considering how seldom one finds anything from there. Kulm is one weak spot in an otherwise strong collection, but who is strong on that town? Langdon is another new town, again in the Wilton type, and only on the 1c compound, so far as known. This Wilton type, by the way, will be known as U-82 in the next catalog. Lidgerwood is missing, then comes another new one—Linton, once more the U-82 type, and on the 1c compound. A good showing of Lisbon, for such a hard-to-get Christmas town. Mandan type I, very hard to get and only fairly represented here, as usual, but nearly complete on the two other types, including some unlisted electro doubles. Nothing from Marmarth has come James's way, tho it uses through the 50c at Christmas time. Minots are not so hard to come by, because the International Harvester branch there uses many in shipping farm machinery parts. Just the same, they're not found in every precancel packet. Mohall, practically complete, Mott not so good. These two towns went crazy over the Commemoratives, but their regular issues are seldom seen. New England, nearly complete. Now for three more unlisted towns—Noonan, using a handstamp type similar to that of Page, which Mr. Allen illustrated for us after last Christmas, Oakes, and Page. Noonan uses some dozen varieties at Christmas only, Oakes, U-82, seems to be another 1c and 1½c town, Page's use is similar to that of Noonan. Scranton is represented only by the 50c, a rare one; Stanton, two lines of small, plain caps without lines or bars comes next. Who has more than seven from there? Who wouldn't be glad to have just one? James has some good friends at Valley City, so his showing from here is just bound to be good. Three rarities, the old 6c and the current 30c and 50c in the first type, are lacking, however. Williston is an old-timer in precancels, its first type will receive several additions in the 1930 catalog. I see one here before me—the 5c 1908 normal. Their handstamp type is well cared for, though it has been in use for 15 years, it still makes a clear impression. In this second type his collection is very strong.

James is one specialist who has wisely followed the advice set forth by Al Jones in the April *Bee*. At present I would say his precancel allegiance is divided about 70-30, 70% for city type and Bureau coils, and 30% for North Dakota. I am sure he subscribes 100% to every word of Jones's article. He has a good and growing coil collection. It can't match either that of W. H. Field or the writer, but it is one of the best five in the country, I would say. But coils—that's something else again, the text for another and entirely different sort of write-up.

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EDITORIAL

ON July 1, 1929, the Post Office Department at Washington sent the following circular to the newspapers and the information conveyed is of special interest to collectors. Here is a report that was submitted a few minutes after the closing of the books: "For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department sold postage stamps of all varieties and issues amounting to $283,983.04. This is an increase of $129,863.36 or 84% over 1928 when stamps to the value of $154,119.68 were sold through this agency. In this connection, it may be pointed out that these stamps are now in the hands of the one million or more stamp collectors throughout the world and their value represents practically a clear profit to the government. Few if any of the stamps sold by the Philatelic Agency will be used for postage but will be retained by the collectors indefinitely. The most popular stamp so far as collectors are concerned seems to have been the George Rogers Clark stamp, issued to commemorate the surrender of Fort Sackville, Vincennes, Indiana. There were 17,000,000 of these commemorative stamps issued to postmasters throughout the United States." This sign of prosperity is hailed by all concerned and is a great testimonial to the philatelic and financial prowess of our class but here and there a wan watcher rises to complain that the stamps that he ordered weeks ago from the Agency are not yet seen on the horizon. He just cannot understand how there could be such a long delay in sending out the stamps. We have tried to explain the reasons for the barren period and the necessity for more help in the Stamp Agency has been urged. We are interested in the success of this governmental bureau and its mounting sales are a source of satisfaction but if the forward stride is to be maintained, a reasonable degree of promptness must be shown in filling orders.

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A FRIEND in Washington writes to say that remarks made in this column on several occasions recently were brought to the attention of the department, when the question of commemorative stamps was under discussion but he leaves us in the lurch by not speaking of any consequences. Our point that too many special issues would defeat the very object of their issue was not meant to imply that worthy men and objects should not be glorified by postage stamps but that if the best effect on the public was desired, the commemoratives should not come pell-mell. Our correspondent says that the file of suggestions for special issues numbered thirty some time ago and so, after all, it remains that the department will continue to exercise its best judgment in the selection of subjects for stamp issues. It is recognized that outside pressure in favor of certain proposals is a rider to this remark.

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ON June 25th, 1929, Captain B. B. Lipsner, Chicago, America's first air mail superintendent, was the guest of honor at a meeting of the Chicago Air Mail Society, held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. Captain Lipsner was introduced to the large audience by the WEEKLY editor and Mr. R. J. Schwarz, as president of the society, was the chairman. The address of Captain Lipsner was an authoritative description of the early history of the air mail service and it was replete with details of intimate, human kind that kept his auditors fascinated. In fact, in some instances, the revelations were of a personal nature and we have no doubt but that Captain Lipsner levied on the contents of his forthcoming book for some of his material. The descriptions of the early flights were graphic and the speaker said that many of the dates of the 1918 flights were associated with features that made them of special interest when once the circumstances were known. There was an exhibition at the meeting of frames of air mail covers that were selective, indeed, and Captain Lipsner showed a frame of souvenirs of the pioneer days of the service that was unique. He had photographs of his plane that was used as a central design of the first air mail stamps. It must be a cause for regret that he was not interested in air mail covers when he was superintendent of the service but it is fortunate for collectors that latterly, he has become interested in them, as the records of his administration are complete. He will be depended upon to supply historical data that will make the full story of the struggling days of the service available and the probability is that no other person could supply this material. We may add that Captain Lipsner's silk American Flag that his flyers carried on their path-finding trips as a talisman will be on the Chicago *Tribune's* air ship, the 'Untin' Bowler, on its trip to Berlin from Chicago by way of Greenland. He has confidence that this flight will be a successful one and so he entrusts his flag to the intrepid pilots with no misgivings. Any mail that the 'Untin' Bowler will carry will be restricted we understand and supposedly will be of a private character.

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ONE of the sterling contributors to the WEEKLY of over a quarter-century ago was Mr. J. M. Andreini of New York, whose articles were scholarly examples of philatelic application. His Puerto Principe articles appeared later in book form and they were accepted as a standard study of these stamps. His fine collection was sold at auction by Mr. Morgenthau many years ago. The debt of gratitude that we owe Mr. Andreini is a great one and we learn belatedly that he is now at Room 20, 34 Morningside Drive, New York, St. Luke's Hospital. This is the new wing of the hospital, corner at 114th Street; and Mr. Andreini will be much pleased to see any of his old friends, if perchance he is not now happily recovered; and we sincerely trust that such is the case.

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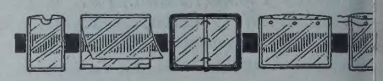

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CELLANY—

are indebted to James B. Carr of Alhambra, Calif., for a copy of the Angeles *Times* giving the particulars at is called a "Globe-Girdling Air-Race." Six letters were mailed June ree east and three west for a trip d the world. We shall advise our rs as to the outcome of the race. ailable routes testing speed and effi- will be used.

are informed by Rev. M. J. Hoeppner, President of the Lancaster Stamp Club, that 3,210 covers re- the cachet of the Lancaster County Anniversary. Clara Bow and he Menjou were two who made ations.

R Detroit advertiser, Ward R. hapin, has recently moved to a new ss, 4803 Seminole Ave. Correspond- lease take notice.

M. MERRIN of Spokane, Wash., C. C., writes that the date of the di- ir mail service to Spokane has been ned to a later date. Mail received e held for special cachet.

EX J. LaROCHE of East Strouds- rg, Pa., has secured the coöperation ngressman Wm. R. Coyle in the ing of a bill for a commemorative for Summerfield Staples who was In's personal representative in the of the Union Army during the War. His grave is in Stroudsburg. have greetings from Herman Toaspern from Quebec. He is on a weeks' motor trip to Canada.

E Philadelphia Chapter of the A. P. at its June meeting authorized the ng of a telegram to Sec. Davis pro- g the use of H. M. Konwiser's name he official ballot for Director at e. Mr. Konwiser withdrew his ac- nce of the Philadelphia nomination 23. The Chapter went on record as ing the holding of the 1930 A. P. S. ention on board ship en route to na. Samuel Gittis showed his collec- of Irish Free State Stamps.

VERY interesting article "Speeding he Transatlantic Mails Ashore" ap- d in the *Christian Science Monitor* une 21. We should be very glad to nt the article had we space to do so. ks to C. T. Wilson for the clipping. a recent meeting of the Rhode Island Society a resolution was adopted ask- he P. O. department to "give us a of greater adhesiveness, or a paper will lie flat after the stamps are com- d." We are indebted to the Sec'y a copy of the resolution.

TE the W. T. Wilson advertisement this week. He would like our read- to know that Birmingham is not in wilds of England, but in the heart of The Managing Editor in his two s to that city has found it a very at- ive one, and especially in view of its ness to nearby places of tourists' est. Mr. Wilson would like to meet collectors travelling in England, and give them a cordial reception.

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Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

Not many covers in this week, but plenty of news. Spent the other evening at the second meeting of the Cleveland Air Mail Society. That's going to be one live organization, with all the extras—even a cover service. Associate membership $1. Send application to Pres. H. H. Griffin, American Multigraph Sales Co., Cleveland.***Lots of mail on the subject of the catalog for dedications, souvenirs, and other unofficial items. Such a catalog will be issued, by a responsible publisher and editorial board. More details a bit later.

OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

When the first trans-continental air-rail hook-up plane left Cleveland Airport June 16, it carried ten letters. These were signed by pilots on both parts of the trip, and were mailed back from Los Angeles the evening of the 18th, being postmarked at 8.30 P. M. These were not official air mail covers, of course, but have a great historical interest as being carried on the first trip of this entirely new passenger service. A suitable cachet was applied in green. Burt Williams, of the "Plain Dealer," is to be congratulated on putting them over.

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First southbound mail for Colombia and Dutch Indies left on schedule from Cristobal June 21. A letter from my sister in Barranquilla, Colombia, states that no mail was to be carried by the P. A. A. north on this route, but only FROM the U. S. and C. Z. Don't know what the arrangements were from Curacao.

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The Los Angeles "Times" is sponsoring a Round the World Air Mail Race. Six letters were mailed each way, each routed differently, on June 27. They expect the circuit to take 30-35 days. They say they have the co-operation of postal and diplomatic authorities on the routes. They'll be lucky if the New York foreign section doesn't send 'em back from there as unmailable, quoting the Postal Guide, as I've learned from sad experience. Anyway, I still claim the world's record of 46 days for a letter previously mentioned here which went around by the usual routes, using air mail where available, westward from Cleveland to Cleveland.

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Just shown by Erwin Strasser the cover from Neu-Ulm, Germany, bearing the special cancellation "Kohl's Heimat" (Kohl's hometown). Very pretty. *** Pan American have sent those refund checks at last. That should lighten up the correspondence for a while. *** The Ahrenberg plane left Sweden carrying 14 letters for Iceland, 1139 registered and 65 ordinary for the U. S.

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Four new air mail routes coming soon in Mexico, as follows: 1. Mexico City-Morelia-Guadalajara-Ciudad Guzman-Colima-Manzanillo-Tepic-Mazatlan-Culiacan-Altata-LaPaz-Santa Rosalia-Rosario-San Quintan-Enseneda-Tijuana. 2. Colima City-Zihuatanejo - Acapulco - Pinotepa - Salina Cruz-Tonola-Tapachula-Suchiate. 3. Mexico City-Acapulco. 4. Mexico City-Queretaro-Celaya-Irapuato-Leon-Lagos-Aguascalientes - Zacatecas - Fresnillo - Nieves - Torreon - Jimenez - Camargo - Chihuahua - Villa Ahumada-Guadalupe-Ciudad Jaurez. Postage about 18c our money.

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Although previously announced, there was no non-stop pick-up flight to the Leviathan June 25th, and covers sent were returned. George F. Wild obtained the official figures for the first trip June 12, and kindly sends them. Ship to shore—cachet blue—1924 covers cancelled Newark front and back on arrival. Shore to ship—cachet red—2200 covers, haven't seen these yet. Both official count. Little collectors' mail in either lot, and these should be very good items indeed.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, AERO SHOWS, ETC.

Coshocton, Ohio, dedication postponed; covers can still get in to Coshocton Flying Service. *** Klamath Falls, Ore., soon—covers to C. of C. *** Salinas, Calif., almost finished—sponsored by American Legion. *** Evansville, Ind., about July 20 or a bit later; covers to C. of C. *** Mines Field, Los Angeles, Airport will be dedicated July 20 or soon after. Covers to W. DeSilva, Asst. Dir. of Airports, City Hall, Los Angeles, Calif. *** Wrong address last week. Covers for Alhambra, Calif., dedication, now set for Labor Day, to Air Mail Manager, Western Air Express, 113 W. 9th St., Los Angeles. Better stuff these to full 1 oz.

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Schenectady Aerial Exposition was June 27, 28, and 29, cachet by C. of C., blue, purple, and magenta, respectively, though one came on the 27th in purple, too. *** Hartford, Conn., Third Anniversary Air Mail cachets were different. Using the original map outline seen before, each of the six sponsoring organizations filled in their special message, and applied it on the proper day. Colonial Air Transport, C. of C., Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co., Hartford Air Mail Society, Brainard Field, and the Aero Club covered the dates July 1-6 in order. Co-operation! *** Lancaster Co., Pa., 200th Anniversary, June 24, 25 & 26—red, blue and purple. *** Anniversary of Lindbergh's Visit to Bettis Field, McKeesport—purple cachet June 29 by C. A. M. 11. *** American Legion Air Derby, Canton, Ohio, July 4, 5, 6 and 7—different colors each day.

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Fort Lauderdale, Fla., dedicated May 1—no cachet, and C. of C. sent no letters out. Will return letters if postage is sent. Booh! *** Storm Lake, Iowa, project abandoned. *** The air tour Tulsa-Canada—postponed indefinitely. *** Wm. Hafner shows me Buffalo Show covers all dated Mar. 26, in black, violet, and red, respectively. *** Kerrville, Tex., dedication all off, send postage for your covers. Fargo-St. Louis air race cachet just seen, postmarked St. Paul, May 28th—black.

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Hollister dedicated May 11 and 12, printed cachet on envelope, by Legion. Anybody get an extra? I missed this. *** La Salle, Ill., cover mailed June 25th, cachet entirely different from one reported previously. Dedication 22nd and 23rd. *** Emmet Co. Airport, Petoskey, Mich., dedicated June 15—no cachet, but signed. *** Sky Harbor, Glencoe, Ill., was to do it July 1 — anybody get covers? *** Bridgeport, Conn., July 5 and 6. Factory scene cachet, by C. of C. General Electric planned to mail 27,000 pieces, with a special plane stop. *** Bedford, Iowa, June 29, some covers with a red, white and blue sticker, some signed, but no sticker. *** Erie Co. Airport at Fairview, Pa., came on short notice June 29, sponsored by the Legion, with a big purple cachet. My covers came in signed by the Post Commander of the Legion; by the Chairman of the Airport Committee who turns out to be the brother of a very good friend who graduated from Wooster College in June; and by the Chief Pilot, who was in college here a few years ago. Not so bad!

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Now for the statistics, all on previously chronicled events. Ashtabula, O., June 22—C. of C.—2388. *** St. Louis Aeronautic Meeting, May 27-30—by St. Louis Air Board—9800 for the 4 days. *** Corning

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St. Mary's College Airport

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Centenaries

Centenario da Abertura Dos Portos.—An inscription shown in minute letters around the date in the lower right corner of the special 100 reis stamp issued in Brazil in 1908 to mark the centenary of the opening of Brazilian ports to foreign commerce.

Centenario de Juan Pablo Duarte.—An inscription shown under the portrait of the stamps issued in the Dominican Republic in April, 1914, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Juan Pablo Duarte.

Centenario de la Revolucion de Julio.—The inscription shown on the four special stamps issued in Bolivia in July, 1909, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the revolution of July, 1809.

Centenario de Las Instrucciones.—A surcharge applied to three low value stamps of Uruguay in April, 1913, to mark the centenary of the Instructions given to General Artigas to declare the Independence of Uruguay.

Centenarios de la Guerra de Independencia.—This inscription appears on all the stamps issued in Bolivia in 1909 and 1910. These stamps were intended to commemorate the war of independence which lasted from 1809 until 1825.

Centenario de S. Antonio.—An overprint found upon certain Mozambique stamps used in the Portuguese colony of Inhambane in 1895. It signifies "Centenary of Saint Anthony."

SEVARD'S TWINKLES

(*Continued from page 444*)

ber stamp box permits on the mailing labels will reduce time and trouble, and the stamps that they receive as payment can be cleared by the various post offices very easily.

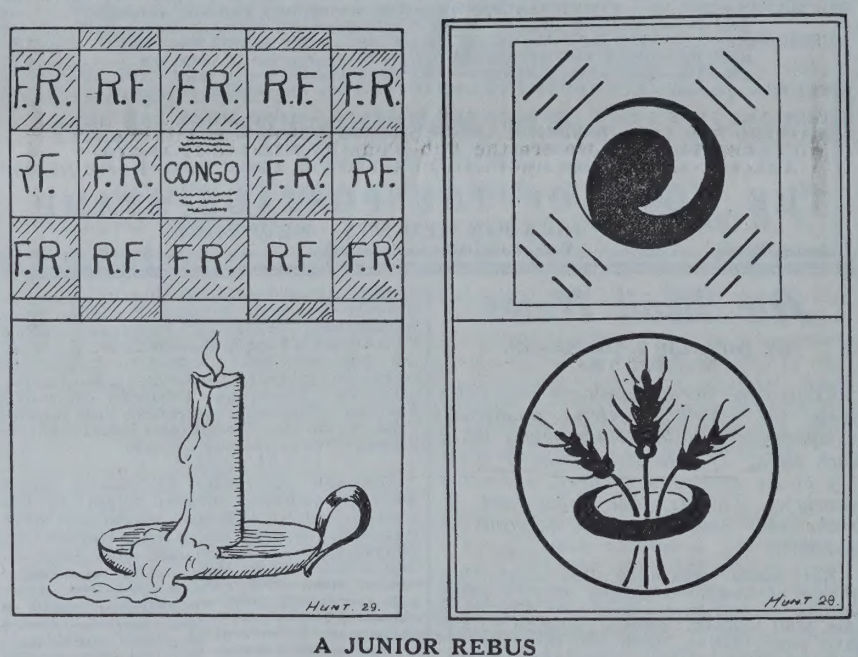
This brings to mind the surface printed stamps which would change color if affixed to the parcel with a rather obnoxious glue. The 1c stamps turn blue, the 2c stamps a very light pink, and the 3c stamps brown. In our recent years, this is the nearest we have to so-called chemical papers.

A study of precancels will show many attempts made in former years to control the re-use of precancels. The dated Binghamtons and the private Battleship revenue precancels can be cited.

THE USE OF STATE PRECANCELS FROM NEBRASKA AND KANSAS STILL REMAINS AN UNFATHOMABLE EXPERIMENT TO US. PERHAPS IN LATER YEARS WE SHALL HEAR MORE OF ITS RESULTS.

Nevertheless, there has been much improvement in collecting precancels in recent years. We are rid of the questionable precancels, we look with disfavor on Commemorative precancels, we have general types easy to catalog. This all helps us as precancel collectors. We might eliminate the high value precancels, especially those above 20c, by pricing the precancels at the very least, at face value, and by asking the government to sell us collectors, precancels in blocks, strips of four or any other way we want to collect them. It is clearly demonstrated that the precancel collector is not a deterrent to assist in the detection of bogus stamps and re-used precancels.

If a collector in Seattle wants Milwaukee precancels, he should be able to buy them outright, for their very sale precludes that he is not trying to use Milwaukee precancels in Seattle. Unless, of course, it be Mr. Addington Sims.



A JUNIOR REBUS

What are the four countries suggested in the four designs as pictured? There will be prizes if sufficient entries. Solutions must be in August 15th, Beverly Office

Rebus Solutions

Our twelve subject rebus contest aroused a great deal of interest, and we are very glad that we could furnish our Juniors with so pleasing a feature. Many solutions were received, but only seven were prize winners. The stumbling block proved to be No. 6 St. Lucia #49. Not a single contestant was able to locate the stamp in question. The prize winners are as follows, all with eleven solutions out of twelve possible:—

Wm. Langstaff, Paterson, N. J.
Kazuo Sakaue, Bothell, Wash.
G. E. Milius, Jr., New Rochelle, N. Y.
Maxine Kerzler, Richmond, Ind.
W. J. Calhoun, Jr., Baldwin, N. Y.
Chas. Dolansky, Chicago, Ill.
Donald Chenoweth, Richmond, Ind.

We also give honorable mention to the following, whose entries were not complete enough to secure a prize:—

Morris Adler, Fred Garr, Jr., Andrew Schultz, Jr., Noryne Godkin, John H. Langley, Geo. H. Wettach, John Benny, Seymour Green, M. B. Colket, Jr., Bernard Banta, Sol Maged, H. Friedman, Geo. Barter, Robt. Martin, Bob Pett, John Dudas, A. F. Doe, Jr., David Q. Weaver.

We shall some time in the future have another contest of this kind. October is a better rebus month than August. The answers to the rebus contest as submitted by Mr. Hunt are as follows:

(1) Canada type A 33, (2) Crete type A 7 and A 12, (3) 2c U. S. Valley Forge, (4) Latvia type A 12, (5) U. S. 3c 1869, (6) St. Lucia #49 The Pitons (3,700 feet), (7) Switzerland, type A 21, (8) Roumania #580 (surcharge), (9) Sweden postage due 1874, (10) Brazil type A 75, (11) Palestine Nos. 1-62, (12) Latvia 620-630.

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Wine is a mocker, strong drin raging and he who reads a water with a match is not wise.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the so the sweetness of a man's friend by counsel; when the old timer warns y get priced auction catalogues, get 'em

—*Hill Bi*

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"WHEN I MUSE UPON THE GYRATIO PROFESSIONAL STAMPOLOGISTS," SA LETTER FROM HILL BILLY, "AND DIS HOW CERTAIN OF THE LOWER FORM LIFE CLING LIKE AN IVY, A POISON BROTHER, TO THE STURDY TRUNK O HONEST HOBBY, I CHORTLE; ABSOLUT

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C. W.: "Yas, dey is. Dey's red and bl P. O. C.: "Oh, you mean the Clark st C. W.: "Das it. Dey's clock stam knew dey told de time."

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A commemorative is conceived in a tician; nurtured by a stamp dealer, adopted by an optimist who hope have the foundling support him in hi age.

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his column for June 24th, it gave me pleasure to announce that I was ing an unusual collection of United mint blocks in fine condition. In dvertisement I mentioned outstanding from a block of the 24c airplane in- own.

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ainted Post Air Carnival, May 25— ainted Post, 50 Corning; May 26, 100 0—by C. of C's. *** Toledo 2nd An- Airmail, June 3—authorized by 2nd P. M. G. and C. of C.—various col- 435. *** St. Cloud, Minn., May 23, —by Park Bd. and C. of C.—1100 in ostly 23rd. *** Newton, Iowa—by the aster—May 31—2000; June 1—1000. nes, Iowa, Aero. Conf.—May 27-29; of C.—6000 in all. *** Massapequa, May 12—by Real Estate Co.—about ** Memorial Day, Oyster Bay, N. gular air mail, 700 blue, 500 red, 300 ; special envelopes—6000—by Legion. id, Okla.—May 20—Legion and C. -3000. *** Dallas, Tex., Rotary Conv. C. of C. and contractors—30 each May 27-31. *** Ryder, N. D.—by ercial Club and P. M.—applied to mail several days before June 8, ation date; a very few collectors' air letters on the 8th. A good one. *** rson, Ind., May 31—C. of C.—5000. alla Walla—C. of C.—900 May 24, May 25.

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s for two more good pilots. Waldo r, who's signed lots of my C. A. M. vers, hit a radio tower in Columbus. er Stultz, transatlantic flier, crashed New York.

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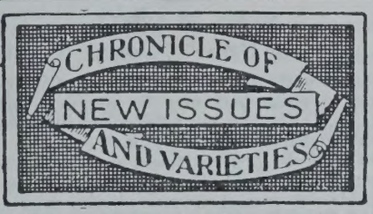

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

20-Cent "Golden Gate" Imperforate Vertically

One of the most interesting finds of twentieth century varieties that have been made recently is the 20-cent flat bed variety, imperforate vertically. I have been shown a half sheet from plate 19646, which was located in California. The stamps are exceedingly well centered and it is the first variety of this type that has been noted, since a few copies of the 25-cent were found several years back.

As has been mentioned before, it is most surprising that more errors are not located, when it is considered that millions of stamps are being turned out monthly and in large quantities, it is most difficult for the many inspectors to note such a variety, as one with missing perforations.

Washington Notes

I am pleased to announce that arrangements have been made whereby your editor will meet the new Third Assistant Postmaster General in short order, so that we expect to have his story to philately in our next edition.

The Philatelic Agency has just closed its fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, and during the twelve months previous sold postage stamps to the value of $283,983.04. This is an increase of $129,863.36, or 84% over the year 1928, at which time stamps to the value of $154,119.68 were sold. Such large increase reflects possibly better than anything else, the vast increase in stamp collectors, and at the rate at which the Agency is growing, it will not be at all surprising if their sales total a million dollars in the not far distant future.

In presenting their report to the daily press, the Information Service of the Post Office Department points out that these stamps are in the hands of millions of collectors and represent practically a clear profit to the government, as only a small proportion are ever used for postage.

They call attention to the fact that the bi-colored George Rogers Clark stamp is the most popular that they have ever issued and that the demand has been extensive. They further state that seventeen million were issued to postmasters throughout the country.

In further reference to the special 2-cent stamp which we mentioned in a recent column to commemorate the Battle of Fallen Timbers, it is understood that the variety will, no doubt, be available in September. We hope to give further details in the next Chronicle.

1873, 2-Cent Variety

Mr. Edward Stern of the Economist Stamp Company writes that he has discovered a copy of the 2-cent Continental on the well-known double paper, but the specimen in question is ribbed. Although many copies on the double paper have been noted heretofore, this is the first copy on ribbed paper that has been seen.

7-Cent McKinley Variety

Mr. George H. Quintard writes that he has recently acquired a pane of one hundred and one stamps of the 7-cent McKinley rotary print plate, No. 18740. The sheet is intact with margins on all four sides with an extra stamp attached to the bottom row, giving us a pair stretched across the margin. It is difficult to account for such a variety unless in some way the sheet was torn apart, instead of being cut. We have not had the pleasure of inspecting the sheet, but Mr. Quintard sends a sketch, from which the above description is given.

We wish to thank Dr. Jason Samuel Parker and Mr. Archibald Merriam for notes of interest.

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Messrs. R. S. Carter and J. W. Coffin, we are pleased to announce that the new pictorial 5-cent Canal Zone stamp which we described in this column on April 22nd, was placed on sale in the Zone on June 25th. The stamp is printed in the blue of our own 5c Roosevelt, is rectangular in shape and shows a reproduction of a photograph of a steam shovel in operation. At least that is the official description, but from an inspection of the stamp itself, we note the cut through the mountainous regions with trains carrying off the dirt. A newspaper clipping from the Zone describes the illustration as a view of the Gaillard Cut during the construction days. The photograph was taken looking south into the Cut from Bas Obispo. If there is a steam shovel present, it is so small that it is not readily noted.

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We are indebted to William Lycett, Secretary of the S. P. A., for a newspaper clipping showing a picture of the cachet used in the dedication of the Cape

May, N. J., airport, July 4. It is very typical of this seashore resort as the picture shows.

NEWS FLASHES

By HENRY C. DEWITT

—A good many items of news of interest to philatelists may be found in the *U. S. Daily*, and my readers are indebted to that paper for what follows:

—The P. O. Department announces extension of C. O. D. mail service to include any correspondence of mail matter.

—The sales of the Philatelic Agency at Washington, D. C., doubled during the past year.

—July 16 Canada will be linked up with South America by the extension of the air mail service to Santiago, Chile.

—Resolutions have been introduced in the national House of Representatives authorizing a stamp to commemorate the arrival of "the first defenders of Reading, Pa.," at Cambridge, Mass., and one to honor the 250th anniversary of the arrival of LaSalle on Indiana soil.

—President Hoover has issued a proclamation calling for the observance of October 11 as Pulaski day. A bill introduced in the Senate provides for a stamp in connection with the national celebration to be held on that date at Savannah, Ga., in commemoration of the 150t niversary of the death of Brig. Casimer Pulaski.

NEW CANAL ZONE STAM

In addition to the new 5c stamp memorating the 25th anniversary o Canal Zone Postal Service, there ha been placed on sale a new 12c, and a 50c was issued the first of July. 12c stamp pictures Col. D. D. Gai formerly a member of the Isthmian Commission. The new 50c has a p of J. C. S. Blackburn who was a member of the Commission. Of the post offices that formerly existed i Canal Zone, only three, Cristobal, A and Gatun, are operated today.

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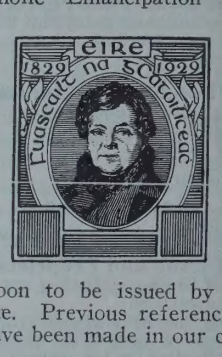
We are able to reproduce by cou of *Stamp Collecting* the design o new Catholic Emancipation Cent



stamps soon to be issued by the Free State. Previous reference to stamps have been made in our colum

A CARD FROM PROF. CLA

Our old friend Prof. Hubert L Clark is in the Dutch East Indies. sends us a card with a picture of the Office building at Bandoeng, Java. writes as follows: "Here is a fine Office building. It is new and splen equipped. The Fourth Pacific Sci Congress is in session here, and we had a special Post Office and also a cial cancellation. Bendoeng is a fin of 136,000 people and 16,800 are peans, mostly Dutch. The locati beautiful, and the climate ideal. potatoes and strawberries grow well We leave for Australia in a few da

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were mailed to the Isthmus on June 4th from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is stated that the issue is a permanent one.

The newspaper clipping from which we quoted above states that the 12-cent showing portrait of Colonel Gaillard and the 50-cent showing portrait of Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, former governor and member of the Canal Commission, would also be sold at the same time. Mr. Carter, however, makes no mention of these two varieties, so that quite likely they have not as yet appeared.

Mr. Carter also sends a circular from the Executive Department addressed to postmasters stating that effective September 30th next, the selling of U. S. postage stamps surcharged "Canal Zone" in denominations of 1c, 1½c, 2c, 5c, 12c and 50c will be discontinued and such stamps of these issues remaining unsold at the close of business on September 30th will be destroyed. While the sale of stamps will be discontinued, such stamps will be recognized as valid for postage indefinitely.

Aegean Islands. — *Stamp Collecting* states that on the occasion of the recent visit of the King and Queen of Italy to Rhodes, a set of nine stamps was issued commemorating the event. The values are 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50 centesimi and 1.25, 5 and 10 lira. Only limited numbers were issued and especially the higher values. The stamps are not as yet available at Rome so further details are lacking.

Australian Commonwealth. — We have received from Whitfield King & Co. a copy of the new 3p air mail stamp which was issued May 20th last. The color is green with "3d. AUSTRALIA 3d. Air Mail Service" in two lines at the top. Below is a country scene with cattle grazing and an airplane flying over. We understand this stamp was issued in order to be available for the new East-West service which was due to be opened June 2nd from Adelaide.

Belgium.—According to information furnished by *Die Postmarke* a new set of stamps for general use in denominations from 60 centimes to 5 franken, bearing the portrait of King Albert, will soon be issued.

Bulgaria.—According to information noted in *Scott's Stamp Monthly*, the subjects of the Czar Simeon commemorative set are 10s, St. Klinent; 15s, K. Miladinow; 50s, The Convent Drenowo; 1L, Otetz Paissi; 2L, Czar Simeon; 3L Karaweloss, 4L, V. Levski; 5L, G. kowki; 6L, Czar Alexander II of R

China. — A new memorial s stamps issued in commemoration o burial of Sun Yat Sen has been rec from Mr. R. Roberts. They are lin

graved by the Chinese Bureau of En ing and Printing at Peking, perf. 1 watermark. Values and colors a orange, 4c olive, 10c deep blue a scarlet.

Danzig.—We learn from *Stamp lecting* that special stamps in comm ration of the forthcoming Internat Philatelic Exhibition have been r printed at the State Printing Office, lin, with vignette of the historic tune's Fountain, which also appear the 25 gulden note of the Free There are values in the series, viz. 15, 25 pfennigs which will be sold premium of 100% and will cost 1 g per set. They will be on sale from 7 to 14th only.

Ecuador. — *Scott's Monthly Jo* chronicles the 2c deep green, type

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uatemala. — The following new s have been received from Whitfield & Co.: Air Mail stamps have been d by surcharging current issues with ur-line overprint "Servicio Postal o" date and new value. The provi- l issues are 3c on 15 pesos, black; 15 pesos, black; 15c on 15 pesos, , and 20c on 20 pesos, black. Also a lue green triangular Official stamp been received from our correspond- with the information that a 2c brown, ellow-green, 4c purple, 5c lake, 10c ge brown and 25c blue also appear is series. The date on this official s "1926" which would seem to be rror and may possibly prove to be of life.

orocco Agencies.—A new printing e "Morocco Agencies 3 Francs" on 2sh6p stamp of Great Britain has sent for chronicle by Mr. R. Rob- The description offered by our cor- ndent is grey brown on thin soft r.

ersia. — A complete new set of ps showing the head of Riza Shah avi has been received by Whitfield & Co. Values and colors are 1ch n and magenta, 2ch red and blue, 3ch t and green, 6ch brown and olive n, 9ch blue and scarlet, 10ch green brown, 12ch gray and violet, 15ch yellow and blue, 1kr blue and gray.

ransjordania.—Referring to the two values chronicled two weeks ago n's New Issue Service states that e was only a small printing of these ps and as the greater portion of the e was in poor condition, the two val- in good state are in fact rarities. re is no certainty of a further print- and even if one should be made next , there would likely be a difference in r or shades.

LETTERS TO PHIL

ANYWHERE, May 19, 1929.

MR. PHIL. A. TELIC,
Everywhere, U. S.

My Dear Phil:

I have been invited, by the powers that be, to write you an open letter from time to time when I have something on my mind that would seem to be of interest to this great and only fraternity of Hinge Lickers to which we all belong. And as I have something on my mind at this time, and as the typewriter has just celebrated by dressing up in a brand new ribbon, I'll fire away and ask you—When is a Registry Cancellation? You remember of course, all the fun some of us boys had last fall with the buckin' bronchos and snake dancers and purple cows and stars and apples and everything, until the Department in Washington began to think that our mail-bag was a grab-bag, and that the contents were all comic valentines, and told us for Pete's sake to cut it out, and let the mail look respectable and businesslike again? Sure you remember —them were the happy days!

Anyhow, I know a bird up in our neck of the woods who does a good bit of traveling around, and because he's a Hinge Licker too, he stops in at all the little post offices on his route, regularly—honest, he calls all the PM's by their first names, and you ought to see what they dig up for him sometimes. He dragged home about half a sheet of the old 8c air mail recently—told me that the little postmistress where he got them said she was so glad to have him buy them, as she just didn't know what to do with an 8c air mail stamp now—ain't that tough luck? Then he found some full sheets of black Hardings lately, and in another little post office a whole bunch of the 1917 issue, up to the 30c. Yea, I'll say that canary has hard, bad luck. But to get back to our subject—as I say, this egg knows every PM on the route, and they'll do most anything for him, because he is a decent guy and a good customer too. Now then, he conceives the idea of carving little designs on smooth-faced corks, calling on these PM's as he goes from town to town, and asking them real pretty, would they please sell him three times 17c worth of stamps, cancel three letters with his little cork, autograph them in the upper left corner, as the sender, and send them to his home address by registered mail? Sure they will—he's a good egg and they are awfully obliging, anyway. Then he destroys the cork immediately.

I saw his collection of these covers lately, and boy, they'd make your eyes stick out a foot—just the niftiest lot you ever laid your peepers on, and each cancellation means something, too—in a town where they make automobiles, his cancel shows a little car—near an Indian reservation it shows a redskin in his canoe—in another town where they have a big fox farm it shows a fox-head, etc. Now then, ever since the old stop-order was issued from Washington last November, some kind brothers in the East have been trying to tabulate, sort and enumerate all the known cancels up to that time—more power to them for this kind and charitable work! But here comes the rub, Phil—in some of their circulars they intimate pretty strongly that any fancy cancellation bearing a date later than December 1, 1928, must necessarily be a fake or secured illegitimately or under cover, and to look out for them as "NG." So I repeat my question — When is a Registry Cancellation? Are not these interesting covers, all of which have travelled openly on legitimate business, which bear sending and receiving numbers and backstamps all ship-shape—aren't they just as OK as last year's smelters and ears of corn, or are they fakes?

Anyway, aside from what this man is doing, there are hundreds of 4th class PM's who never read the *Postal Bulletin*, and who keep right on using their Masonic emblems and whatnots which they have whittled in their long afternoons, on all registered mail, regardless of Rules or Regulations. So who should cast the first stone or a questioning eye on the register covers of 1929 just because they are cancelled other than with a smudge or the approved double-ovals? You tell me what you think about it, will you, Phil? I suppose the roses and lilacs are in bloom in your garden and Spring is amongst you; here the trees are in blossom, too, but the old furnace still does valiant duty during the night. That might bring up another question — When is Spring?—but I guess one at a time is sufficient, eh what?

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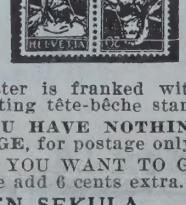

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With this object in view, your editor made a special trip to Washington, in behalf of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, in order to meet Mr. Frederic A. Tilton of Detroit, the recently appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. Tilton is a former partner of Haskins & Sells of Detroit, Mich., well-known certified public accountants. He was born in Cleveland fifty-three years ago, and graduated from the grammar and high schools of that city. He attended the Western Reserve University, leaving that institution in 1899, and took his first step in the business world, as an employee of the Produce Exchange Bank of Cleveland. His activities in Detroit date from 1909, at which time he entered the public accountancy department of the Security Trust Company, where he remained for six years, when the firm of Hollis, Tilton & Porte was organized. This was later consolidated with the firm from whom Mr. Tilton severed his connections to become Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. Tilton stated that he was most gratified of the opportunity through the medium of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS to extend a word of sympathetic greeting to that very extensive group of our people who are interested directly or indirectly in what he described as the "art" of stamp collecting. The views which he has long held regarding the high educational values attached to stamp collecting to those engaged therein, regardless of age, have been materially reinforced since his assuming his new position and since he has come in closer contact with the stamp collector and dealer through the Philatelic Agency. He feels firmly convinced that the Agency is rendering a worthwhile service to collectors that is deserving of continued official support and encouragement. He also desires to bring attention to the fact that

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He further solicits the coöperation and forbearance of collectors in withholding undue criticism during congested periods when matters are temporarily delayed. Mr. Tilton again calls attention to the fact that when new stamps appear, it will be a material aid in filling orders if the new issues are ordered separately and not included with miscellaneous items.

Mr. Tilton is the first certified public accountant that has held this position in recent years and in making the appointment the Postmaster General had in mind the fact that it is expected that numerous changes in the Post Office will be made, which will result in more efficiency, as well as a decreased deficit. Mr. Tilton's training has been along these lines and much is expected of him. We might incidentally mention that if the franking privilege not only to members of Congress, but to the departments as well is materially curtailed, that the post office will begin to show a profit. It would not be a bad idea to go back to the old department stamps so that each department would be charged proportionately for its use of the mail, instead of having its mail service free as at present.

Mr. Tilton impresses you as one who is taking his position seriously, will make every effort to extend to the collector or dealer every courtesy possible, but is not likely to extend any special favors or issue any special varieties to please the collector. This was forcibly brought out in his recent refusal to issue the Edison stamp in an imperforate condition. He believes that stamps are issued for postal purposes and will be guided accordingly during his term of office. Such a stand will certainly meet with the approval of philately.

He has promised to continue the good work started by his immediate predecessors, Messrs. Glover and Regar and keep us well posted on matters of philatelic interest pertaining to his department.

Stamp collectors will be interested in knowing that the former Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. R. S. Regar, has now been appointed Administrative Assistant to the Postmaster General, with numerous duties, including that of Purchasing Agent.

We can safely feel that with the appointment of Mr. Tilton that stamp collectors have a further friend in the present administration. It is most fortunate that Mr. Warren Irving Glover remains as Second Assistant Postmaster General and that Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., continues as the efficient superintendent of the Division of Stamps.

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Amongst the stamps to be displayed in an International Philatelic Exhibition at Danzig from July 7th-14th, next, those issued by the Free City itself since it became an autonomous state under the League of Nations may be expected to play a prominent part.

The postage stamps of Danzig have no claim to antiquity, albeit its postal history goes back to the Sixteenth Century. Down to the end of the Great War, however, this marches with that of Germany of which it formed part.

It was not, therefore, until June 16, 1920, when the City became an independent State, that it achieved the distinction of a stamp issue of its own. This, made under the authority of the International Commissioner, consisted of contemporary German types with the addition of the name "Danzig" in Gothic

Arms of the Free City of Danzig (50 Marks)

characters. From then down to the end of last year (1928) upwards of three hundred separate and distinct varieties of postage stamps have emanated from the Danzig post office. To these will shortly be added a special series in connection with the forthcoming Stamp Exhibition.

With the exception of a few costly varieties, a representative collection of Danzig stamps may be got together with a small outlay. Their political and historical interest has served to endow them with a considerable popularity amongst philatelists of the modern school. The result is that they are steadily appreciating in value, especially certain of the earlier emissions, which are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

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The Cristobal cachet, in black, shows a map of the countries served by F. A. M. 5 and reads, "Cristobal, Canal Zone, to Miami, F. A. M. 5. First Flight to Nicaragua, Honduras, British Honduras, Cuba, May 21, 1929."

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The subject of the first Danzig p stamps which bear the date of the stitution," viz., 15.11.20, is an a "Kogge" or armed merchantman su sailed under the ensign of the Ha League in the 16th century. The s of this issue, too, are rising in pric by year.

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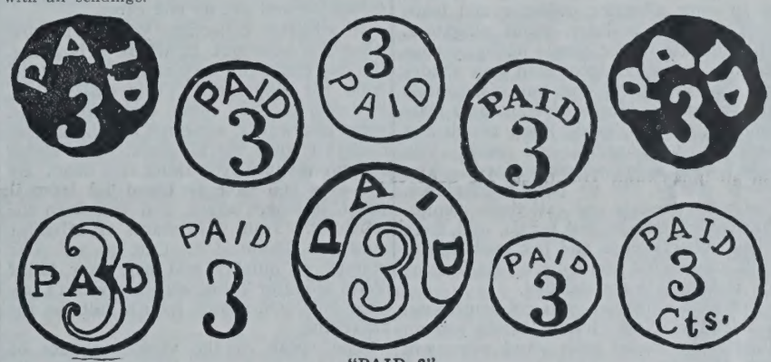

"PAID 3"

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1851	Canton, Miss.	Black	Dr. Carroll Chase
2.	3c 1857	Marion, Ohio	"	R. V. Rice
3.	3c 1851	?	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
4.	3c 1857	?	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
5.	3c 1851	Canton, Miss.	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
6.	3c 1851	Clappville, Mass.	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
7.	3c 1851	Gaysville, Vt.	Black	Dr. Carroll Chase
8.	3c 1851	?	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
9.	Nesbit	York, Pa.	Green	Dr. Carroll Chase
10.	3c 1851	?	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase

The above lot of PAID 3 cancellations come mostly from Dr. Chase's collection of the 3c 1851-1857. They are an interesting lot, and show some of the ways in which this simple combination of a word and a figure might be combined to make a decent appearing "killer."

At a glance it would seem that the two Canton cancelers are the same; but after looking closely you will find that the second has much larger colorless letters and value, and the lower part of the black circle is indented at each side. This would appear to give the canceler the same general size and location of letters, and from this deduction, one is inclined to believe that they are the same pieces of wood, the No. 5 being the old No. 1, but with the letters and the numeral 3 recut with a jack knife, and the edge of the canceler whittled to a new contour. In a continuous correspondence this might be checked up correctly; but if it is, there is little to say, except that cancelers were often changed a bit, and this would mean that a slight variance in a cancel happens in those of the same town.

The No. 6 is in a very dark shade of blue. This little town seemed to have a careful Postmaster, and many of the covers from this town have clean cut cancellations in the '51 issue and in the '57s. The covers are sometimes very handsome from here, if they have been carefully saved by the families who received them.

No. 8 is an unusual type of canceler. There may be a couple of others of similar form. They probably come from very small towns, as so few of this type are to be found. The No. 9 is a dandy in bright green. York, Pa., seemed to favor green ink, and they had some neat covers in those days. It did not use the ink where you had to ask someone if it was green, or just another one of those blue greens, for it was all green beyond a doubt.

What Price Registry? Here is something to worry the Philatelist. I reckon you have all given a bit of thought when mailing a letter of value, as to whether you should mail it with the old fee of 15c or if it would be best to pay a larger fee if the contents were of a value of say, $200.

The present rate of registry fees is scheduled to suit the user. When I send a letter with contents of $200 I generally pay the fee for that amount, especially if the letter goes to the far West. If to a nearby town I sometimes let it go at the lowest rate. It really seems silly to pay the excess rate, as I believe that I've lost but one registered letter in some twenty-five years.

But here is a new angle in the fee for foreign mail. I'd like to know how much coin I've paid on registered letters to foreign countries in the past twenty-five years. It would be enough to buy quite a sweet little collection of '47s, or enough hinges to go round the world "X" times if laid end to end. I have made a number of inquiries about lost registered mail to

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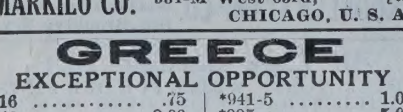

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An Open Letter to Mrs. Alice Barker Putler

It is not without some indignation wherein we have read of your stand on stamp collecting with the utter derogation of alligator collecting. All over this universe, alligator collectors have minded their own business, especially the married ones, and in no wise have they misled the public in their pursuit, beyond the dry agents, to uphold their pleasure by making fun of other collectors of various things, notably, stamps.

For your edification, we beg of you to go to some alligator collector and learn what there is to learn about alligators. Altho it be a rather simple hobby, yet we feel it is more indulgent than your shades and shadows, perfs and unperfs, cancels and precancels, blocks of four, and plate numbers, arrows, guide lines, match and medicine, watermarks, and such. You collect stamps, but no postal cards. You collect stamps, but no penalty envelopes. You collect fiscals and call them stamps. You collect stamps and fiscals, and don't collect other stamps and tax paids. You don't know what you collect. As long as you collect, you are satisfied.

But with alligators, you got something. A friend in New Orleans sends you an alligator by parcel post. And when you open the package, what have you got? You hand the alligator to your wife and she hands it to your son and he keeps it in the cellar near the furnace. You can't catch flies in January, and there's the collecting instinct for alligator collectors. Have you such fun in stamps?

Even if the alligator lives and grows bigger, your collecting instinct is again aroused. There is no end of fun in the house with an alligator collector. Everyone joins in the fun, wife, daughter, son, nieces, nephews, aunts, the maids, the neighbors. They all want you to keep the alligator somewheres. You can take your stamps out for an airing or put sun suits on them but what about the alligator collector. He has to trot his alligator out at night, when it is dark.

You forget your stamps in the summer. Can an alligator collector forget his alligator? Never.

You lose your favorite copy of Cigts Tubes blahed on a revenue stamp. You worry, you fret, you upturn the household, you ponder, you wonder, you think, you pine, you sorrow, you mortify. Not so the alligator collector. If he loses his alligator therein lies success.

In your stamp collecting, you always have stamps. Someone writes a book on fancy stars, frogs legs, kicking mules, and everyone goes dippy. They will buy anything from a smudge that looks like an eagle to a blotch like a derby hat, and once they have it, they don't care whether they've got it. They don't know where the smudge came from, but as long as it passes on and on, no one cares.

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PART V

Colman and I came mighty near getting a whole flock of Baltimores in those days. After getting the first one we figured out that the farmers on the "Eastern Shore" of Maryland had done a lot of shipping of vegetables to Baltimore in the early days, and that a good hunt in that region might unearth some, so one summer we took a vacation, went down there, and hunted hard for two weeks. We got some fair stamps but nothing of much value. Finally in a little town a fellow told us of an old farmer whose family had done a lot of such shipping, and said he had been in the same old house for over 50 years, so we plodded out to his place in the heat and dust.

We found an old man sitting on his porch in the shade, rocking and chewing tobacco. We told him the story and he said yes, they had done a lot of shipping and he believed there was a box of old letters down cellar, but he didn't reckon there would be any stamps on 'em. We urged, but he was obdurate. Finally we offered him five dollars just to let us look them over. He at once asked for the money. We handed it over and he took us down cellar where we found a big box of old letters, and it actually contained over 200 letters from Baltimore between 1843 and 1847 without a stamp on them—just a beautiful lot of handstamped blue 5c and 10's. Were we heart-broken? We carried off about 50 of them dated 1845 and sent them to collectors with our compliments, and Colman told me a couple of years ago that he still had a number of them stored away somewhere.

Another thing many of the old-timers will remember is the blue print of the $500 first issue revenue, only one of which was ever used. I can't tell the full story yet, but I made a full size photograph of one, printed blue print copies and sent them to many collectors to fill a gap in their albums that could not be filled in any other way. A few years ago on a vacation in Omaha, Frank Parmalee spoke of it, pulled down an album and showed me one that I had sent to him.

And the treasures we did scare up and almost gave away in those days! Great blocks of Department stamps, which we split up for sale. There was just one Washington collector in those days who collected blocks, and I used to sell them to him at a discount because he took four of a kind! And there was one man in Penna. who for a year or more used to send us every month several copies of the 5c New York on the cover. We never could get any until he needed money; then another lot would come in. We promptly soaked them off and sold them.

I remember a full o.g. sheet of 3c 1857 that drifted in. It was a nuisance to have around, always wanting to curl up and crack, so I split it up into small blocks and sold them off. And a nice block of 5c 1851 on a big cover, and a few other trifles of that sort. They all went into the hot water and were soaked off!

Then I went down to Texas to see a sick brother, and the Spanish-American war came on, and my mother wrote me in wild alarm that my father, 60 years old, had started off, and then I dropped everything and followed him. I did not get back to Washington for several years, and sold my interest in the business to Colman—who had sense enough to stick to it and get rich.

During and after the war I had mighty little time to think of stamps. General Leonard Wood came to Havana as Military Governor and I became his confidential clerk, and the work was most interesting and engrossing. I should like to talk a lot about General Wood, one of the greatest patriots this country ever produced and a man who certainly laid down his life for his country, but these stories are supposed to be about stamps.

I did have one funny experience then. Colman wanted me to get him some of the surcharged postage due stamps. I figured a bit, took a huge office record book, wrapped and sealed it and addressed it to myself, put a 2c stamp on it, walked a block to the P. O. and dropped it in at the big window. I didn't get 5 feet away before several heads appeared in the window and several voices called excitedly to me in Spanish to come back. I asked what was up, and they inquired excitedly if I thought that 2c would carry that book. I didn't know; wouldn't it? Caramba! It would cost at least two dollars!! I gave them my best shrug and in my best Spanish told them it cut no ice with me. A man asked me to send him the book, and enclosed a 2c stamp; let him pay the postage, I wouldn't. And away I went.

The next morning a postman staggered into the office with the book, well plastered with due stamps, and was quite astonished when I paid for it without a murmur. That afternoon I rewrapped it and took it back with another 2c stamp on it, and continued that for several days. By that time they knew me and my appearance with the book was greeted with a chorus of Spanish jokes at my expense. Finally a clerk told me the "Due Clerk" wanted to see me. When I went in he proved to be an American, who profanely wanted to know what the blazes I was up to. I told him, and after thinking it over he said, "Well, you are going to get the stamps anyway and there is nothing out of the way about it, as it simply means more business for the office. I don't see any reason why I can't simply sell you what you want, and save all the work. How many and what kinds do you want?" I fully agreed with him, and after that I kept Colman supplied with full sheets, gummed but very nicely cancelled.

The Neely scandal stopped that and I never went near the P. O. again. When it came time to leave Cuba and their own stamps were to go into use, General Wood appointed a board of army officers to check up and take out and burn up every stamp that was left on hand. I supposed for years that this had been very faithfully carried out, but from some of the prices of the surcharged stamps today it is evident that some slipped thro' the net.

I missed another big opportunity in those days of from 12 to 15 hours work. A quantity of old Spanish records were transferred from various places to a fortification very near where I lived. I often thought of getting permission from General Wood to look for stamps there, but it would have been a long job and I never got time to tackle it. Years later a Cuban told me of a few wonderful envelopes with first issues of Spanish stamps he ran across and gobbled while doing some of the moving of those records. Said he sold them for $100 per envelope. I have no doubt that there are plenty more of them there right now. Some day I may yet get a crack at them!

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EDITORIAL

THE effect of the statement of the Postmaster General, Walter F. Brown, that he was receptive of suggestions for a new stamp issue has been such as to assure him that his audience has been singularly responsive. We suspect that he has been amazed at the alacrity with which a large number of the public has taken him at his word; and in the army of his correspondents, the collectors are in the majority. Indeed, not only a new general issue the object of solicitude but requests for commemorative stamps have poured in. In fact, it seems to have become the fashion to petition the department for special stamps in behalf of personages and places as nonchalantly as one borrows an umbrella. Where once a bill praying for a commemorative issue when introduced into congress was real news, it is now a commonplace occurrence. We hope that dignity and discrimination will be the guides of the department in ordering new levies. These observations are prefatory to a discussion of a movement that has for its end a series of stamps or a special issue "to commemorate the ceremony of the coming into effect of the Kellogg pact for the renunciation of war." When Japan, the last of the fifteen original signatory powers to approve it, as the Associated Press says, ratifies the pact, the intention is to celebrate the triumph of diplomacy by a formal ceremony at Washington. Among the suggestions to make the gathering distinctive is one to issue a special stamp or set; and the Women's International League has espoused the proposal and has been bringing to bear much weight in favor of it. The intimation comes that President Hoover has considered the subject and that Senator Borah of the Foreign Relations Committee has approved of the plan in conference with the postmaster general. We have been asked to align ourselves with the campaigners for the issue and in view of the worthy cause that is being promoted, it would seem to be only gracious for us to acquiesce, but having resolved to take no part in the drives for special stamps heretofore we think it best for us not to attempt to enlist the interest of readers in proselyting for the issue. Of course, it is not to be gainsaid that the object of the proposed issue is a sublime one and that it deserves all consideration is granted gladly and the indications are that the proponents of the stamps will meet with no sustained opposition, if any. The date for the coming of the special issue necessarily is in abeyance.

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A RECENT caller, Prof. R. N. Latture, accredited to the Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, gave us occasion to feel that we are not forever to sail on an uncharted sea. The fact is that he is engaged in making a survey of the philatelic field with the intention of deducing conclusions that will provide a basis for the orderly study of philatelic psychology. He is gathering material that will help him in his work and aims to gain an understanding of philately in its fundamental sense. Once equipped with essential information, Prof. Latture will then enter into the interesting realm of the human element and we have confidence that he will be able to use his yard-stick in a manner to impress us all. We might add that Prof. Latture is a classmate of Dr. W. M. Brown, our philatelic friend in Lexington who is running for governor on a ticket supported, we believe, by independent republicans and democrats.

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PROFESSOR LATTURE in speaking of the fixity of collecting, in many of the fixity of collecting, in many of the sections of the country, notwithstanding the fact that many collectors are charged with impermanence, said that other parts were barren of any philatelic signs. In other words, there have been centers of collecting from the first but that on the contrary, there were districts where the sun never shone on a collector. We admit that this finding is true and that while the philatelic population may be large in one spot, it is sparse, to say the least, in other places. Contagion of example may be relied upon to bring in philatelic recruits but where there are no collectors there is no standard-bearer to follow. Consequently, we are placing reliance on the newspapers to acquaint those dwelling in the hinterland of philately with the news that stamps are collected systematically and that, indeed, they are the center of a little world peopled by hundreds of thousands of normal beings who take a delight in philately. Such is the spread of stamp news that in a comparatively few years, the people of any state will accept stamp collectors as a matter of course.

IN the latter part of May, 1929, Mr. Sig. I. Rothschild gave many talks of engrossing interest on stampland at the large store of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., in the heart of Chicago. He addressed himself particularly to the young people, on the fifth floor of the great establishment, and so successful was he in compelling the interest of his hearers that 365 boys and girls registered as members of the junior stamp club. Since that time, meetings of the club have been held each week and on the morning of July 5th, the editor of the WEEKLY spoke to 55 boys and girls, including their mothers and never did he have a more intelligent audience than on that occasion. We commend the example of Mr. Lieber, under whose charge the club is flourishing and say that if he gets over fifty young people together on a hot morning following the Fourth-of-July, he will surpass himself six months from now.

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WE have been in communication with Mr. Thos. F. Myers, Jr., publisher of a half-dozen community newspapers in Chicago, who proposes to organize junior stamp clubs in the sections in which his publications flourish. Mr. Myers became interested in the propagation of collecting through the many requests that he received from young readers for stamps that had been sent him by a reader for distribution among those who wanted them. With customary enterprise, he donated not only the stamps sent him but also many more that he was glad to pay for himself. He expects to continue his benefactions and make many a young heart glad by gifts of stamps; and we want to secure for him the coöperation that he richly deserves. We predict that in a few months Mr. Myers will be proud of the philatelic following that is his, even though many of his members will be the veriest tyros, who for that reason will be the more susceptible to the proper collecting training.

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MEMBERS of the American Philatelic Society will be pleased to hear that Boston has extended an invitation to the society to hold the 1930 convention in that city. The invitation has come through the secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, Mr. Frederic W. Stile, in behalf of his organization. The promise is made that, with the coöperation of all the New England societies, the greatest of stamp exhibitions will be held, contemporaneously with other attractions such as the tercentenary celebration of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, with pageants, historical parades, expositions, etc. We believe that some years ago, Boston asked that the convention for 1930 be held there. Boston held its share of conventions in the and in our opinion, will outdo itse the entertainment of members next if given the opportunity.

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Again the co-operators head the col-. An unusually large number of rs have been received from you this k, and I want you to know that I ly appreciate your thoughtfulness. list: H. G. Kingdom, *Elton M. Man-Maurice S. Petty, ***George F. Wild, Olin Herriott, *A. E. Koestler, *L. B. d, Walter Feeney, **Buell A. French, . Penning, Valentine Feind, Anna M. afer, Postmaster O. W. Pittman, *J. Coffin, Donald E. Blakeslee, William man, **********P. R. Hudson, en P. Harding, ****Jno. K. Howe, H. Phinney, *M. F. R. English, *R. Brook, *Albert Winter, *Frank Her-*Arthur W. Gilbart, Jr., *Robert tgomery, Robert K. Edgerly, C. S. glas, *M. P. Colegrove, *Sidney Rosen-t, Martin J. Hoeppner, Perham C. d, D. E. McPherson, *Lester Stoyle, ank M. Ham, Tom Simmons, and 3ox 602, Bridgeport, Conn. Ought to w this fellow, as the address is far, but I can't get it now.

OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

eorge Wild very generously sends me pair of Leviathan shore-to-ship and o-to-shore covers, signed by Dr. ms, inventor of the pickup device. vark arrival postmark noted last k; covers to the ship bear the Leviaan cancellation of June 12, 7 P. M. 0 sent to ship; 1,924 to shore—cor-ed figures. *** Covers on the FAM 5 ension received back from Cristobal—ractive cachet in red applied at Cris-al to covers sent from there, and also those from Miami June 21st. *** Ex-sion of FAM 9 to Chile took place y 16, with stops at Buenaventura, .; Guayaquil, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Arica, Chanaral, and Santiago, le; as the schedule finally worked out. J. W. Coffin sends me a cover from stobal, franked with the new 5c stamp, ed June 25th, with a special cachet nmemorating the 25th anniversary of Canal Zone postal service.

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Special Canadian flights from Moncton. St. John, Charlottetown, and Sidney took place July 1st and 2nd, according to previous announcements. The July 2nd flights should be the scarcer, as announcement on them came very late. *** June 4th mail from Kingston and Hamilton totalled about 15,000 letters from each city. *** Sept. 5 has been set apart as Air Activities Day at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, and an Air Derby to Cleveland is being projected. Shouldn't be surprised if something would happen here. *** The government of Madagascar plans to open an air mail service serving Tanarive, Majunga, Tamatave, Diego-Saurez, Nossi-Be, Tulear, and Fort Dauphin sometime in October or November. *** Air mail service from San Luis Potosi to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, will be resumed very soon.

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William Hoffman, R. F. D. 11, Box 326, Springfield, Mo., writes that his city hopes soon to receive service on the projected line St. Louis-Springfield-Tulsa-Dallas. He will be glad to receive and forward letters at the proper time.

DEDICATIONS. UNOFFICIAL FLIGHTS, ETC.

About the most interesting event of the past week, which was surely a live one so far as covers are concerned, was the special flight across Great South Bay from Patchogue to Cherry Grove, N. Y. Starting as the result of a bet between a local plane pilot and a speedboat fan as to who could carry the mail across the bay faster, it received the full co-operation of both postmasters. Covers sent to Patchogue received a large cachet in red, and they were postmarked at Cherry Grove in red also. Some covers apparently have a printed cachet, while others are rubberstamped. I'll try to give the number sent later. Only sorry that word came too late for publication here.

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Buell A. French sends me a July 4th cover from Hartford, with the whole week's series of the 3rd Anniversary cachets on it. I'm getting quite a collection of these "complete series on one cover" items, and they're pretty! The series came along in fine shape, as listed last week.

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Jackson, Mich., Republican Anniversary, July 6th, neat cachet in black, sticker in gold. *** Incidentally, the Friendship, N. Y., celebration reported some time ago, mailed 1,000 2c and 150 air mail letters. *** Also, Elmira Memorial Day, applied by General Aviation Co., about 200, air mail only. *** If your 1st day Sullivans from Elmira missed the cachet, send them in to the C. of C. with return envelope, and they'll fix it up. Same applies to Horseheads, N. Y., and the Rotary Club there.

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Canton, Ohio, Legion Air Derby colors were July 4—black, 5—green, 6—blue, 7—magenta. *** Red Bank, N. J., Air Meet cachet by the C. of C., red, with different dates, July 3-6. *** Dunkirk and Fredonia Kiwanis Clubs sponsored a special envelope in honor of Lady Heath's visit July 6, with Redpath. *** American Legion Air Meet at Northampton, Mass., was another short notice affair. The cachet commemorated as well the 275th anniversary of the settlement of Northampton. Anybody get one with Mr. Coolidge's autograph? Dates were 4, 5, 6 and 7, different colors for each.

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Kankakee, Ill., dedicated July 4, purple cachet by C. of C. *** Just saw the Mangum, Okla., cover of May 3. Cachet by C. of C. printed in red. *** Cape May, N. J., adds a bathing girl to our collection for their July 4th dedication. And, dag nab it, I forgot to send in my covers, even though I did send out the word on it. *** Twin State Airport at White River Junction, Vt., July 4, 5, 6—black or red. *** Vernon, Tex., in black on the Fourth, by C. of C. *** Kalispell, Mont., used a printed red seal sticker on the 3rd. *** Coleraine, Minn., has the most pictorial for the week—a steam shovel, plane, etc., in green, and a slogan in an arrowhead in blue on the back. One of mine was postmarked St. Paul. Special flight? *** Bridgeport, Conn., July 5 and 6—regular colors, red, white and blue; with Frank M. Ham providing the one with the color varieties on one cover.

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Redding, Cal., dedicated July 6, and ran an air derby to Boise via the Yellowstone cut-off on the 7th. Two cachets, both blue. *** Those of you who got the Fort Collins dedication cover mailed May 7, have a genuine wreck cover. The 5,000 letters were flown by a Western Air Express plane to Denver, and were there postmarked. This mail was all flown out of Denver that night on the Cheyenne plane, but, due to bad weather, the plane crashed near Cheyenne, killing the pilot. No fire fortunately, however, and the mail was salvaged the next morning and sent on its way. *** Elton M. Manuel sends me a unique cover for the Newport, R. I., dedication, July 4. No word given out on this till the last minute, and no cachet, but this didn't stump Mr. Manuel, who is quite a penman. His cover has a neatly drawn outline map of the state on it, and the typed legend to accompany it, and is something different.

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Salida, Colo., dedicated July 3 and 4, with a special flight carrying all mail to Colorado Springs, where it was postmarked the 5th. Red cachet by the Legion. *** As late as June 25th, Bradford, Pa., dedication committee said no cachet, but they evidently got a lot more covers and decided to fix up something. Covers received the postmark of July 5, but a mimeographed cachet on the back says the dedication was 6th, 7th, and 8th. *** Flushing, N. Y., port operated by the Pioneer Aero Trades School, Inc., after several postponements, was dedicated officially July 5. Through the efforts of Sidney Rosenblatt the sponsors provided a last minute cachet, involving a winged design, and the initials P. A. T. S. I., and about 1,500 covers received it. *** Erie Co. Airport, Fairview, Pa., mentioned last week should be a good one. Red cachet—30; black—30; purple—594.

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Bedford, Iowa, chronicled June 29th, was another hurry up affair, and not many covers could get in from outside. D. Olin Herriott, 2238 N. 22nd St., St. Joseph, Mo., happened to be on the scene, and sent through 150 covers, which he says he'll sell to anyone needing one, very cheap, as he did not send these to make a personal profit. That's the spirit, Mr. Herriott—I hope you get a lot of letters. *** The port at Grand Dalles, Wash., was dedicated June 29. Very few mailed, and no official cachet. This port will be on the new Portland-Pasco route.

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Now for the new ones: Muskegon, Mich., early fall, to C. of C.—cachet. *** Pittsburgh Lindbergh Anniversary, Aug. 3, not 30, as previously announced. Covers to Penning, Eugene Ave., Homestead, as usual. *** Salem, Ore., dedication Aug. 8, 9 and 10. Different color each day, cachet by C. of C. Also, same dates, Legion State Convention. Separate cachet; colors; to C. S. Douglas, Route 6, Box 138, Salem, who requests that you send covers unstamped, with remittance for the postage in cash or M. O. Covers to the C. of C. ready to go, however. *** Hartford, Conn., 2nd Lindbergh Anniversary on July 20, used the original Lindbergh Day cachet, with dates changed, Lancaster, Pa., Air Meet, July 27 and 28. Covers, ready to go, to Francis X. McLain, care Post Office.

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Mercer Airport, Trenton, N. J., set for Oct. 26. Covers to C. of C. This will also be a 250th Anniversary celebration. *** New Haven, Conn., not till end of year. C. of C. says to hold covers till about Oct. 1st. *** Same thing on Utica, N. Y., but hold till after Aug. 1st. *** Saginaw, Mich., dedication very soon. Covers to W. J. Foley, care Postmaster.

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Junior Dictionary

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Quebec Issue.—A special issue of stamps issued in Canada in July, 1908, for the purpose of commemorating the tercentenary of the founding of the city of Quebec.

Queensland.—The northeastern state of the Commonwealth of Australia. Captain Cook visited the territory in 1770, and for a long time it was known as the Moreton Bay district. In 1859 Queensland entered on her independent career and in the following year postage stamps were issued. Separate stamps were superseded in 1913 when the issue for the Commonwealth of Australia appeared.

Quelimane.—A district of the Province of Portuguese East Africa, which issued its own special postage stamps in 1914.

How to Add to Your Collection

By MAX SCHACHTER.

There are ways of making your collection grow besides buying stamps. If you have any relatives or friends in Europe ask them to send you stamps from their country. During the war my relatives sent me Hungarian stamps. Now I receive stamps from three different countries due to Hungary being split up. If you live in a big city you might ask a foreign consul for some stamps from his country or a steamship ticket agent. My uncle, a steamship agent in New York, sends me stamps though only the latest issues. I am the only one who collects stamps in our family, but my father did some thirty years back. A foreign newspaper is printed near where I live and one day I asked the editor for a few stamps, he gave me some (enough to specialize in that country). I then tried to tell him something about stamps. The old grey-haired man of about 65 turned around and replied, "Don't try to tell me, I'm an active collector myself".

Study Your Stamps

A. & T.—These letters, overprinted on French colonial stamps of the "Commerce" type, show that such stamps were intended for use in the settlements of Annam and Tonkin.

Abbreviations. — Many well-known philatelic terms are more often than not written or printed in an abbreviated form. The ones most usually met with are:—

Imp. or Imperf. for Imperforate.
Mm. for Millimetre.
Perf. or Pf. for Perforated.
Roul. for Rouletted.
Wmk. for Watermark.

Acores.—The Portuguese form for "Azores."

Adhesive.—A term applied to ordinary postage stamps which are intended to be stuck on postal packets, in contradistinction to stamps printed upon envelopes, postcards, newspaper wrappers, etc.

Albino.—An entirely colorless impression of a stamp produced by the process of embossing.

Alexandrie (Alexandria).—Shown on stamps for the French Consular Office established at that port.

Anato Ikh Pomy Ia.—Greek characters for "Eastern Roumelia."

B.—This letter overprinted on various Straits Settlements stamps shows they were intended for use in Bangkok.

Bayern.—The German form for "Bavaria."

B. C. A.—These letters overprinted on certain stamps of the British South Africa Company (Rhodesia) indicate that they were for use in British Central Africa.

B. C. M.—These letters indicating "British Consular Mail", appear on the large stamps of Madagascar.

Belgique (or Belgie).—The French and Flemish equivalents, respectively, for Belgium.

Bi-Colored.—Stamps printed in two colors.

Bisected Stamps. — Stamps cut into halves or smaller pieces and each portion having franking power as a separate stamp.

B. L. C. I.—These letters are shown, one in each corner, on many of the stamps of the Indian Native State of Bhopal.

Bollo (Stamp). — Appears on many of the stamps of Italy and States to the catalogue illustrations of which reference should be made where no other word forms the guide to the country of origin.

Braunschweig. — The German form for "Brunswick."

Filatelic Fun Forum

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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

COMMEMORATIVES, GOD BLESS 'EM

It comes as a great disappointment to me to learn that France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, and the gentle, yodeling Switzer all have national debts; I thought that matter had been buttoned up months since.

They call 'em long sets; a sad mis-nomer, for I am not only short after I buy 'em, but I remain that way. Maybe the boys mean you keep 'em a long time.

Now, Edison he made a lamp,
So I must buy a postage stamp.
If this keeps up I plainly see
Where I part from philatelee.
One time Noah built the ark,
Another stamp; gee, what a lark!
A cow in Chi once kicked a lamp;
Ain't that nice? Another stamp.
Santa Rosa had a 'quake,
One stamp more, oh, wotta break.
And there, of course, was Jim O'Toole,
Who once remained after school;
And, since it pays to advertise,
We'll have a set for the wise guys.

What I call the height of optimism is the guy who keeps saving the two cent used Columbians of his boyhood because the Norse-Americans went up.

—Hill Billy.

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The Post Office authorities are working their heads off to find a two-cent stamp that will stick. We know, says the Chicago Tribune,—put Andy Mellon's picture on it, and then you couldn't pry it off with a crowbar.

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One week recently the Fun Forum had contributions sent in from Fort Worth, Tex., Scappoose, Ore., and New York City. That's three corners of the U. S. heard from, now why couldn't Florida have made it unanimous?

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When one army runs over another the result, Daisy, is not called a surcharge.

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Philatelic Proverbs

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro by some who seek swaps.

Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man rather than a fool in his folly; as the pre-cancel guy told the plating nut quite frankly.

—Hill Billy.

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HORRIBLE THOUGHT: — SUPPOSE THE CHINESE SHOULD BEGIN THE USE OF PRECANCELLED STAMPS.

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The funniest souvenir of official dumbness was that famous meat trust ad, Western Cattle in a Storm, for which a P. M. Jineral had to apologize to John Bull because the ad was a pirated copy of a museum painting. This gets right humorous when it is considered that this is the finest commemorative that Uncle Sam has issued—artistically speaking. Our Uncle should hire a cigaret ad artist, or buy Palm Olive.

Gotta quit; any o' you guys got any extra sheets of Hawaii five cents?

—HILL BILLY.

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PAINS

Cigar lighters.
Slow street cars,
"Sonny Boy" on the Jew's-harp.
Stamp Dealer: "Bargains sold out."

—R. E. Dunlop.

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The following are thanked for clippings: Harold E. Bogart, Phil U. Tellem, R. E. Dunlop, Harry Morell, and L. T. Brodstone.

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Phil: "Jamaica date?"
Fil: "Not yet, but Alaska."

—Wm. D. Kelly.

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foreign countries. A recent loss b New York dealer occurred when "Vestris" went down. He had a valu lot of mail registered, which happene be on that ill-fated vessel. His letter of course lost. After some waiting account was finally closed, and his re try of the package brought him back than $4 on his shipment of stamps you know how stamps even the am at which they are valued are someti only half-way welcome. For instanc a collector is sending some of his items to a correspondent who lives foreign country, he would feel worse the loss of the stamps, than to recei full return of the amount of their surance.

Do you know under what terms registered mail is handled when it to a foreign country? Or do you seal it up nicely so that the registry will accept it as you hand it in, for are very careful about the sealing, the return addresses, etc., and then your registry slip, heave a sigh, and to yourself, "Well, that's that," and that all is well? Sure you do, and all of us do that. Some call for a re receipt card, tho that has nothing at a do with the safe passage of the mail.

My good friend Prevost had the case of loss or damage to registered that has come to my notice locally. sent stamps of value to a correspondei St. Pierre. The staunch little ship "S per," Boston to St. John, struck unusu foggy weather, and went on the r around the first of November, 1928. mail pouches were saved by hard dangerous work, but the contents w badly water soaked. In his letter the blocks of early Newfoundland of co lost their mintness while the perfor items soaked apart into singles. stamps on the covers soaked away the covers were afterward unpresent from a philatelic standpoint.

On May 1, 1929, in answer to a c for damage, Mr. Prevost received a let from the local post office, quoting a report received from the Chief spector, Washington, D. C., in connec with the damage occurring to the re tered letter as follows:

"It is regretted that indemnity ca be paid in this case as the Postal U Convention, under the terms which article was accepted for registration, not provide for the payment of indem on account of the damage of regist letters in the international mails."

Had this letter contained a rare valued at a thousand dollars, and ins for that amount by the payment of dollar as per itemized insurance list would have been "out" $1001, less amount at which the items could b been salvaged. Fortunately this partic sending was not of great value.

Did I ever tell you that you could cure the "U. S. Official Postal Gu with Monthly Supplements for $1.25 without Supplements for $1.00), by s ing P. O. M. O. or cash registered, to Supt. of Documents, Government P ing Office, Washington, D. C. If hasn't been mentioned before, I am s for the book is well worth your little dollar. It gives a list of the present p offices of the U. S. and for that al you will be glad to have a copy for re ence. The 1928 edition has over 1 pages and anyone interested in postal tory, rules and regulations, dead let war savings certificates, adhesive inte revenue stamps, and many, many th you have wondered about,—well, they answered in the P. O. Guide, and it i yours at a dollar.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

The Post Office Department has ordered an additional 100,000,000 2c "Edison" stamps, divided evenly between the rotary sheets and rotary coils. This, along with the 180,000,000 originally ordered, makes a total of 280,000,000 possibly the largest number of any commemorative issued to date. The fact that the stamp is the same size as the normal stamps causes no trouble to the postal clerk, hence, the variety is meeting with approval.

The Agency is receiving hundreds of letters asking for the stamp in imperforate condition and as we mentioned when the variety was first chronicled, it is not the intentions of the department to issue the stamp in imperforate form. It is doubtful if we will have any further imperforate stamps, as the reason for which they were originally issued no longer exists. The stamp affixing and selling machines that formerly required special perforations which they themselves made from the imperforate sheet are now using the specially prepared government coils of three thousand.

The stamp is certainly advertising the electric industry, and it will be surprising if the General Electric does not put away a good supply for future use, as the name of "Edison" has been used almost exclusively by this company in the past. It only needs the little insignia "G. E." in the corner to make it a General Electric advertising label. I imagine that our good friend Mr. H. M. Southgate, who is the manager of one of the branch offices of the Westinghouse Company, will not look upon the stamp with favor.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Frederic A. Tilton, confirms the information previously given in this column, and announced by the Postmaster General, and that is a 2c stamp, commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers, will appear some time during September. There is going to be a celebration at a point about ten miles from Toledo, Ohio, where a statue of General Anthony Wayne will be unveiled. It is expected that the stamp will be ready and no doubt, will be placed on sale at that place on the first day. While a definite design has not, as yet, been approved, they are considering either a portrait of General Wayne in revolutionary uniform, or a picture of the monument which is going to be unveiled. It is the intentions of the department of printing the stamp in a single color, red, and it will, no doubt, be the same size as the current issue. The quantity is not likely to be large, as it is simply a local affair, and issued at the request of the Ohio Delegation in Congress. This variety will be followed in short order by stamps commemorating the opening of the great waterway lock system on the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Cairo.

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Stop Press News

NEW STAMP DESIGN

A despatch from Prague, under date July 6, states that President Masaryk's features, which appear on postage stamps of Czechoslovakia, will be replaced in the next issue with heraldic designs. These include the arms of the five divisions of the country—Bohemia, Silesia, Moravia, Slovakia and Carpathian Ruthenia. We acknowledge receipt of clipping from Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* sent us by B. R. Whitaker, Jr.

NEW CANAL ZONE STAMPS ISSUED

The new 12-cent and 50-cent Canal Zone stamps, described recently in the Chronicle, and belonging to the set, along with the 5-cent recently issued, were placed on sale at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, on July first.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

DETROIT COLLECTORS' OUTING TO CANADA

Members of the Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit and their ladies through Seth Andrews, chairman of the entertainment committee, invited the members for a day's outing on Sunday, July 28th, to Bois Blanc (Bob-lo) Island at the mouth of Lake Erie, one of the most popular resorts out of Detroit on the Canadian side. It's to be a "Big family picnic" with plenty of good fellowship such as exists in this club. A day of joy and recreation to those attending.

Collectors, whether members of the club or not, or anyone visiting here are invited to join the outing. Four boats, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. It will be a day not soon forgotten, and will bring back to memory the pleasant day spent with collectors.—HERMAN W. BOERS, Publicity Dept., Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit.

No other new stamp is at present contemplated, although there has been some question of issuing a peace stamp commemorating the Kellogg activities. No definite understanding has been reached, although the Washington papers carried notices that two such varieties were contemplated.

The Bureau is still working with the rotary press stamps as they have not given satisfaction. They are still working with the gumming process, in spite of the fact that one of our contemporaries in their May 11th issue, took us to task when we said that such experiments were being carried on. Their correspondent writes that no experiments were being made.

The Bureau has about reached the conclusion that the heating process is taking the life out of the gum, preventing it from properly sticking, and the thought has occurred that it might be more satisfactory to print and dry the stamps on one press and then gum them on a second machine. While this will cost considerably more, it is believed that it will eliminate the present trouble. If the new process goes into effect the new varieties will not be distinguishable from the old ones as the gum will be identical. The tests of the Bureau of Standards did not prove the stamps to be as satisfactory, as the daily press notices would lead one to believe. Reports from post offices all over the country show that not thousands but tens of thousands of stamps are dropping from the mail in transit, resulting in postage due being collected where the stamps fall off.

New Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to July 5th. This list shows the Sullivan and Edison plates made to date.

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Plate No.		Denomination.	Class Ord.	Series.	Sut
19769-774	2c		"	1922	170
19775-778	2c	Edison's First Lamp,Comm.	"	1929	400
19779-780	2c	" "	"	1929	400
19781-782	2c	" "	"	1929	170
19783-787	2c	Sullivan Exp. Comm.	"	1929	400
19788-791	9c		"	1922	400
19792-793	2c		"	1922	400
19794-795	2c	Edison's First Lamp,Comm.	"	1929	170
19796-797	2c	" "	"	1929	400
19798-801	2c	Sullivan Exp. Comm.	"	1929	400
19802-805	2c	Edison's First Lamp, Comm.	"	1929	170
19806-809	2c	" "	"	1929	400

2c Sullivan

Our correspondent, Mr. P. R. Cro tells us that we are wrong in assu that the stick in General Sullivan's is either a spear or a mortar-mi stick. He states that it is a hop pol Irish gentleman is carrying. He w that if the critics of the stamp had in the New York area as long as he they would realize that this part of York State over which General Sul travelled was devoted to the growin hops to a great extent before our f Volstead came along. Perhaps the Saloon League should make an inves tion of the Post Office Departmen see that such propaganda is discont

Mr. Crooker further confirms ou cent remarks as to the haphazard me in which postmasters issued the first covers. On 25 covers which he rec from Perry, 18 were with straight e and out of a similar number from El 15 showed straight edges, with five o coming from each of the other to He further states that the clerks a own post office at Canajoharie purp saw that no straight edges went on lectors' covers.

Minor Varieties

Mr. Samuel J. Smith states on tenth, twenty-fifth and twenty- stamps, Plate 19784 of the 2c Sull that a dot may be found on the se "L" of the General's name. He not mention upon what pane the va is found.

Mr. Chester W. Hodgson shows plate number block wherein only ha the plate number is printed, due to fact that the entire plate was not pr ly inked.

Mr. Donald E. Dickason submi block of four of the current 10c ro in which the ink is so sticky that it adhered to the wax envelope in whi was enclosed for inspection. It is tainly something in the ink, for the printed margins failed to show the st substance.

Mr. H. M. Brehm has located a s of the 2c Edison rotary print in w over half of the row of stamps from pane above are shown and half of bottom horizontal row is missing. accounts for some of the blocks tha have seen showing the margins stamps below and above.

Philippines

We are in receipt of a detailed c munication from one of our Philip correspondents, stating that an invest tion is being made of one of the postal officials and that the office question is supposed to have obtained teen hundred sets of the recent air stamps which he will later distri From the looks of things, there is li to be some changes in the personnel.

The numbers, however, which we lished some months back of the air stamps overprinted will not change, the holdings in question came from original lot. There has been a den for a further printing, but this wil impossible, as the plates for surchar have been destroyed.

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echoslovakia.—The 2.50k in blue, a view marked "Praha" for a cen- design, has been sent for chronicle by Economist Stamp Co.

gypt.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for inspection two values of postage due ps in the new type. They are the grey-green and 10mm terra cotta.

stonia. — *Stamp Collecting* reports an issue of Red Cross postage ps is expected.

ermany.—The colors of the 10 and stamps of the "Dienstmarke" series about to be transposed, the 10pf be- ng scarlet (instead of carmine) and 15pf carmine (instead of scarlet). *mp Collecting* states in a recent issue they were expected to be issued about middle of June.

onduras. — Information furnished he *Stamp Collector's Magazine* is to effect that the total issue of the "Co- as" commemorative stamps was lim- to 7,000 sets of which 250 were ted in error with colors reversed, i.e., for the 1c, and green for the 2c.

ungary. — The Economist Stamp have sent us a copy of a 46f yellow- n, type similar to A27 with slight ge in the lines of the border. The p is watermarked Double Cross on amid, per. 14.

ndia. — We have received from n's New Issue Service copies of the e Anna" on 1½a with the surcharge Official use with double overprint. different widths are submitted, one a wide double surcharge and the r close. Our correspondent informs us that the stamps on the right side of the sheet were the close variety.

Irish Free State.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have submitted the new Catholic Emancipation set for our inspection, illustration of which appeared under our "Stop Press" heading last week. There are three values: 2p grey-green, 3p blue, and 9p violet, watermarked Monogram E. S. as before. The portrait in the centre is that of the "Liberator", Daniel O'Connell, with the dates "1829-1929" at the top with "Eire" just above. The stamps are quite attractive and will prove of interest to the collectors at large.

Latvia.—We learn from *Die Postmarke* that two charity stamp issues are pending, the first in aid of war invalids, and the second for the purpose of a memorial to the late Minister Meijerowitz.

Lithuania.—Copies of the 15c red, type A31, watermarked Parquetry, have been received from Economist Stamp Co. for chronicle.

Mozambique.—The 50c grey postage due stamp has been overprinted "Correios", the word "Receber" at the bottom being cancelled by a red bar. Mr. R. Roberts sends a copy for note.

Persia. — Another value has been added to the series noted in our issue of last week. It is the 3kr green and lake, and is the same design as the lower values. Whitfield King & Co. report this value for chronicle.

Poland.—Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 25gr brown, Eagle type, has been issued with the two line surcharge "Port Gdansk" in black.

Portugal.—Two weeks ago we chronicled the 5c red-brown Telegraph stamp surcharged "Correio 1$60". Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received this stamp again, but this time it is printed on very thin transparent paper, while the previous one was on very thick paper.

GOOD FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

The plan of the post office department to imprint stamps of the lower denominations with the name of the states in which they are sold is designed as a check against thievery, but is likely to have another consequence as well. We shall be greatly surprised if it does not complicate, if it does not stimulate, the avocation of stamp collecting. The philatelist who now pursues the ideal of the "complete set" will, if the scheme is generally adopted, find his problem about fifty times as big as it is now.

Issues of which the largest quantities are sold are those ranging from 1 to 5 cents. The government's idea is that post office robbers may be more easily captured if, for example, the mere offer of large quantities in a different state from that in which the stamps were presumed to be sold tends to arouse suspicion. It may be embarrassing to yeggmen to be compelled to convert their swag into cash in the same state in which it is stolen. The expedient appears to be simple; it will be tried experimentally in Kansas and Nebraska and if it works well will be extended to the forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, and Alaska. Assurance that the department has not moved precipitately is given in the statement that the idea has been under consideration ever since 1902.

It would be a boon to some collectors if the venture should be abandoned after trial in the states mentioned, for Kansas and Nebraska imprints would then have a special value, enhanced by their comparative rarity. However, there are no signs that it will fail. It is so simple we wonder that it was not done before. Explanation for action at this time is likely to be found in the increasing activities of this type of larcenists, encouraged by large-scale organization of criminal disposers of stolen goods. The latter incidentally call attention to the growing interstate character of crime in general. The remedy aimed at is decentralization of crime through centralization of methods of detection.

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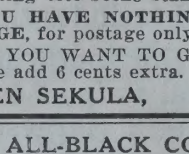

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Checking up in any catalogue all stamps described as black and grey-black, one shall find that approximately 2,200 of such stamps have been issued up to the present date. The most beautiful of them all is, without a shadow of a doubt, the "Penny Black," my favourite. Being an artist, I have mounted a mint beauty in a setting worthy of it. The combination of the royal golden crown and the crimson mantle with ermine as a background for the stamp proper, set in a pearl frame and sided by green palm branches, brings out all the delicate details of the masterly executed miniature engraving. The next album page contains fine specimens of varieties with divers cancellations and a pair on cover, with a space left open for a block of four, which I hope to secure some day.

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All of the exhibits of stamps will be displayed in frames. One frame holds a maximum of 16 album pages, size 9½x11¼. The display space in each frame is approximately 3'x4'. In entering stamps for a prize, any portion that the exhibitor desires may be shown in frames and the remainder will be held for examination by the judges.

In order to defray the expense of the undertaking, there is an entry fee on each album of $1.00, and a charge of $2.00 per frame. However, in the case of entries in the Juvenile and Junior classes, that is, those under 21 years of age, there will be no entry fee charged.

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The committee has decided not to suggest that attendants attempt to take advantage of the convention coupon saving because in the past, this arrangement has never worked out to mean a saving inasmuch as from most centers of the country, there are special round trip rates, which are roughly equivalent to the coupon rate of fare and a half.

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By LOUIS G. BARRETT, 200 Park St., W. Roxbury, Mass.

I am enclosing herewith a block of thirty-six (6x6) One Cent Rotary Press, Canal Zone compound perf.; on which I note quite a few irregularities in the position of the words "CANAL" and "ZONE" in relation to each other.

The overprint is of the "pointed A" font, and the block is from the N. W. corner of a N. W. pane of 100.

A Boston dealer received a lot a while ago direct from the Zone, containing sheets of several values, and had sold the balance of this sheet before I had the opportunity of inspecting it. Oddly enough, no other value in the lot showed anything but normal relations.

To go into details,—I find on this block that there are six positions of the word "ZONE" in relation to the word "CANAL," as follows:

A: "ZONE" *centered* below "CANAL."

B: "ZONE" shifted to the *right;* "E" of "ZONE" a little to the left of "L" of "CANAL."

C: "ZONE" shifted more to the *right;* "E" of "ZONE" directly below "L" of "CANAL."

D: "ZONE" shifted still further to the *right;* "E" of "ZONE" considerably to the right of "L" of "CANAL."

E. "ZONE" shifted to the *left;* "Z" of "ZONE" slightly to the right of "C" of "CANAL."

F: "ZONE" shifted more to the *left;* "Z" of "ZONE" directly below "C" of "CANAL."

In this block of 36 there are 10 Var. A: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 29 and 30; 9 Var. B: Nos. 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28; 9 Var. C: Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 22 and 25; 2 Var. D: Nos. 13, 14; 4 Var. E: Nos. 31, 32, 33 and 34; 2 Var. F: Nos. 35 and 36.

The most noticeable variations in relative positions of the two words are shown by the first two stamps in the third row of the block (Nos. 21 and 22 of the sheet), and the last two stamps of the sixth row of the block (Nos. 55 and 56 of the sheet), revealing the extreme right and left shifts of the word "ZONE." It would be interesting to know how the rest of the sheet was set up, if anyone has a full pane to consult.

In addition to these shifts in the overprinted words, there are several distinct "broken type" varieties in the block, to be noted, as follows:

No. 13: Right stroke of "N" of "CANAL" broken.

No. 17: Left stroke of "N" of "CANAL" broken; notch in top of "O" of "ZONE."

No. 20: Right serif of right stroke of "N" of "CANAL" missing.

No. 22: Lower serif of "E" of "ZONE" broken.

No. 23: Right stroke of first "A" of "CANAL" is defective at its base.

No. 30: Base of right stroke of second "A" of "CANAL" is broken.

No. 31: Lower left serif of left stroke of "N" of "CANAL" missing.

No. 36: Base of right stroke of first "A" of "CANAL" is defective.

I thought this might be of interest to MEKEEL'S readers, as I have seen no mention of these irregularities in your paper.

—Meeting of Revenue Unit. 8.00 p. m.—A. P. S. Night at the Exhibition.

Wednesday, August 21 — 9.00-12.00 a. m.—Business Session. 3.00 p. m.—Sightseeing Tour of Minneapolis. 4.30-6.30 p. m.—Meeting of Precancel Unit. 8.00 p. m.—Stamp Bourse and Movies for the Ladies.

Thursday, August 22—9.00-12.00 a. m.—Business Session; St. Paul Day at the Exhibition. 3.00 p. m.—Sightseeing Trip to St. Paul. 4.30-6.30 p. m.—Meeting of Air Mail Unit. 8.00 p. m.—Auction Sale.

Friday, August 23—9.00-12.00 a. m.—Business Session. 3.00 p. m.—Special Tours of the Flour Mills, Art Institute, Minnehaha Falls and other Points of Interest. 6.30 p. m.—Convention-Exhibition Banquet.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Not only the philatelic fraternity of Manila, but the daily press as well, has taken up the subject of the so-called scandal in connection with the recent Philippine Air Mail series.

From detailed communications received from the Islands, in addition to newspaper clippings, it seems that when the recent Air Mail series was issued, only six thousand (6,000) complete sets were prepared, in spite of the fact that orders received in advance of their appearance, exceeded this amount. Those who made requests in advance only received small proportions of their requirements, hence, the stamps commanded substantial premiums well over face value right from the start.

It now turns out that one of the post office officials, who seems to have gotten into considerable trouble otherwise, had reserved for himself fifteen hun (1,500) sets. These have been par offered to dealers in the United St through local agents, and the same h ippine official in question has tak good supply with him to England. s result, the stamps have come upo market at a lower figure than orig priced, so that those in Manila who ply the American dealers are now deavoring to explain why the fa quotations.

If the owner of this large lot, originally offered them in quantiti fifty to one hundred sets, has not tributed them and dumps the entir at once, we are likely to see even l quotations, although with only six sand (6,000) complete sets, the st are likely to be well worth the prices asked and even more.

There were some remarks printed tive to a reissue, but this is not s the plates for overprinting were destr and there is no possibility of more made.

As to prices falling below actual v I can well recall the case of the ori find in 1917 of our own 5-cent red If my memory serves me correctly first one or two located, sold at $150 to $200 each, and quite a nu later changed hands at $50. Late postal clerks here and there found numbers with the result that offers to dealers simultaneously from nu ous sources, with the result that a time, I purchased them as low as sev five cents per stamp. In other w when dozens are trying to unloa once, the supply becomes larger tha demand and the price materially Today, these stamps have been well tributed and there are no large quan held anywhere. As a result, fine c bring well towards full catalogue.

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By A. F. Basset Hull.

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As an instance of a story telling stamp I pass round for inspection a "Blue Penny Van Diemen's Land," and would tell its story as follows:

Anthony Van Diemen was governor of the Dutch settlements in the East Indies when Abel Tasman set out on his voyage of discovery from Batavia. This navigator sighted land, part of what was then known as the Great Southern Continent, and named it Van Diemen's Land. It was not until 160 years later that this land was settled by an expedition from Sydney, and made a branch convict establishment. In twenty years it had progressed so that it was separated from its parent colony, and in another thirty years it was sufficiently grown-up to desire the comfort and convenience of postage stamps. In 1853 the Legislature passed an Act authorising the issue of adhesive stamps to prepay postage, and orders were sent to England for dies and plates for their production. In the meantime the authorities looked round for an engraver to make stamps for temporary use until the English articles could be obtained. A Mr. C. W. Coard was available, and he engraved copper plates containing 24 repetitions of a stamp at one penny, and 48, in two plates of 24 each, of a stamp at four pence. Messrs. H. and C. Best, local printers and newspaper proprietors, printed the stamps, which were first issued for use on 1st November, 1853. Examination showed that, while the 24 stamps on each plate were not exactly alike, they were much more difficult to plate than the copper or steel plate hand engraved stamps of New South Wales, 1850-4. Our "Blue Penny" served the public for two years, and was superseded by the English engraved and printed stamp with a full face portrait of the Queen.

My stamp could tell quite a lot more about its papers and printings, its shades and the little irregularities in shape of lettering which help in the plating, but enough has been said on that side of the history. There is, however, something unusual about the stamp that adds a paragraph of peculiar interest to Part 1 of the story. It bears a cancellation in pen-and-ink 8/2/67. This is twelve years after the stamp had ceased to be issued for use, and the cancellation indicates that the stamp was used to denote payment of a fiscal and not a postal tax. When the "Blue Penny" was first issued there were no fiscal duties to be paid or denoted by means of stamps, the first Stamp Duty Act being passed in 1863. Consequently our stamp tells us that for twelve long and weary years it reposed in some desk or wallet, and was then brought to light only to serve the obnoxious part of a tax collector! As the cult of stamp collecting had then reached Tasmanian shores it seems strange that the little old blue stamp did not attract attention as an object to be preserved rather than ignominiously stuck on a rent receipt or bank cheque!

So much for Part 1 of its story. Now for Part 2.

Re-visiting Tasmania after an absence of thirty-five years, I was present at a meeting of the Tasmania Philatelic Society. After formal business had been transacted, an auction of stamps took place. "Penny Blue with fiscal cancellation," was the auctioneer's description of one lot. As I knew that many of the stamps of Van Diemen's Land used postally from 1853 to 1863 were cancelled by pen and ink, I thought that the stamp on sale was one of these postally pen-cancelled stamps. As it passed under review, however, I saw that the date clearly indicated fiscal use, and being a collector of Australian fiscals, I jumped at the opportunity of securing a remarkable and doubtless very rare example of a fiscally used postal at about one-sixth of catalogue price.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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HAITIAN POSTAL REVENUE, 1924-25

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On June 6, 1924, a law was approved by the Haitian Council of State creating a Bureau of Internal Revenue (under the supervision of the General Receiver), for the administration of all revenues of the Government other than those administered by the Customs service. On August 1st the new organisation took over the actual administration of the internal taxes. In the same manner that 5% of customs collections is allowed to the Financial Adviser-General Receiver, 15% of the internal revenue collections is allowed for the costs of operating the Bureau of Internal Revenue. In both cases the percentage is expected to cover not only the operation but also 1% commission to the Banque Nationale de la Republique d'Haiti for its services in receiving collections.

The law of June 6, 1924, also provides that all internal revenue and postage stamps and stamped paper shall be kept in the custody of the Banque Nationale, subject to the orders and general control of the Director General of Internal Revenue. The general administrative supervision was assumed by the Internal Revenue service over the stamp service, but actual sales and distribution of stamps continued to be effected by the Banque.

An important reform carried out during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1925, was the suppression of licensed stamp agents, who were formerly allowed a commission of 10% on all sales made by them. This change was made effective on Jan. 8, 1925, as regards internal revenue stamps, and stamped paper, and extended to postage stamps on Mar. 1, 1925. Retail sales formerly made by the licensed agents were taken over by the Banque Nationale without inconvenience to the public.

At the time of suppression of licensed agents, an ample stock of postage stamps was advanced to the directors of Post Offices in the larger towns, who are now required to sell to the public as part of their regular duties. Towards the end of the fiscal year stocks of stamps were also advanced to postal agents in practically all of the small rural communes of the Republic. For administrative purposes, the internal revenue service is divided into 11 collection districts, and in addition to these, internal revenue agents are stationed in 83 rural communes, making a total of 94 offices.

Revenues from the sale of postage and internal revenue stamps showed a marked expansion for the year ended Sept. 30, 1925, due in part to the suppression of the 10% commission formerly allowed to licensed vendors. Postage stamps to the value of G. 195,755.00 were sold during the year (as compared with G. 119,147.96 in 1923-24), and G. 371,795.54 was derived from the sale of documentary stamps (this latter including approximately G. 88,000 obtained from the steamship passage tax levied by law of Jan. 23, 1925, and which tax is collected by means of internal revenue stamps).

The Haitian Post Office Dept. contributes a very small share of the total income of the Government, which in 1924-25, amounted to G. 40,487,667.00 (as against G. 32,902,321.33 in 1923-24).

Postage stamp sales, by districts, during the year were as follows:

District.	*Postage stamps.*	*Box rents.*
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Cap Haitien	17,063.95	
Cayes	9,144.38	
Gonaives	6,597.07	
Jacmel	7,999.28	
Jeremie	4,912.45	
Miragoane	1,354.28	
Petit Goave	3,729.35	
Port au Prince	135,818.58	11,348.90
Port de Paix	4,562.96	
Saint Marc	3,423.25	
	G. 195,755.00	11,348.90

Since the monetary reform agreement of May 2, 1919, the value of the Haitian gourde (20c U. S.) has not fluctuated.

The postal revenue benefited to some extent by reason of the 1924 pictorial series of postage stamps (5c, 10c, 20c, 50c and G.1) placed on sale Sept. 3, 1924, just before the close of the preceding fiscal year.

During the year the 5c and 10c of the 1920 Agriculture and Commerce series exhausted; the 3c, 15c and 25c, however, continued in use.

Early in 1925 a second printing of the 10c Citadelle was received from New York.

On May 2nd, 1925, commercial air mail service was inaugurated between Port au Prince and Cap Haitien, by planes of the U. S. Marine Corps, which had previously carried only the Brigade mails. The service is without expense to the Haitian Government, except for a small sum spent on improving the landing field at Cap Haitien. The air mail letter rate is 50c de g. per 20 grs., and ordinary postage stamps are used. The overland letter rate is 10c de g.

ART IN STAMPS

By FRANK E. ROBBINS.

Is it not a fact that there is hardly a country in Europe whose postage stamps, from the artistic standpoint, have not many times the merit of those of our own country? I hate to confess it, but I think it is true. I do not mean to criticize the admirable technical work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; but engraving and printing are only half of the production of a stamp; the designing comes first and is much more important, and this unfortunately has been very decidedly neglected. As far as I know, the government has never charged a first-class, internationally known artist (not an artisan) with the creation of the design for a stamp. When our coins were redesigned, one of our greatest sculptors was called upon for assistance, and as the result we now have some really beautiful coins. Why cannot the same thing be done with stamps, which are used in greater numbers than coins?

The engravers ought not to be responsible for the design of our stamps as well as their production, nor can I blame them justly if, with no real a in the proper sense of the word, to g them, their designs are at best medi It is about all that could be expected far as the proposed new series is cerned, the Postmaster General need worry half so much over the choic subjects as over the way the sub when chosen are handled.

The greatest mistake that has made in the design of our stamps, t mind, has been the failure to create them compositions intended for st and for nothing else. The problen the artist is to make a little paper sti approximately 19x22½ millimeters in and only that. He is limited by the of the stamp, its shape, its material, its purpose. Obviously a painting w was originally intended to be hung wall and may have been three fee four, or bigger, will not necessarily a good stamp design; neither will a of sculpture, nor a photograph of na scenery, nor ornaments which are pre ly executed in stone or wood. Yet n all of our stamps, certainly of recen sues, consist of adaptations and comb tions of things of this sort. In the s of 1922-1923 there have been used pa portraits and photographs, busts or pl graphs of them, a painting of the G Gate, and miscellaneous photograph buildings and scenery. These are sla down in the middle of the label—red in size—and surrounded by utterly m ingless borders of beadwork, acan leaves and what-not, these again adaptations of stone and wood decor motifs. How can anything built u this fashion have the cardinal virtue unity, simplicity, and perfect adapt to the purpose? And would a real est-to-goodness artist develop a de for a stamp in that way?

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STAMPS WIN

By Evelyn Perkins.

I feel fully qualified to talk about the "value" of stamp collecting. I began collecting as a child. I never had more than a few cents at a time to spend on it, but the fact that my collection is small does not mean lack of interesting stamps. Cheap ones? Of course. From the time I began I found that my interest in school work increased, and in how many subjects! Usually the collector tells you that stamps aid in the study of history and geography. Of course they do—also in building up an English vocabulary, a smattering of Latin and Latin-derived languages, mathematics for the comparative values of coins and rates of postage—and an appreciation of color and engraving. Parents sometimes expect this study-value to replace the textbooks. No pupil is a real student who knows only what is in the text. To be mentally alive he must gain a general fund of knowledge and interests which will hook up with the daily lessons. Stamps will give this universal fund of knowledge and interest. Stamps are responsible for my choice of profession, teacher of History and Spanish.

Not only am I able to discuss the "value" of stamp collecting as a collector, but as a teacher. I have watched boys and girls start collections and know that from that day their school work received an impetus that nothing else had been able to give. Their minds seemed to open to receive and welcome information with a joy. Also stamp collecting taught them to catalogue and organize mentally the information gained. What price can be set upon the value of such a hobby.

Unfortunately too much emphasis has been laid on the cash value of a collection. Many beginners find a big collection beyond their means and stop. I remember once, one of my pupils, Hildreth, a boy of 12 or 13, fell on the ice and received a broken hip. An uncle gave him an album, a small packet of stamps and hinges, and a Scott. Day after day, he studied and catalogued and mounted. He had been agent for the *Saturday Evening Post* and had always spent his money on movies, candy, etc., so now his parents, seeing he had no savings, decided to give him 50 cents a week. This he spent on stamps. His collection grew both as to numbers and interest. Then Hildreth got well. He again sold the *Post*, and had more money than when sick, but bought fewer stamps—then none at all. One day he came into the classroom and laid his album and a letter on my desk. He had tried to sell it and the dealer from whom he had purchased most of his stamps had offered him about one-fourth what he had paid. He was disgusted with collecting. He offered to give or sell his album to me or to anyone. We, who had encouraged him to collect, had deceived him, he felt.

After school, that evening, I called him to me and told him we would go over the collection and decide on its value and that I would buy it at actual cost to him, so we began our figures. We used red ink for the cost column and black for the profit. He protested that there was no profit, but allowed such a column to be started. When the cost was totalled it looked pretty big to him. Then we turned to the profit column—three months, he had laid in a cast unable to turn, three months longer in various stages of bed, wheelchair and crutches. Twenty-four weeks at least when books and stamp collecting had been his only amusement. Books began to pall, but the stamps were always different and exciting. I asked him to place a minimum value on a day's entertainment for a boy compelled to stay in bed. Would ten cents do? "No," he insisted, "amusement was worth more than that." But even at ten cents a day—the profit column counted up more than the cost! Then we began another bit of figuring. I asked him how he was now spending his money. He was spending on the average of $2.50 a week on candy and movies, attending five or more shows a week. We counted that up for twenty-four weeks, and, as compared to his stamp expense, it was very high. Nor could he remember anyone movie exactly—he saw such a thing, but it might have been a part of any of a dozen shows. "But I had a good time," he protested. "Now," I ended, "you feel that this dealer is unjust because he offers only one-fourth of what you paid, so I want you to go back to the theater, tell the man how much you have spent and ask that he return one-fourth to you." "Why he wouldn't do that!" he protested. "I've had the fun of the show." "You have had the fun of the stamps, too, haven't you?" He got the point—kept his collection and spent part of his money each week on more stamps. When last I saw it, that album contained a pretty good collection.

I hope someday to be able to give a mother's view of stamp collecting, but my sons aged 3 and 1 are not yet interested. They are the cause of my susbcribing to Mekeel's, however. Ten years have past since I collected any, and prices have advanced on stamps that were cheap then. So I resurrected my album and duplicates and have started collecting again—two if I can. These stamps I hope will be the basis for their collections some day, and stamps purchased now may be out of reach ten years from now when they will be beginning. Also I am having heaps of fun. I wonder if other mothers are doing it? No, I do not intend to hand over my collection to them entirely. I intend to start them with an album and let them choose from my collection stamps which interest them in payment for errands and tasks. Then the value of a stamp will be its interest not its catalogue value.

Teachers are not the only ones who value collecting. "Jack" was repeatedly up in juvenile court. He wasn't bad—just so full of pep that he had finished things before the slower ones began, and so had too much waste time. One day I heard the judge sigh with relief. Jack had been in to report and had no bad marks against him. "He's all right now. He is collecting stamps. That's a job that is never complete!"

) with detail. Our present issue is as bad in this respect as any we ever had. The 1908 series was much , and so were the "bank note" is- But the designers of the current certainly abhorred a vacuum. y bit of space not occupied by the ait or other central design is filled fussy little ornaments. This isn't Art generally consists in leaving s out rather than cramming in de-

r system also does injustice to the s whose drawings and paintings are n to adorn the stamps. Even in the nbian issue—one of the best of the rials—the figures in the groups are nall to be easily distinguished. These is simply weren't made to be put on os.

en there are the stamps that are just ugly which might be graded be- a mere pain in the neck and major ities. I think I should vote for the ent Huguenot-Walloon as the worst the fifty-cent Arlington amphi- re and the three-cent Victory crowd- t closely. On second thoughts, this be an injustice to the Victory stamp. onally, I have always detested the ent Trans-Mississippi most heartily, I do not think that an aeroplane, red with painful exactness of detail, s a good stamp design.

, since the Postmaster General asks uggestions and advice, my contribu- is just this: Get somebody to design ew stamps who knows how, and who ut a touch of genius into them. I there will be others who are fond ur stamps who will feel the same about it.

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UNLESS you adopt the National Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Minneapolis, August 19-24, 1929, as your own, you are missing an opportunity to be a helpful influence on American philately just at the time when your good offices are most needed. The work of preparation for the Stamp Show has converted the philatelic section of the Twin Cities into a bee-hive of activity, and for that reason, one may interpose the remark that if the efforts of the workers do not meet with their just reward, it will be a crying shame. A chance is offered to ratify the pledge to philatelic progress by a successful exhibition, but if the support of the enterprise is not general, the best results cannot be obtained. We know that philatelic interest is spreading throughout the country, and in order to certify to that fact in the public mind, there is the necessity to make the show an unqualified triumph. If it does not register complete success, the back-wash of disappointment will retard collecting to some extent. Funds are needed as well as exhibitors to accomplish the end fittingly; and the minds of all collectors should be centered on the forthcoming display. The interest of local societies is solicited, and the suggestion is made that at the meetings, discussions of ways and means to support the undertaking be given the right of way.

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WHEN we realize that abroad the stamp exhibition is accepted as the rule rather than the exception, the admission must follow that we are beginning to sleep on our rights in this country. It is true that the geographical compactness of many of the other countries naturally concentrates philatelic interest, thereby making it easier oftentimes to enlist united effort, but it is unthinkable to say that the time has not arrived here to cultivate a field that is almost fallow. Recent exhibitions have given good accounts of themselves, to put it mildly, and although the work entailed has been great, the outcome has been worth all the expense and effort that have been lavished. This thought brings up the realization that much is staked on the Minneapolis show, and we hope that collectors generally will feel that the loss will be theirs if they do not coöperate with the men who are now striving to make a record. We have no reason to feel other than very hopeful over the outlook, but experience tells us that there must be no remission of interest, but rather it must increase to the culminating-point, which is the exhibition, itself.

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FROM Harry A. Somerfield, M.D., San Francisco, Cal., we have received a clipping from the July 6th number of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, as follows: "At a meeting of the Exchange Club of Duluth, June 10, a resolution was adopted requesting that the U. S. Post Office Department commemorate the name and achievement in the forthcoming new series of postage stamps of William Thomas Green Morton, Boston, who, the resolution says, 'discovered and promulgated the anesthetic effects produced by the inhalation of sulphuric ether'." As Dr. Somerfield says, it is most unusual to find our hobby mentioned in the columns of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association. While on the subject of the "zenith city of the unsalted seas," as Duluth was once called in congress, we make way for the following communication from Mr. S. Valentine Saxby, whose name will be remembered as an active philatelist of two or more decades ago. Mr. Saxby is the executive secretary of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, and in writing us on the return from a trip to Europe says: "The enclosed cover was used before the stamp period and I feel sure that you will prize it. The Duluth airport will be completed probably in November. On account of your mentioning the fact that we were building this airport in the WEEKLY, we have received about eight hundred letters." Patience is one of the cardinal requirements of the cachet collectors, but from experience they know that it is far better to be an accessory before the fact than after.

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IN the copy sent out by a news association, we have seen a reference to the proposed philatelic exhibit at the World's Fair to be held in Chicago in 1933, which will have a value of more than seven million dollars, according to an eminent authority. We learn that the Chicago Philatelic Society has been asked to play the role of hosts to collectors' organizations that will be interested as exhibitors or attendants at the Fair, evidently by the management of the exhibition.

FROM the author, Thomas H. Pratt, Kingsport, Tennessee, we have received the neat booklet of forty pages, "The Postmaster's Provisionals of Memphis, Tennessee." Not alone is the work of engrossing historical interest in tracing the postal dissociation of the north and the south in the beginning of the Civil War, but as a stamp study it is valuable in clearing up obscurities in connection with the stamps that were issued by the Memphis postmaster, Col. Matthew C. Gallaway. In giving the postal history of Memphis, Mr. Pratt has had recourse to files of the newspapers of the times and the testimony that he presents reflects the unsettled postal times of 1861 that necessitated the appearance of the emergency local issues. As for the stamps themselves, we learn that the 2c adhesive was printed in Memphis by the stereotype method from a woodcut original and that likewise, the 5c was produced by the same process. As for the rare 5c envelope, it was "press printed by a stereotype made from the same original wood-cut die as the adhesives." A full sheet of the 2c is illustrated showing ten rows of five stamps each; and the probable position of the 5c stamp in a sheet of 100 is shown by a plan that provides spaces for twenty of the curious head-to-head, head-to-side, foot-to-foot, and foot-to-side positions, as Mr. Pratt calls them. Perhaps, the most interesting revelation that is made is that in Mr. Pratt's opinion, there are no reprints of the 5c value and that the large blocks which made their appearance years ago in a light carmine on white paper are the last of at least three printings, each showing some ink and paper difference. As for counterfeits of the 2c and the 5c, the S. C. Upham & Co., Philadelphia fabrications are mentioned as being practically the sum total, and they will not deceive the student. Mr. Pratt describes and pictures the position characteristics of the fifty 2c stamps, and assigns thirty-seven of the 5c stamps to their proper places. This exhaustive examination of the Memphis locals, written by State Senator Thomas H. Pratt of Kingsport, Tennessee, ran in serial form in the *Southern Philatelist*, and as a certificate of fine typography bears the *imprimatur* of the Dietz Printing Company, 109 East Cary Street, Richmond, Va. The price of the book is one dollar. Senator Pratt will judge the Confederate classes at the coming American Philatelic Society Exhibition, and none will say that he has not the most solid of backgrounds for the accomplishment of his duties. In his books, he has added to our knowledge of two adhesive stamps that by their design and their comparatively wide distribution in unused condition have much interest; and we owe a debt to him.

EXHIBITION NEWS ITEM

Four sidelines, or as some call t specialties, or as the more ardent ent asts of these particular groups pref say, Branches of Philately have d oped to the point where they hav tracted hundreds of followers. U States Revenues, Air Mail Stamps Air Mail Covers, Stampless Covers Precancels have each become impo enough to command special unit or zations in the American Philatelic ciety. The Stampless Cover Unit out of an independent organization, Stampless Cover Society.

Years ago there was a United S Revenue Society, but this fell by the side and until the Revenue Unit was s ed, there was no definite organizatio specialists in U. S. Revenues; alth the interest in this phase of the h has been so great that the Scott Sta Coin Co. has included United States enues in their United States Specia Catalog.

Air Mail collectors formed a st independent society, but recently a has also been showing strength unde P. S. jurisdiction.

In times past, the Precancel Stamp ciety held its conventions at the time as the A. P. S., but of late yea has broken away and a movement st by Brig. Gen. C. A. Coolidge to t about a closer union of the preca collectors with the A. P. S. has devel into a Precancel Unit under the able retaryship of H. S. Ackerman, wh one of the outstanding students in field. He is credited with most of early editing of the first precancel cat

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Air Mail News

BY DONALD E. DICKASON,
Wooster, Ohio

(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

The July 11th edition of the *Airmail Beacon,* published by The Berkshire Exchange, who also publish the American Air Mail Catalog, carries several announcements of interest as to future policy in listing certain items, all in line with the announced policy of simpler listings, and those dealing only with absolutely official items. First, they are considering less detail as to color varieties of the CAM cachets, and request reader opinion on the change. Next, they publish a list of 19 items in the government flight section which will either be dropped entirely, or listed in simpler form. Items dropped include the black cachet Washington Lindbergh Day cover, No. 199a; the "Roessler" Chamberlin Ship-to-Shore No. 201a; the Lakehurst cancellation on the Graf Zeppelin covers, No. 211a; the Boston World Fliers Landing, cover No. 173, and many others, which I will not take space to itemize here. These will be sufficient to show the trend, however.

At the same time, Mr. A. V. Dworak, publisher of the *Airmail Collector,* and *Weekly Philatelic Gossip,* formally announces that he will publish this fall a "United States Specialized Air Mail Catalogue", which will include the entire field of U. S. covers, officials, historicals, souvenirs, rate changes, route changes, airport dedications, aero shows, and which will be compiled by a staff of editorial specialists in the different divisions.

Personally, I believe this is a move which will clarify the present situation. I admire deeply the spirit and intent of the publishers of the present catalog to build up for the best of the hobby as they see it, but the fact remains that many collectors see things differently. This an honest difference of opinion, and each collector is fully entitled to his own viewpoint. If there is a real demand for such a catalog as Mr. Dworak proposes, it will be evident in the sales. If there is not, again the sales will demonstrate the facts. Meanwhile we are all looking forward to the appearance of the newcomer, and also to that of the original catalog, which will appear in vastly changed form this fall.

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The S. P. A. announces an Air Mail Department, in charge of Mr. H. C. Carpenter, 600 Southern Ry. Bldg., Cincinnati. He will be glad to send you details.***G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers, in announcing the special limited edition of "Lindbergh, His Story in Pictures", state that each volume will contain "an envelope with cancelled stamps carried by Colonel Lindbergh on his first international air mail flight from Miami to the Canal Zone". Now if they were just autographed.

Official Flights

More ship-to-shore, this time the new German ship, "Bremen", which was to arrive July 22 on her maiden trip. All I have seen is a newspaper item which mentioned that Mayor Walker would christen the plane on its arrival with the first mail, and don't know anything as to the cover arrangements. Being a German flight, however, somebody's likely fixed something up, and you'll get more news later. ***Other clippings tell of the organization of a large company which will inaugurate regular air mail service in the Philippines in November.

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First Yukon Airways flight Champagne-Whitehorse, Yukon, June 23.*** Additional service Detroit-Cleveland via the amphibian on CAM 27 started July 8, with a new 10 A. M. trip, westbound only. No cachet. ***Youngstown, Ohio, is getting all excited over the first nonstop CAM pickup trial to take place there soon. As previously announced, CAM 11, by J. P. Penning, Homestead, Pa., will supply a cachet for both dropped and picked-up mail. Donald Levy, 2323 Ohio Ave., also offers to receive mail addressed in his care, if return postage and envelopes are sent.

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The *Postal Bulletin* of July 9 announced that air mail via Route 9 would be accepted for Bolivia at the 55c rate, flying as far as Peru; and thence by the usual means. No special first flight, just went into effect sort of informally.***588 covers received the Kansas City cachet for the first day flight July 1—corrected figures.

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The Miami post office has another job on its hands. The Tela, Honduras P. O. made no effort to deliver first flight mail sent there, but just bundled it up and sent it all back to Miami, and now Postmaster Pittman is sorting them out and getting them to their proper destinations.***Mexico City used a special first day commemorative cachet July 12, on the occasion of the first official sale of the Carranza stamps.

Airport Dedications, Shows, Meets, Etc.

Canton, Ohio, Aviation Show figures: July 4—389; 5—327; 6—349; 7—403; a total of 1,468, applied by the Legion, as represented by Jno. K. Howe, who says that he had to pay $1.50 postage due on covers sent to him. Not so good, brethren.***Northampton, Mass., Air Meet was a last minute affair, so those in charge broadcast the information as to cachet over stations WBZ and WBZA. Todd Fagan, in Kansas City, says he heard it, so it must have carried pretty well. Covers mailed on July 4—358; 5—390; 6—314; 7—264; a total of 1,326. ***Coleraine, Minn., dedication covers were flown to St. Paul, and a few were cancelled there, instead of at Coleraine. 2,000 were mailed.

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Robert Meinhoff, referring to a recent note, says that the recent Walla Walla cachet commemorated an air derby only, and that the only dedication was held a year ago.***From Binghamton, N. Y., June 19, comes the cachet for the Bennett Air Meet and New York Mayors' Conference, in black.***Albert Gurney says he did receive a Lindbergh Day *cachet,* not just a cartograph, from Great Falls, and that on a cover sent to the Postmaster. Can anybody give us the dope on this?***The St. Louis Lindbergh Day cover was a late item in its preparation, at least. Hadn't planned to have one, but the covers kept coming in, so finally the C. of C. Air Board fixed it up. About 700 mailed.

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The Pennsylvania-T. A. T. Air Rail inauguration brought forth cachets at Los Angeles and Kansas City. Don't know who sponsored the one at Los Angeles, but that at K. C. was by the local contractors, the N. A. T. Co., and 1,118 covers received it. Both July 8. Columbus, Ohio, dedicated the new airport the same day, and got big write-ups all over the country. An attractive cachet in green (a few blue) was used, and Robert L. Manley brightened my day with a cover signed by Governor Cooper, who assisted in the ceremonies. *Linn's Weekly* sent out effective special envelopes.

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Western States Airways Conference at Boise, July 8, 9, and 10, produced a special cachet. Covers mailed the 8th were sent on the arrival date of the Redding-Boise Air Derby mentioned last week.*** Caldwell, Idaho, dedication on the 7th, used exactly the same Derby cachet as mentioned last week for Redding, but inserted the name of their own city.*** A surprise—Sedan, Kans., dedication was

(*Continued on page 473*)

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The Lord Byron Set

In the first place, this set starts us to wondering why Greece should have issued stamps honoring an English Lord, and especially one who was, during his life, one of the most unpopular individuals of his own native country. Probably this unpopularity is the very reason. At any rate it was the reason for his departure from England in 1816. Although a poet of some note up to that time, indignation over the treatment accorded him at home stimulated him, and his verse took on a new element of power. It is as the lame poet that we think of Byron usually.

However, Greece has reason to honor him as a military leader. In the summer of 1823 he sailed for Cephalonia to help the Greeks to gain their independence. From Cephalonia he went to Missolonghi. Between the time of his arrival in January, 1824, until his death from exposure and fever in April of the same year, he succeeded in bringing order out of confusion.

The two stamps of the Lord Byron set illustrate his importance as a figure in Greek history. The 80 lepta is a portrait of Lord Byron with dates 1824-1924, showing that the stamp was issued on the hundredth anniversary of his death. The 2 drachma also has the dates and his name, but this is a very much larger stamp. The border design is dull violet, while the picture is in black. This picture shows Lord Byron at Missolonghi. This set is very attractive, and the 2 drachma ranks among the very large stamps of the world.—A. C. LeDuc.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

JOTTINGS—

IN a communication published on July 1st, referring to a dot near the left upper scroll of the 1c Canada, 1868, the description should be amended to read: "That the dots appear at both the left and right upper scrolls. The dot on the right border is placed further away from the scroll margin than that on the left." The second dot was found on a careful re-examination of the stamp, and only discovered after the article appeared.—HARRY MORELL.

THE Euclid Stamp Shoppe of Cleveland, Ohio, has gone out of business, and no further orders should be sent the firm. This information comes from a local source.

The Minneapolis Stamp Show

We were very much impressed with the democracy of the First Annual A. P. S. Stamp Show to be held in Minneapolis the week of August 19-24 when the Prospectus stated in bold face type to all collectors: "You are invited to come and partake of the activities as a stamp collector whether or not you are a member of any philatelic society." Time was when the A. P. S. was criticised for being a society for the aristocrats among philatelists, but no one hears that criticism now.

As we have studied over the Prospectus in greater detail, we note one more exceedingly democratic and commendable movement. All of the ten sections in the Exhibition are open to collectors under twenty years of age. If the owner is under 15 years of age, he exhibits in the Juvenile Class; if he is 15 to 20 years of age, he exhibits in the Junior Class. This opening of all sections and groups to the younger collector is as it should be. But we notice that, although there is an entry fee of one dollar on each collection to be entered in the exhibit, in the case of the Juvenile and Junior Classes, there shall be no entry fee. This means that a junior collector under twenty years of age, who desires to send in his Scott's Junior Album, for example, to exhibit in the Junior or Juvenile Classes, does not pay any entry fee. We compliment the National Committee and the Twin City Board of Directors for this. Of course, if a junior desires to exhibit his collection in the frames, there is the usual two dollar charge.

Junior Dictionary

Riddell, J. L.—The postmaster of New Orleans, Louisiana, whose name appears on the special 2c and 5c stamps he caused to be issued in 1861 for facilitating the prepayment of postage before the regular Confederate stamps appeared

Rigsbank Skilling. — The value in which the first two stamps for Denmark were expressed. The unit of value at that time was the "rigsbank daler", divided into 96 "rigsbank skilling", and worth about 55c in American money.

Rin.—The value shown on some of the stamps of Japan. Ten rin are equal to a sen which, in turn, is equal to about ½c in American money.

Rios.—A control mark stamped upon all the the stamps of Ecuador issued in the province of Los Rios in 1902.

Rio Hacha.—A small town in the province of Magdalena, Colombia, at which a number of provisional stamps were made locally from ordinary printers' type in 1901 during a temporary shortage of the regular issue.

Canadian Commemoratives

In 1927 the Canadian government got out a new set of stamps in the nature of an historical set. These were to have been issued in July, 1926, but were withheld and were not placed on sale until June 30, 1927. This set is composed of three pictorial stamps, one single and two double pictures. The 5c is printed in purple and bears a picture of McGee. McGee is honored in this set because of the work he has done for Canada. He was born in Ireland and came to America when he was 17 years of age. He went to Boston, where he became editor of a paper. He went to Canada later, where he became a great statesman and author. He was an ardent supporter of the Canadian Confederation idea. In 1868, he was assassinated by one of his political enemies.

The 12c stamp of this series is printed in green and shows pictures of MacDonald and Laurier. MacDonald was a great merchant and statesman. He held offices as Lieut. Governor and Senator. Laurier was also a statesman. In 1914, when Great Britain entered the World War he favored the sending of Canadian troops to the war front abroad, and was active in encouraging the soldiers before they left.

Next we come to the 20c stamp of this issue. This bears the pictures of Baldwin and LaFontaine, and is printed in brown-carmine. LaFontaine was another native Canadian statesman, having been born in Quebec in 1807. He was one of the ablest jurists that Canada has ever had. Baldwin, the other one pictured on this 20c stamp, was also a noted Canadian statesman. He and LaFontaine were contemporary leaders in the formation of a stable and just government in what are now the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This entire set of stamps shows pictures of men whose influence has been far reaching in the formation of that great country—Canada.—A. C. LeDuc.

Study Your Stamps

British Consular Mail (or British Vice-Consulate) Antananarivo. — A hand stamp on the large stamps of Madagascar.

Bs. As.—A contraction for Buenos Aires shown on the so-called "Gaucho" stamps of 1857 which were prepared for use but never issued.

Cabo Verde.—Cape Verde.

C. Ch. — An overprint on certain French Colonial stamps indicating they were for use in Cochin China.

C. E. F.—An overprint on certain Indian stamps issued for the use of the troops on the "China Expeditionary Force" in 1900 and since used at certain British Post Offices maintained in China.

Chine.—China.

SPANISH RED CROSS 1926 ISSUE

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

The chap who decided that a one penny stamp was necessary for the U. P. Congress must have been the Solon they named the islands after.

—CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

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Ever hear how the Grand Canyon was formed? A. C. T. (Chicago) avers that an Edinburgh collector while trekking westward dropped a pack of hinges down a gopher hole and went after it.

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First High School Stude: "What is a philatelist?"

Second Ditto: "Dunno. Ask Bill—he takes biology."

—ROBT. E. DUNLOP

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Dear Prof.: "Are you an expert on the girls as you are with stamps.—Eddy.

Ans.: "Certainly, Eddy, but I don't specialize."

—Robt. E. Dunlop

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I had a neat stamp collection,
But not for very long;
I trusted it to a non-collector,
And he surely did go wrong.
—Max Merely Smith

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A stamp with a Ceylon doesn't necessarily come from Newfoundland.

—Capt. A. C. Townsend

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My, what a bright boy! He's all up after getting those new Edison Stamps.

—MAX MERELY SMITH

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Old King Cole would have lost his bowl,
His pipe, and his fiddlers three
If he collected stamps and started to sail
With the bunch up here, by gee!
—Phil U. Teller

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Women get angry over such little things! She asked for some China for her birthday. He brought home a full set of the first issue unused. She hasn't spoken to him for a week.

Capt. C. A. Townsend

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Teacher: "The premier practically rules Italy."

Johnny: "What does the King do?"

Stamp Fan (butting in): "Oh, he just sticks around on the postage stamps."

Sent in by Max Merely Smith.

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At what stage of an automobile's manufacture does it become a native state in India?

When it is a "Holkar" (Indore).

—Chas. A. Townsend

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GOAT GETTER NO. 4

Dere's a dizzy loon w'at gets me goat
An' makes me brain cells kick;
He's de guy w'at uses Le Page's glue
To make peelable hinges stick.
—Phil U. Teller

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Under the title, "The Timid Soul" a Webster cartoon in the *Chicago Daily News* shows a chinless chap carefully burning a revenue stamp from a cigar package after he had read the warning against removing "contents of package without destroying stamp, etc." Card sent in by Bob Dunlop, Cicero, Ill., one of the F. F. F.'s hawk-eyed scouts.

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"Hey, Freddie, come out and play."
"Can't go out."
"Why not?"
"Pop was hanging a door and told me to bring him a hinge. I handed him a peelable one and he can't take a joke."
—Capt. A. C. Townsend

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AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 471*)

13, red and blue cachet by the C. of Grand Island, Nebr., was July 13 4, same magenta cachet both days.

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d now for the future: Laurel, *Miss.*, not Mass., as recently misprinted, dedicate in late summer—cachet by C.***Klamath Falls, Ore., date not ut C. of C. is holding covers.*** n Lake, Iowa, says, "just postponed." rs may go to the C. of C., but it will me time before they get mailed.*** reesboro, Tenn., before long, and the C. acknowledges covers by air mail! merican Legion Air Derby at Yaki- Wash., Aug. 16, 17, 18. Covers to ostmaster, or A. C. Christopherson, Western Airlines, Inc. Cachet.*** Wayne, Ind., will probably rededi- its improved port late this year. rs C. of C.***Big Spring, Texas, 23, 24, 25—cachet by C. of C.*** ngo, Ill.—about Aug. 15—covers to nercial Club.***Excelsior Springs, Sept. 2, Labor Day. Covers to John cKenzie, Box 725, who says send led. Air mails or Edisons if you the money.***Dayton, O., Aug. 1, -by C. of C.

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ck of punctuation in a telegram kept you advance news of the Hartford, ., Lindbergh Anniversary, CAM 9 flying, and Saginaw anniversary, in to be of use. My apologies!

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United States

Charleston, S. C., Stamp

Mr. J. V. Nielsen, Jr., advises us that on the request of the Charleston Stamp Club that the city council of Charleston, S. C., passed a resolution requesting Congress to issue a special stamp to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Charleston. The following resolution was passed, introduced by Alderman W. B. Minott:

"Whereas Charleston, S. C., 'America's Most Historic City,' will celebrate with elaborate ceremonies in 1930 the 250th anniversary of its founding on its present site and

Whereas this is the oldest city of importance south of the Mason and Dixon line and the pioneer in all national movements of the colonies in America:

Resolved that the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America be requested to commemorate this event by authorizing a special issue of postage stamps of one cent or two cents.

Resolved that our representatives in Congress and the Senate, and our State Legislators be requested to endorse our desire to make this event memorized, and to prepare and present a suitable bill for this purpose."

The stamp club sets forth in its request that Trenton, N. J., and Nashville, Tenn., have made similar requests and that Charleston is more deserving than they of such commemoration.

While we have had numerous commemorative stamps here of late, it is not recalled that a single event that took place south of the Mason and Dixon line has, as yet, been commemorated. We believe that Charleston is entitled to recognition and wish them success in their undertaking.

Late Minor Varieties

The collector today seems to watch even the common 2c stamp more carefully than in the past, and examines every little line upon the stamp. As a result, numerous minor plate scratches and the like are being found from time to time.

Mr. David H. Burr calls attention to the fact that in the case of the 2c Sullivan, plate 19786, the 27th stamp of the northwest pane shows a distinct scratch diagonally across the left "2." Mr. Burr sends a copy for inspection and states that the scratch is to be found on all copies from this plate.

Mr. Walter E. Lord and others have called attention to little white spots found here and there on the 2c Edison, as well as other stamps. These are not plate defects, but are defects due to printing wherein the plates are not properly cleaned, the paper is not properly moistened, or has become somewhat dry, or even some foreign matter may have adhered to the plate or paper. While these markings are curious, they seem to command very little, if any, attention even from the specialist.

Every once in a while, a letter comes to hand calling attention to the fact that the perforation on the present rotary stamps is not 11x10½. These discrepancies are due almost entirely to the fact that one of the larger companies put out an inaccurate perforation gauge, which has been used in measuring these perforations. If one has an accurate gauge, it will be found that the measurement is nearer 11x10½ than anything else. If we used sixteenths, we could give it a more accurate designation, but fortunately, we have not carried our accuracy to such a point.

State Overprinted Stamps

Numerous post offices have refused to accept the State overprinted stamps in other places than Kansas and Nebraska, and as a result, in the *Postal Bulletin* of July 11, the Third Assistant Postmaster General calls the attention of postal clerks to the fact that these stamps are good at all United States post offices.

Special Postmark

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Bork, we have received an air-mail cover from Prescott, Ariz., showing a special postmark in black and blue with portrait of Governor Goodwin and reading in seven lines "Arizona's 65th Anniversary Commemorating Official Inauguration of Territorial Government, Prescott, Arizona, July 4, 1864, First Territorial Governor, John N. Goodwin of Maine."

2c Documentary, Perf. 10

In a recent Chronicle, we called attention to the fact that the perforating machines now perforating our current revenue stamps gauged ten instead of eleven, as heretofore. Several varieties have so far been noted and chronicled. Mr. Robert Ruchardson now sends for inspection a block of the 2c Documentary, Perf. 10, Scott's No. 4226. There is little doubt that we will finally have all denominations from 1c to $10 inclusive, perforated 10.

Aegean Islands.—The new series of stamps mentioned some time ago as about to appear are chronicled as follows by

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Afghanistan. — *Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* announces that a provisional stamp issue made under the authority of the Pretender Habib Ullah, is chronicled (with reserve). It takes the form of a circular imprint containing an Arabic inscription "Priest of the Prophet of God, Emir Habib Ullah" enclosed in a wreath and surmounted by a star applied to the last series of the ex-Amir Abdullah, viz.: 10, 15, 25 and 30 pools imperforate and 30, 40, 50 and 60 pools perforated. The issue is said to have been made at the instigation of Ghulam Haidar Khan, former Receiver General of Posts in Afghanistan, and lately Minister of Finance to the new Government. It is also understood that these provisionals circulated only within a limited radius from Cabul, and that the issue was restricted.

Bahamas.—We learn from the latest communique from the Crown Agents that the 5p purple and grey-black has been printed for the first time on Script CA paper and that a supply has been despatched to the Colony.

Belgium. — The following additional values in the postage due stamps, type D4, have been received from the Economist Stamp Co.: 70c brown, 1.20fr olive, 2fr violet and 3.50fr blue.

Brazil.—The 300rs pale pink, design as A76, watermarked "E. U. BRASIL" same as before perf. 13x12½ has been sent to us for chronicle by Mr. R. Roberts.

British Honduras.—Two further values are on order in the "Nyasaland" type with Script CA watermark. They are the 4p grey and 50c purple and blue on blue.

Egypt. — According to information furnished by *Near East and India* in the issue of May 30, 1929, a new air mail stamp is soon to be issued.

Federated Malay States.—According to the Crown Agents Bulletin the 25c purple and brilliant rosa, 30c purple and amber, 35c red and purple, and 50c black on emerald have been despatched to Kuala Lumpur.

Grenada.—A supply of 2sh6p stamps printed in black and red on blue have been sent to this Colony according to information furnished by the Crown Agents Bulletin.

Iceland.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us copies of the 2Kr blue and olive-brown, King Christian 9th, type surcharged "Kr. 10" in black. The overprint is in large heavy type and on the old issue of 1902.

Italy.—*Bulletin Mensuel* gives further details of the impending commemorative stamps of Monte Cassino. The issue will consist of seven values, six of which will be printed by rotogravure and the seventh by calcography. The design of the 20c and 1 Lire + 25c value shows a general view of the Abbey whilst the subject of those of 25c and 75+25c is the head of Bramante (?). The mosaica of the Basilisk appears on the 50+10c, the death of St. Benoit on the 5+1 lire, and a portrait of St. Benoit upon the highest value, 10+2 lire. The proceeds of the surtax, it is understood, are to be devoted to an exhibition of Italian work.

Kirin.—The set of four values of Sun Yat Sen Memorial stamps have been surcharged for use in this province, and copies have been received from Mr. R. Roberts.

Northern Rhodesia.—An additional value, 3sh, printed in blue and purple, is about to be added to the current series, a supply having already been sent out by the Crown Agents.

Polish Danzig. — Whitfield King & Co. advise of the appearance of the 5gr purple, Eagle type, surcharged "PORT GDANSK" in two lines in black.

Stop Press News

ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP OF THE "GRAF ZEPPELIN"

ESSEN, July 12.

According to comments of the Berlin press the above trip is due to start about July 25. The exact route has already been decided upon. The great trip will be made in conjunction with the American flight and will start at Lakehurst, N. J. "Graf Zeppelin" will first fly from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst, where the American passengers will be taken on board, and will return to Friedrichshafen. Shortly after the arrival at the latter point the airship will proceed to Tokio, where she will stop for 36 hours. It is stated that the Japanese Naval Authorities have already prepared everything for the landing of the ship. From Tokio the Zepp will proceed to Los Angeles, and from the Californian city to Lakehurst, making the round-the-world trip an "all-American affair." The list of passengers comprises about 25 names, including two representatives of the German Government. A. WAGNER.

NEWS FLASHES

—A female postal clerk at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, has been convicted of stealing stamps from letters. More than 2,000 letters, some three months old, have been found hidden in the post office. Clipping from Geo. B. Hamilton.

—Two more Municipal airports have been dedicated. We are indebted to Todd Fagan for a Sedan, Kans., dated July 13, with cachet in blue and red. Geo. Kreyling sends us a Williamsport, Pa., dated July 20, with oblong, rectangular cachet in black.

—The New Jersey Philatelic Federation has, through its secretary William C. Steiger, written Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman thanking him for his efforts to abolish restrictions on illustrating U. S. stamps, also the P. O. department approving a new pictorial issue to include architectural and scenic wonders.

—R. W. Barr, Balboa, Canal Zone, sends us two blocks of the new 50c issue in which there is considerable difference in the lilac shades of the two stamps. This color, however, is one that is rather susceptible to change.

LAST MINUTE AIR MAIL NEWS

WOOSTER, O., July 22.

Fredonia, N. Y., Dedication soon after August 1st. Unsealed covers airport committee Chamber Commerce. Dunkirk same, about August 1st. Inauguration trial service Cleveland-Washington route. Non official. Covers 25c including postage autograph cachet. Orders Penning, Eugene Ave., Holmstead, Penn.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

ANNUAL S. P. A. CONVENT

The Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, be the convention headquarters of S. P. A. the week of August 12. committee has arranged for a large room for business sessions, and a n assembly room will house the bourse the auction lots which will be on dis The banquet will be held in the Geo Room.

Mr. Ohlman is very anxious tha philatelic public shall know that his tion sale will be one of extraord excellence, and it will no doubt be of the outstanding features of conve week. Attendants are urged to Cleveland, Sunday morning, Aug. 11 make a week of it. There will be s thing doing all the time.

H. J. WA

BAYONNE ORGANIZES

On July 17, the Bayonne (N. Stamp Club was organized. Willia Anderson was elected president; A E. Swanson, vice-president; Fran Magner, whose efforts were respo for the initial meeting, secretary; John A. Rix, treasurer.

Robert M. Osborn, President o Brooklyn Stamp Club; G. H. Fabia manager of the Ridgewood Stamp of Brooklyn; H. F. Christensen, P dent of the Hackensack (N. J.) P telic Society, and William C. St President of the United Stamp Soci addressed the meeting with word encouragement and congratulation. ings will be held every Friday eve Room 207, Bergoff Bldg., Broadway 22nd St.

A. E. SWANS

STOP PRESS NEWS

—Effective about Aug. 25, servic FAM 5 will be extended to include of-Spain, Trinidad; Georgetown and merara, Br. Guiana; and Parama Dutch Guiana. Mail from Miami Cristobal, as usual, and we suggest C Panama, as a good one to cover, Rates—40c per ½ oz. from Miami from the Zone.

—Akron, Ohio, plans air mail versary celebration Aug. 1. Cove Chamber of Commerce. Credit from R. J. Williams for this.

—Charlotte, N. C., Airport De tion very soon. Covers to C. of C.

—First Sunday air mail out of M Fla., Aug. 4th. Covers to Municipal licity Dept., Miami, Fla., who will a special cachet.

DONALD E. DICKAS

Sarawak.—*Stamp Collecting* informs us that the 20c value of the unwatermarked series in the current type has been reported by Mr. E. Payne as having been issued in sage green color for the body of the stamp the same as that of the contemporary, 50c, the value tablet remaining, however, normal (i.e., Mauve). Mr. Payne states that he received a number of these "errors" from the Kuching Post Office last summer and has them both used and unused. Inquiries in official quarters have failed to throw further light upon the origin and existence of this variety which may, of course, be due to climatic conditions, although this seems unlikely. It is noted that the present printing on watermarked paper comes in the normal olive-brown shade.

Sin-Kiang.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the new Sun Yat Sen Memorial stamps overprinted for use in this Chinese province.

Straits Settlements. — The Crown Agents Bulletin reports that a supply of the 4c, in the current type, printed in orange has already been despatched, and a new printing of the 35c is on ord red and purple, instead of the purple orange in use at present.

Union of South Africa.—The fol ing new items are reported by Whi King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts: Lo printed stamps of Union of South A surcharged "Official" and "Offisieel", 1, "Official" and "Offisieel" reading wards, with stop, in small block ca 2mm high, "Official" is 15mm long "Offisieel" is 16¾=17mm long, the words being 12½mm apart; 1p, car and black. Type 2, the same type out the stop, surcharge reading upw the two words being 14mm apart; green and black, and 6p orange green; Type 3, "Official" 15mm and " sieel" 17mm, each word 17mm apart, vertically surcharged 2p purple and The first three values are all the lo printed stamps. All watermarks perforations are the same as before.

Yunnan.—Copies of the Sun Yat Memorial stamps surcharged for u this country have been received from R. Roberts for chronicle.

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OSTAGE STAMPS IN POLITICS

By Douglas Armstrong.

olitical events are not infrequently re-ed in the postage stamps of the na-s concerned. A case in point is pro-d by the reported settlement of the drawn-out dispute between Chile and over the ownership of the debatable tory of Tacna and Arica.

amp collectors can point to a whole s of specimens in their albums that the story of one of the most famous dary questions in modern history.

e trouble started as far back as Feb-y, 1879, when a quarrel arose between via and Chile as to the ownership of port of Antofagasta.

ile sent troops to seize the town, then marched into Bolivian terri-

This act of war brought Peru into ring by reason of her treaty obliga-to Bolivia, and hostilities developed n extensive scale between the three ns, continuing for nearly five years.

Stamp of the Enemy

llowing the entry of the Chileans Lima in November, 1881, large s of Peruvian postage stamps were d and overprinted with the national of Chile, in which form they were n circulation in the following month. is well worth the collector's while to ine carefully the postmarks upon ps of the regular issues of Chile be-n the years 1877 and 1886 for can-tions of Peruvian or Bolivian towns, of them being decidedly scarce and, ny case, considerably more valuable those used in Chile itself. Such va-s are full of interest.

the Treaty of Ancon (October 23,) the erstwhile Peruvian provinces Tacna and Arica were placed pro-nally under the control of the Chil-overnment for a period of ten years, e end of which time a plebiscite was taken to decide their ultimate own-p. Actually, however, the holding is plebiscite was postponed by vari-means until the latter part of 1925.

special stamp was provided at this ure for use upon correspondence abroad the Peruvian transport "Uca-" at anchor in the Bay of Arica, h served as the national headquarters. many as 100,000 copies of the cur-10 centavos postage stamps of Peru es 1924) were overprinted for this se, with the single word "PLEBIS-D" in accordance with precedent.

ter several regrettable incidents the scite terminated in a deadlock, but eat had been the expense that it was d necessary to maintain the postal n Peru down to a comparatively re-date, if, indeed, it has yet been re-d.

ce 1926, however, the word "Plebis-t has been deleted from the inscrip-upon these particular stamps, of h there has been a variety of print-g in different colours and formats.

view of the reported settlement of Tacna-Arica question, it seems prob-that the last of these issues has now made, and collectors may be well ed to complete their sets before the table rise in value.

oric Italian Stamps

e recent celebration of the anniver-of the founding of Rome, and, in-tally, of the famous march of the isti seven years ago, was marked by the issue of a striking new series alian postage stamps.

ne of the motives is that of the fa-statue representing Romulus and us being suckled by a she-wolf. s Julius Cæsar and the Emperor ustus are portrayed upon other val-whilst the present sovereign, King or Emmanuel III, is seen in two dif-t poses. An allegorical figure of ia Turrita" is represented by a fe-head wearing a crown of battle-ed towers. There are nineteen ps in the set, ranging in value from tesimi to 50 lire.—*Bazaar.*

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

DOMINICAN BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT, 1929

By Harry E. Huber.

On January 21, 1929, a boundary treaty between Haiti and the Dominican Republic was formally signed by representatives of the two governments in Santo Domingo City. The principal article of this instrument, signed after many attempts at boundary settlement over a long period of years, and an amendment of the constitution of the Dominican Republic, making the action possible, fixes the boundary, provides for a commission composed of three members from each country to carry out the marking of the boundary (the commission to begin its work 15 days after the exchange of ratifications), and decides the ownership of various fluvial islands.

Both countries further agree to submit all difficulties arising from the present treaty to arbitration and renounce all claims for pecuniary indemnification, the government of Haiti, however, promising to undertake the settlement of any claim for indemnification brought by Haitian citizens whose property in the Dominican Republic was confiscated in 1844. Differences proceeding from the work of the boundary commission are to be decided by a mixed commission of five members representing the two signatories to the treaty, Brazil, the United States, and Venezuela, the decisions of this commission to be final.

To commemorate the settlement of this dispute of long standing, a decree published in the Gaceta Oficial (Santo Domingo) of February 20, 1929, authorised the issue of a special series of postage stamps of five denominations, ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, these to remain on sale until exhausted.

The first denomination (2c carmine) of the series appeared early in May, 1929, although copies from a proof sheet passed through the post as early as April 25th. On May 24th the work was reported as completed, except for perforating the ½c, and about the middle of June, the ½c, 1c, 5c and 10c were placed on sale.

The stamps were lithographed at Santo Domingo City, on unwatermarked paper, and perforated 11½, in sheets of 100 (10x10).

The stamp design is vertical rectangular, 22x29mm, and contains in the upper portion, a portrait of Genl. Horacio Vasquez, President of the Republic, three quarters to the left, within an oval, with sprays of oak and laurel leaves at either side. Ribbons at the foot of the label are inscribed, in color, "Horacio" and "Vasquez" respectively, at the left and right. Curved above the oval is "Republica Dominicana", colorless, and below the oval, a label bears the inscription, in two lines of color, "Conmemorativo del Tratado—de limites del 21 Enero de 1929." In the lower portion of the stamp is a small map of the island, the western portion, uncolored, lettered "Rep. d'Haiti", and the eastern, colored, "Rep. Dominicana". Octagons in the lower corners, contain the numeral of value, in color, with "Centavo" or "Centavos" colorless, on a horizontal label between. Under each stamp, at the left, in small colored caps, is "Lito. Ferrua."

It had been proposed to place a quantity of these stamps on sale at Port au Prince, Haiti, but this was abandoned, and instead, Haiti has placed an order with the American Bank Note Co. of New York, for a 10c stamp to commemorate the signing of this boundary treaty.

The Dominican commemorative series has been printed in the following quantities:—

½c,	500,000
1c,	1,500,000
2c,	2,600,000
5c,	250,000
10c,	150,000
	5,000,000

It will be noted that the issue is about seven times as great as that of the Cuban Capitol commemoratives (750,000) issued on May 18, 1929. Unfortunately, the stamps of the Dominican Republic are not so popular as those of Cuba, and being lithographed instead of recess printed, naturally they suffer in comparison. The Cuban commemorative stamps were completely sold out at the Habana G. P. O. on the day of issue, and it is doubtful if they lasted much longer in the provinces.

1929—Boundary settlement series, to commemorate the signing of the treaty with Haiti, Jan. 21, 1929. Lithographed at Santo Domingo City, unwatermarked, and perf. 11½.

½c claret. (June)
1c green. (June)
2c carmine. (May)
5c deep blue. (June)
10c pale blue. (June)

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By L. J. Worthington.

Sir,—With reference to the point raised by Mr. T. Harvey Boycott on page 19 of your October issue, regarding various Dies of the Georgian De La Rue Colonial key-plate.

There are, of course, quite a number of such key-plates, but the one referred to is the one with the octagonal centre device, generally known as the "modified 1888" key-plate, or rather series of key-plates, which, so far, have been numbered from 1 to 20.

The shape of the white line at the foot of the bust is *not* a distinguishing feature between Die I (Plates 1 to 9) and Die II (Plates 10 to 20), and the note in your Catalogue should delete such reference.

I have examined a number of stamps from Plates 1 to 9, and, in every case, have found some specimens with a level line, and some with a line curved as in Die II. In several instances, adjacent stamps on a sheet show the two varieties.

All stamps from Die II show a curved line.

I think the explanation is that the line was curved in the original Die I, but not clearly defined, so that, in preparing the various printing plates from such die, some stamps showed the curve clearly, and some not at all, and, further, that in course of use of such plates, the curve, in several places, became clogged with ink.

In Die II, the curve was evidently made more distinct, and so became better reproduced in the various plates which have been prepared from this die.

The same differences regarding this line occur equally in Ceylon 3c, Die Ia, in the Script watermark printings of which the printing in green and the first printing in grey do not show any appreciable curve, whereas in later printings the curve is quite pronounced.

Similar varieties occur in Ceylon 1c and 6c, Die IIa (which, incidentally, I think would be much better named Die Ib, as the single-working plates prepared in this die were manufactured some time before Die II was first used for producing Plate No. 10, and as it is clearly an intermediate between Die Ia and Die II).—*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

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By J. A. CLARK.

There are times when even the most ardent collector gets tired of mounting his copies and writing them up, and when a glance through his album purely for enjoyment is a good tonic, especially if the album contains specimens from a few countries.

One point of view which struck me as I idly turned over the pages of an album containing a multitude of stamps from all countries, which I once gladly referred to as "my collection," was that from a postage stamp we can even see reflected the spirit of the inhabitants of the country from which it emanates.

The present 1d and ½d stamps of Great Britain, for example. How often we see these red and green squares and wish something would bring about a new issue of, say, picturesque Commemorative ones. But do they not point to the solid, steadfast ideals of the British people, ideals which are not changed by a breath of wind, but which, whilst maintaining a steady rate of progress, require some vital matter to affect the solidly built social system of our country.

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We can turn to Holland, a country ruled by a Queen, whose portrait figures on most of the stamps. A peaceful country, if we may judge, steadily following its homely pursuits, and occasionally giving us a picturesque issue to enhance our albums, as the dress of the Dutch people adds beauty to their landscape. The issues of its colonies, too, point to a very strong link between them and the parent country, a link as strong as that which binds our own country and our colonies.

The stamps of America provide as good examples of its people. Never satisfied with anything for long, developing each idea to the utmost and discarding it as something better appears on the horizon, their stamps bear ample witness. Nothing is too small for their attention, and nothing really big enough, for here we find stamps used for postage worth but ½ cent, and in these post-war days of high prices and heavy taxes. The first people to take up a new invention, and take it up zealously and whole-heartedly, we find them providing us with many Air Mail stamps, automatically cancelled stamps and postage meter dies far in advance of other countries, and as we collect and take notice we find that one type of stamp or cancellation constantly gives place to another, so that our albums get filled with varieties as our hotels get filled with U. S. tourists and our garages with "Fords."

The stamps of Canada, circulating to the North Pole and probably to the South as well, inform peoples of all nations and tongues that their Emperor is the King of England, and that they are proud of him, too. We can imagine Canada as one of the coming countries—progressive, smart, tackling each problem well and achieving success, just as its stamps have achieved success in the philatelic world—the number of specialists in Canadians points to this. We look over a specialised collection and view the fine stamps in the picturesque issues which now fetch such good prices and feel that behind Canada there is a tradition of no light weight.

The indefinite, unfathomable Chinee comes to light again in his stamps, for whilst they are delightfully executed designs, the curling dragon does not convey much to the average person. The delicate, balanced work put into the stamp points to the Chinese love for fine, delicate craftsmanship.

There is something about the stamps of each country which reminds us of the people who use these stamps, and it is quite a fascinating task to endeavor to get to the bottom of the question: "Why did such and such a country adopt stamps of this type?"—*Philatelic Circulator.*

ABYSSINIA

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

The recent issue of an entirely new series of stamps for this little-known country, directs our attention to the pictorial issue of 1919, and the provisionals which have been formed by surcharging these stamps. Economy is the order of the day in Ethiopia, and these surcharges are applied in order to use up the existing stock of stamps and not with any idea of raising money from stamp collectors. There are, in fact, practically no collectors or dealers in the country and one of the great drawbacks to collecting the stamps of Abyssinia is the fact that even the current stamps are not easy to obtain unless one has friends in the country.

I have seen no study of the 1919 issue itself. The designs are interesting and as the stamps were produced by lithography it should be possible to establish the existence of definite flaws, such as always characterise this method of printing. It should be noted that, not long after the stamps were first issued, supplies came on the market at very low prices, due to a clandestine leakage of specimens which had never been sent to Abyssinia. This leakage was soon stopped, however, and for some years the value of the stamps has been quite stable.

Several values have been obsolete for a considerable period and a number of provisionals have appeared to replace them. I do not know of any published work on these stamps but I can assure collectors that they are of great interest. There are numerous errors, not merely of inverted, double, or omitted surcharges, but of wrong letters, both European and Amharic, and of letters omitted altogether. There are doubtless several different settings of some of the surcharges and if material is available these should provide an interesting study. The difficulty is to secure the necessary stamps and if this is not possible the modern issues of Abyssinia, like their predecessors, will probably remain a closed book to philatelists.—*Filatelic*

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The old trails! Now that the auto roads are blotting out the cow paths and the wagon roads,—now that deficiency has preempted efficiency, except in nomenclature,—let us face the inevitable, put spurs to the flivver, and away! Forever gone,—the old trails. But over newer and better roads, to journey into unvisited parts.

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I heard a footstep behind me in that tourist-deserted place. Then a voice broke the silence:

"Age hath not withered him."

The slow drawl was remembered after the lapse of years.

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I capped the quotation and then turned. It was Jimmy O'—Jimmy O' with a score years added to the remembered lad—and to me. His hair was grey, while mine was white,—his face seamed with the indelible marks of thoughtful study. We clasped hands, and, when the mists had cleared, we talked.

Jimmy O', cowboy-that-was, had completed his course in engineering at Ann Arbor. He had gone through the world war—engineers' corps. Now he was connected with a big engineering company which had a contract for building a bridge across the Grand Canyon. He was just completing his portion of the work. We talked of bridges and irrigation work and storage dams and things of little moment to the layman. And then—

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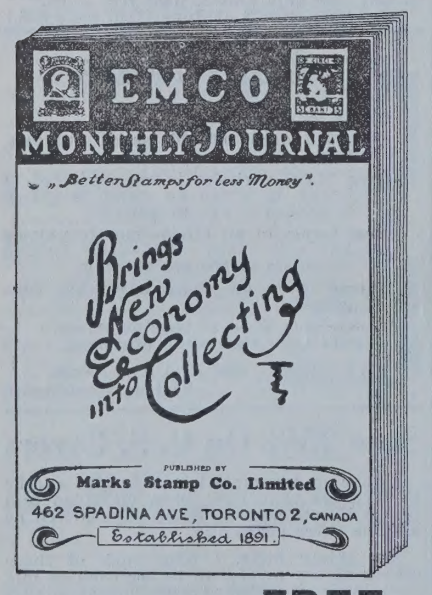

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tume, gun and all! On the table were a few books,—Tracy's "Plane Surveying," Trautwine's "Engineer's Pocket-Book," a volume on concrete construction, and the latest WEEKLY. We launched into a discussion over concrete formulæ and talked more engineering.

Jimmy O' opened a drawer in the desk and drew forth the album, vintage of the 1890's, that I remembered so well. Another drawer and another album,—and a copy of my monograph on "Monaco," and a worn and coverless remnant of "Range Tales."

"The boys liked 'em,—those yarns,—and read 'em almost to pieces," said Jimmy O', apologetically. "My bibles,—all of 'em. You see, you've made us immortal,—Willy and Johnnie and the others."

A shadow swept across his face.

"All,—all are gone,—the old familiar faces."

"But we've had them for friends, and their memories are dear to us. I wonder where they are now? All trace of them was lost after the war ended. But they'll come back in the spirit if not in the flesh."

Jimmy O' dragged a reluctant album from the drawer and opened the page. Then he passed it on to me. How familiar it all looked! There were the Canada revenues I knew so well,—several from my duplicate collection. Others had been added until many pages disclosed completion. Particularly I noted the $2 invert, third issue,—a stamp still missing from my collection, and still sought hopefully. It was a beautiful lot, and my eyes spoke appreciation. Reluctantly I closed the book and handed it back.

The other volume contained the postal issues of the United States and British North America. Here were five shades of the five cents, 1847; four copies of the 10 cents, 1847; the 1851 issue, except the three highest values; that of 1857 complete, with two copies of the 90 cents. The 1867 issue was rich in shades,—the 1869 complete. And then the 1870! I gasped. All there except the twenty-four cents, but, alas! the rarities somewhat sad as to condition.

"Those '70's came to me in a strange way," said Jimmy O'. "I was looking over some stamps on sheets one day when a boy who was with a party of tourists came to the door to make an inquiry. A gust of wind caught a sheet and blew it toward the open door. The boy rescued it. 'You collect?' he asked.

"I assured him I did. He too was a collector, and he knew stamps. Why, he knew more about die varieties and perforations and double-strikes than I ever hope to learn. His uncle, he told me, was responsible. The boy just soaked it up!

"But uncle is a purist. He wouldn't let a stamp stay in his collection that showed even a perforation gone. And uncle is queer in other ways. He'd burn stamps slightly damaged,—stamps you and I would take to our hearts. 'Let us purify by fire' was his motto. The boy said he'd rescued a few rarities. When he looked at my collection of hospital subjects — the lame, the halt, and the blind—he chuckled.

"'Uncle would certainly enjoy purifying this collection,' he said. 'But, honestly, I like it. You've saved them yourself and you find pleasure in it.'

"Not so bad for a kid, eh?"

Jimmy O' looked them over aga those hospitallers of the 1870's.

"Queer thing, that. About a m later I received a letter from a tow Massachusetts. It contained that co tion of 1870's with a note from the b

"'I told uncle about your collec and he laughed and laughed. The said: "Let's shoot him some of our rors. He will love them as we do So here they are. And next year u says he'll come out when the brid opened and talk stamps'."

Jimmy O' looked at me solemnly. the old quizzical smile came over face as he lapsed into the vernacula

"An' then, friend o' mine, we'll nacherly perambulate across that br —uncle an' you an' me,—on our an cayuses. An' we'll maybe pack c'lections with us, an' look 'em over, an' peaceful, under a pine tree."

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2. Bulletin of January 30th announced that George Rogers Clark stamp would be issued in Vincennes on February 25th.
3. February 18th that Macon, Daytona Beach, Orlando, and Tampa would be added to C. A. M. 25 on March 1st.
4. February 19th that clients could get the Panama air mail covers at 28c each from Pan American Airways.
5. March 1st that inauguration of Brownsville to Mexico City air mail route would take place on March 9th.
6. March 19th gave details as to issuance of State stamps for Kansas and Nebraska.
7. March 24th announced that Toledo and Cleveland would be added to C. A. M. 27 on April 1st.
8. Bulletin of April 11th announced that Kansas and Nebraska stamps would go on sale at Philatelic Agency on May 1st and gave denominations. It also stated that C. A. M. 28, St. Louis to Omaha air mail route, would start on May 1st.
9. Bulletin of April 17th announced addition of Springfield, Ohio, to C. A. M. 16.
10. April 28th that Baltimore would be added to C. A. M. 19 on May 5th.
11. May 14th gave details of extension of air mail service on F. A. M. 5 to Central America on May 21st.
12. May 23rd that new Edison stamp would be issued in Menlo Park on June 5th.
13. June 1st that new Sullivan stamp would be issued June 17th.
14. June 9th gave list of fifteen cities where Sullivan stamp would be sold on June 17th and told patrons how to get first day covers. No stamp paper published this list in time to permit readers to get covers.
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AN ESTATE OF POSTAGE STAMPS

By ALBERT SMITH FAUGHT.

In examining, in accordance with my custom, the reports of cases recently decided by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, my attention was attracted by the key words: "Mengel's Estate; Wills—Codicils—Philately or Stamp Collecting". No reader of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS would have needed the English translation "or stamp collecting", which the court reporter added to the Greek word "Philately" when writing for the benefit of the learned legal profession.

"Arthur R. Mengel", so the official report reads, "became in his school days an amateur postage stamp collector, and at the time of his death was an extensive dealer in issues of domestic and foreign postage stamps and owner of important permanent collections. His estate consisted wholly of personal property of which his stamps formed the most valuable part."

The only contest in the settlement of the estate was the proper interpretation of the will of Arthur R. Mengel, and the identification of the various collections and albums which he mentioned in certain letters which were considered by the court as being a part of his will. Said the Supreme Court in its opinion by Mr. Justice Frazier delivered on March 18, 1929, and reported in 296 Pa. State Reports 99:—

"Testator was a young man at the time of his death, had been from boyhood an ardent collector of stamps and had eventually built up a rather extensive business as a dealer and collector. With characteristic boyish indifference and negligence he had kept his supplies and albums without regard to order as to location. This fact was at once apparent when the inventory and appraisement were made. Identification of particular stamps and volumes of stamps described and located in his letters was impossible, either as to subject matter or location. His mother, testifying to the manner in which his stamps were kept in his lifetime, said: 'He had them scattered all over the different rooms he used—some on the table and at other places. The valuable ones he always kept in those boxes locked, and he kept one bookcase locked. But the stamps he was working on were loose, scattered all over the place'."

After citing some legal authorities the official opinion concluded: "We conclude that in the present case the learned court below, finding the directions in testator's codicil, with respect to gifts of particular stamps to his parents, inoperative and ineffective, arrived at a just and reasonable distribution by giving, as the will of 1916 directs, the 'collection' of stamps to the father, and the 'stock' stamps, forming a part of the residuary bequest, to the mother. The controlling intent of testator—an equal division, as far as possible, between the parents—thus governs in the final adjudication of the estate."

The courts which passed upon this estate did the best they could in making such a division of the postage stamps, but they were in fact unable to carry out the precise instructions of the testator because of the latter's failure to so keep his collection, volumes and stock books in sufficient order to make identification possible.

Perhaps a few observations may be made in closing this account of the first case involving philately, which in recent years has reached the highest court of Pennsylvania for determination:

(1.) A postage stamp collection and duplicates for exchange and sale may easily grow in value so as to become an important part of the collector's personal estate.

(2.) It is important for each person, in making his will, to identify clearly the property which he wishes to go to each of his beneficiaries.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By A. F. Gamber, Precancel Editor, Valley City, N. Dak.

Postmaster General Brown announced in a radio talk over the Columbia system early last May that his Department invited the submission of designs for a full set of adhesive stamps, such set to get away from our traditional practice of portraying the busts of the great and near great dead. All collectors who heard his statement, or who have since read it in the news or philatelic press, must have been thrilled at the prospect thus opened up.

Let us consider what this means for us precancel collectors. Undoubtedly it means fill up those vacant places in the current set as soon as possible. Although the projected set will probably not appear until late fall, if then, the time is none too long. Those who have deliberately passed up the compound perforations as unworthy of distinction must now feel some qualms of regret. The first precancelled compounds appeared in the summer of 1927, less than two years ago, so these 11 values will have had a life of but little more than two years until superseded by the new set. Since they comprise the 11 most used values, they will be the ones first replaced, and should now be the ones most ardently sought for, to fill our sets. Certainly those general collectors who have taken these compounds seriously since they first appeared will have good reason to congratulate themselves on their foresightedness.

As to the values above the 10c, since they are not used to such an extent, the collector need not feel constrained to act with such celerity, though we must always remember Gates's classic dictum, "get them while the getting is good." Certainly the getting, so far as the present set is concerned, will never be any better than right now. However, some offices will be using some values above the 10c for years to come, partly through having large stocks on hand, partly through piling late stocks on top of the old ones. Our office here is still using the 1c 1917, though it has sold the 1c 1922 perf. 11, and Bismarck but recently used up its stock of the old 1c and 12c. So it will be with the present set in many instances.

The recent 10x10 rotaries will become better property at once. Some collectors claim that this short set is overpriced, and that, in proportion to the same 11 values in 11x11, they are overvalued. This may be true as to some of the values, but certainly not as to all. Hunt up your first day covers of the 7-8-9 rotary 10x10, and you'll see that it was about the last of May, 1926, that these three values came into use. They had been current less than two years when the compounds appeared. Further comment seems unnecessary.

Watch out for cities changing types about the time the new set appears. Several of our prominent precancel using cities are soon due for new electros, if the workmanship of their present ones is any indication — Dayton, Orange, St. Paul, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Toledo, Rutland, Rutherford, Jersey City, Schenectady, Buffalo, Montgomery, to name but a few of the outstanding instances, and to say nothing of unexpected changes, and of new towns. The same remarks apply to handstamps as well, of course, which are just as important to the general collector as are electros.

The new set won't make much difference to the collectors of city type coils. In that field the common are dirt common, and the scarce are scarce. Of course the new set will tend to make the scarce ones scarcer by putting new designs into the collecting field, and some of the present designs may lie in post-office safes and vaults for years before they appear precancelled. One of the larger eastern cities, a prolific user of precancels, only recently precancelled old 5c coil; Indianapolis did the thing only about a year ago. City coils are a field distinctly to themse with peculiarities not found in any angle of precancel collecting. Said culiarities endear these precancels to who are fond of them.

The ones to be most upset by the set will be the Bureau collectors won't there be some scrambling an them henceforth!! I don't know w I get the bigger kick from—collecting pesky things myself, or watching antics of my brother collectors as tear up the sod in going after them. new issue will tend to solidify and more stable the *real* value of Bur *i. e.*, there will be more of the solid less of the speculative in the prices g those of the present set.

The high values, $1, $2, $5 of the ent set, should, of course, appreciat value rapidly, especially the latter These denominations are always gooc question about that. He who laborio builds a collection of these three va has something to be proud of, somet that he can realize on shortly. The s may be said of the 13-14-17-25, somewhat less degree.

If the new set includes Special D eries as well, the best one of the pre set will be the 20c, which just a never shows up precancelled. Shoul also include Special Handlings, the p ent three values should prove extrer good, as they came out only last y and have hardly had time to make t appearance precancelled. Of course 25c will continue to appreciate, as it n was plentiful, and has been obsolete nearly a year.

Mr. Ward recently made a plea these columns for some new dues. cancel collectors will join him in I am sure. Dues are only now co into their own among us. A distinc new set would do much to strengt sentiment for them.

Taken all in all, then, the new set give precancel collecting a huge impe chiefly through offering a conven starting point for many who would to start in, but who at present ca see just where to make the start. It stimulate those already active, and arouse the now dormant interest others. I think we shall be unanimou hailing the new issue with delight enthusiasm.

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1862. 9d with hair lines, fine used.
1867. 2/- brown, unused and 2 used.
" Maltese Cross, 10/-, unused.
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Readers are requested to send in notes and questions on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

Air Mail Notes.—H. M. Southworth informs me in a recent letter that while he has not seen any specimens of combinations of 19636 to 39, and 19675-78 have begun to show up in the East. The second or third printings, which take in combinations of 19545 to 80 and with 19585 to 19631 red, and the blue of 19597 to 19618 blue, with 19571 and 592 red, do not show up in the East frequently very often, and seem to have come to the West. They may show up after being buried in the Bureau vaults with new stock as the later combinations are printed rapidly and piled up perhaps above other stock." Any reader finding combinations with 19636 to 39 are requested to report same for chronicle.

Collectors sending in charts of plate number combinations of the 5c air mail stamp are asked to place one set of numbers across the top of the sheet and another down, on the side. This will greatly help in checking and make it much easier. Kindly place the center (black) numbers across the top and the plate (red) numbers down the side. If you do this it will be less confusing to the editor. Checking all kinds of charts, find this method the best.

Our West Coast correspondent, Walter Hopkinson, reports several interesting varieties occurring on various plates of the issue. He kindly sends for inspection a block of ten from the right pane of plate 19607, which shows a hair line extending the full length of each subject in the top row just above the border, which can be detected with the naked eye. No. 5 has two small dots, one on and one above, and to the right of the hair line. Mr. Hopkinson remarks that the hair line is also to be found on the left pane but much fainter and adds that only other specimen on which he observes the line is from plate 19614.

Continuing Mr. Hopkinson's report we have a most unusual oddity. "On plate 19613, No. 6, right pane is a 'blue moon' nearly 1/10" in diameter, centering about 1/16" above left front tip of the airship. It is quite nifty and I have several now." The correspondent does not venture to guess what caused the oddity but promises to send a specimen for trade. He reports minor markings on 19577, 19611, 19620, 19547, 19666, and 19626.

Letters are acknowledged from A. F. Gegenheimer and W. W. Hopkinson (air mail combinations), Oliver S. Chute (2), S. Bendet, Chester W. Hodgson and G. Maresca (specimens), Dr. W. G. Atwood, J. R. Childs, Samuel Rosenberg, Stephen Kubaski, Rufus B. Cowing, Jr., Harry Redmond, W. H. Schneider, Gaylord W. Brobst, George S. Chapman, W. H. Wolfgang, Lyndon E. Fletcher, Leon D. Miller, W. S. Potter (Canal Zone), Theodore H. Ames, L. O. Dutcher (2) (charts), Gideon S. Ryder, George Griffin, Charles L. Dulenar, Frederick A. C. Struebel and Joseph B. Mays.

In addition to the above many requests for the postage due list, recently announced, were received. Some of our readers also send requests for other lists, and several suggestions have been received pertaining to proposed subjects for them. No doubt all collectors have the plate numbers of the later commemoratives, but if the demand warrants, earlier commemoratives will be treated in the same manner as the due list.

Just a few lines on the appearance of bi-colored issues due to poor registration in printing. Many collectors, strange to relate, seem confused when they locate copies which show the center or vignette encroaching upon the frame. Several have sent specimens for examination and even requested a value be placed upon them. Such copies of course are not plate varieties, but merely examples of poor workmanship in printing and caused, no doubt, by haste in filling orders. Correspondents have reported instances where the vignette was 3mm below center, and while this is somewhat extreme, such specimens are fairly common. One collector informs me that he has placed several specimens in a row, each copy showing the airplane a little nearer the left border, until it finally appears to "fly" over the panel having the word "AIR", making an odd appearance as the eye follows the plane.

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	1921		
61	1m olive brown	.10	.02
62	2m deep green	—	.06
63	5m orange	—	.05
64	5m lake	—	.05
66	10m deep blue	.60	.02
67	20m olive green	1.00	.03
68	50m maroon	—	.05
69	100m black	—	.30
71	2m red	—	.03
72	4m green	—	.15
73	5m pink	—	.02
74	10m lake	—	.10
75	15m indigo	—	.06
76	15m indigo	—	.20
	1922 Kingdom Issue		
78	1m olive brown	—	.05
80	3m orange	—	.10
81	4m green	—	.10
83	10m lake	—	.04
84	15m indigo	—	.05
85	15m indigo	—	.08
86	20m olive green	—	.08
87	50m maroon	—	.08
88	100m black	—	.20
91	200m plum	—	.30
	1925 Geographical Issue		
105-107	5m to 15m, complete ...	2.25	—
	1926 Agricultural Issue		
108-113	5m to 200m, complete ..	6.00	—
	1926 King Fuad		
114	50pi brown violet & red vio.	4.50	2.00
	1926 Surcharges		
115-117	5m on 20m, 10m on 100m, 15m on 200m	.75	—
	1926 Navigation Issue		
118-120	5m to 15m, complete ...	.60	—
	1926 Port Fuad Issue		
121-123	5m to 15m, 3 varieties ..	20.00	—
	1927 Cotton Congress		
125-127	5m to 15m, complete ...	.40	—
	1927 Statistical Congress		
141-143	5m to 15m, complete ...	.35	—
	1928 Medical Congress		
144-145	5m, 10m, pair	.15	—
	1929 Prince Farouk		
146-149	5m to 20m, complete ...	.45	—
	1926 Special Delivery		
225	20m dark green	.20	—
226	20m rose & black	.18	—
	1907-23 Officials		
402	1m brown	.06	.02
403	2m green	.05	.02
404	3m orange	.08	.02
406	5m carmine rose	.06	.02
407	1pi ultramarine	.10	.02
408	5pi gray	—	.05
409	5m carmine rose	.12	—
410	2m green	.10	—
411	4m red brown	.10	—
412	1m olive brown	.05	—
413	3m orange	.06	—
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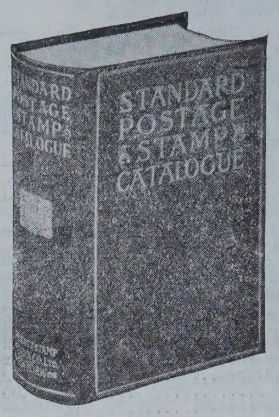

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EDITORIAL

WE have been told that every effort will be made to facilitate the service that is being rendered by the Philatelic Agency at Washington since the desirability of filling orders promptly is recognized by the managers as well as the patrons. The suggestion is made that customers make due allowance under the present circumstances as it is certain that improved operations will soon be manifest. Speaking of philatelic agencies in some of the other countries, several readers have written to say that they have had unsatisfactory returns from one or two of them, and in several instances they have had their remittances returned. On occasions, in printing lists of the agencies, we have stressed the desirability of writing first to the various bureaus for information, as we suspect that some of the difficulties are caused by a misunderstanding of methods.

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A DEALER in this country submits the following letter from Vancouver, B. C., as coming from a customer there: "There is a registered letter from you to me held at H. M. Customs for lack of Canadian Customs Declaration Invoices in triplicate, which they insist on having in future with all goods (though not liable for duty) before they can be cleared . . . but one can do nothing but 'fall in line.' This matter must be taken up immediately through Senator Calder at Ottawa, with a view to having these foolish restrictions removed or the auctioneers in the U. S. A. will be inclined to refuse all bids from Canadian dealers or collectors." While there must have been some reason for declaring this imposition, as it seems to stamp folks, yet it would appear that an inquiry into the reasons for it would show that to enforce the regulation would require more work than any resultant good would compensate. Instead of discouraging the free intercourse of business of a philatelic nature between the two countries, the aim should be to develop the relations. An inquiry might reveal that the necessity now existing is really not grounded on sound principles and consequently could be revoked in fairness to both countries.

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WE have had a number of letters on the subject of abuses, as alleged, in connection with the distribution of the recent Cuban set, and there may be reasons for the sharp criticisms of several correspondents. However, while complaints have been made, we have heard that some of our readers had no difficulty in obtaining the sets from the postmaster at Habana; and in fact, one correspondent shows that for courteous service, this postmaster writes his name high in the annals of gracious conduct.

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THE New York *Evening World* has conducted a great contest for the best suggestion of how to spend ten million dollars for the betterment of mankind, based on the announcement of Mr. C. Harold Smith that he would award this sum for the most acceptable answer. The winning plan embodied the idea of the establishment of a foundation for advancement in the realm of mental hygiene, we learn. Well and good, but we feel that the suggestion of a stamp collector should be rescued from the avalanche of over one hundred thousand replies, for consideration here. He said that a need exists for promoting an understanding between us and the other peoples making up the living universe. On the theory that we cannot bear malice towards the man we learn to understand, the proposal may be amplified to include stamp collecting in its scope. Collectors will agree that their pursuit gives them a world vision that carries a tolerance towards their fellows in other lands. Insensibly, they gain an understanding of divergent races and customs, and in other ways they are broadened through their stamps. Any foundation that may come, reared on the injunction to think in terms of mankind, must not overlook stamp collectors, who, in their way, are already engaged in this commendable work. While the collector's contribution to the contest may not have made a deep impression on the judges, yet there is a movement that has been spoken of that has for its object the attainment of the end that he has suggested; and he may have the satisfaction of knowing that he was one of the first to call attention to cultivating the field.

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FROM Mrs. Ira B. Johnston, Evanston, Illinois, we have received a clipping from the Chicago *Daily News* of one of John Carlyle's syndicated homilies, "Going Off Half-Cocked." Mr. Carlyle says that the other night a man declared that collecting stamps was the acme of aimless avocations, or, as he bluntly said, the most absurd of manias. Just at this trying moment, a superb specimen of the *genus homo* entered the room, and his personality radiated pelf and power; he was a dominating factor in the business world, and a captain of commerce whose interests were famous and far-flung. Moreover, great banker that he is, he collects stamps with enthusiasm. By comparison of the two men, the derogatory words of the speaker flew back at him and slapped him in the face. His tongue bespoke the idle mind. We know several bankers who would fit the picture of the collector with his aura of wisdom, but we forbear to name them; and we know men such as this detractor of philately, but we need not call attention to their mental lapses by branding them publicly.

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IN the Chicago *Tribune* recently, a Chicago boy, aged eight, wrote home from Geneva, Switzerland, where he has been attending school. He says that he will be home in four months, and writes: "I can't hardly wait a second because I want to see my stamps so badly." We need not add that this boy is not a collector "in the making", because it is evident that he is a confirmed lover of stamps, when they engage his mind to this degree.

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CONGRESSMAN ERNEST R. ACKERMAN of Plainfield, New Jersey, has been made the subject of the widest publicity recently in our newspaper press. As his collecting friends know, Mr. Ackerman is accompanied on his travels, that have registered over 720,000 miles on land and sea, by a faithful companion, an umbrella that he bought forty-nine years ago. It has crossed the ocean ninety-nine times, and been unscathed by the earthquake in Japan,—and has been re-covered only three times. The Indianapolis *Star* recently pictured Congressman Ackerman holding his open umbrella, and the Arkansas *Democrat* wrote an editorial on "That Old Umbrella" that combines a sympathetic handling of the subject with a bit of proper humor, and says that it well deserves its sanctuary in the Plainfield Public Library, "with a brass plate reciting its history," when it attains its fiftieth year of usefulness.

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WE have received the catalogue of the Postage Meter Company, Stamford, Conn., in which the progress of metered mail is shown. The statement is made that more than one out of every fifteen pieces of mail sent through the post offices in this country now has the metered mail indicia instead "of the old-fashioned postage stamp," and a list of the users of the stampless system includes thousands of big business ho

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RECENTLY, in telling of Ca Lipsner's lecture on air mail a Sherman Hotel, Chicago, we referre the society under whose auspices the ture was given, as the Chicago Air Society, when we should have said, National Air Mail Society; and in tice to all concerned, the slip that made is now corrected. Here, we occasion to say that Captain Lip spoke before the stamp club at Ca Pirie, Scott & Company, Chicago, on 19th, to over one hundred junior m bers, to their fullest satisfaction.

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30 will be the tercentenary year of the nding of the Massachusetts Bay Col- and the landing of the Puritans in m, with the founding of independent government in the new world. Mas- usetts will hold in 1930 the biggest bration it has ever known, and it will high with any ever held in America. ver there was a time for philatelists isit Massachusetts, it will be in 1930. On to Massachusetts," tercentenary mittees are being formed in some of large cities of the U. S. made up of ner New England people, and those se ancestors came from New Eng- l. All of our historical places will pen, and the greatest welcome Massa- setts has ever held out to the people he world is being planned. Radiating n Boston, many excursions will be sible to the beautiful shore resorts, the least of which is Beverly with seven miles of shore front where the aging office of the WEEKLY is lo- d.

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Well, looks like no A.A.M.S. convention this year. Pres. Griffin, of the Cleveland society which extended an invitation, tells me that A.A.M.S. officers felt that the time was too short to properly work out the program. Another year's coming, at any rate.***Harold Rosenthal, 1943 Ave. St. John, New York City, would like to hear from any Juniors interested in forming an air mail organization for Juniors alone.***John J. Feulner says he wants to acknowledge publicly the courtesies of the postmaster of Valparaiso, Chile, for his helpful courtesy in getting his covers back. That's all to the good, and more such expressions of thanks will help offset some of the many kicks we so like to send along.***The first number of *El Timbre Postal*, published by Robert Rubsamen, Calle de Flora, Num. 4A, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, is at hand. While of general scope, the magazine will give special attention to Mexican air mail matters. If you can muster a bit of Spanish, a sample copy will interest you.

Official Flights

Again, those who either subscribe to the *Daily Postal Bulletin* ($2.00 a year from the P. O. Dept., Washington), or who keep a close eye on the copy sent their postmaster, were fully repaid. The issue of the 19th officially announced the new "S. S. Bremen" ship-to-shore service, to commence with the incoming trip on the 22nd, and the outgoing on the 26th, from N. Y. City. Bulletin mentions only these two trips, but the inference is that the service will continue for future voyages. Service is by catapault plane from the ship only, and is to New York on this side, and Bremerhaven, Germany. Southampton, England, may receive service, too, though not officially announced. Postage of 15c per ½ oz. *in addition* to the regular postage.

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Albert N. Brown sends me an Oakland cover dated July 15th, stating that that was the first date Oakland was officially listed on CAM 8.***A revision of CAM 19 is almost certain to go into effect, which will include Raleigh, N. C., and Savannah, Georgia, and probably quite soon.***The Stop Press note last week on the Cleveland-Washington trip had reference to a new route the CAM 11 contractor is opening, but which is not yet a mail route. Covers carried were to have a cachet, and pilot's signature, showing that they were carried over the first trip of this route, which will doubtless carry mail officially in the near future.

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The two new Canada-U. S. routes, previously announced in detail, opened on schedule July 15th. This Canadian idea of a different cachet for each point-to-point cover ought to boost the first flight loads, all right. Cachets were good, as usual. Clipping from Detroit states that 475 lbs. came in there the first day.*** Answering a question asked some months ago, Henry A. Meyer tells me that the Graf Zeppelin, on its first round trip, carried no registered mail whatever.

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My recent notes re forthcoming Mexican flights may not have been so good. Got the dope from a Dept. of Commerce publication, and the item had no date attached. Sent down a flock of covers myself. So far, two lots have come right back, flown, all right, but not by any first flight that I can see. Hope we have more luck with some of the rest.*** On any further covers you send from Cristobal on further FAM extensions, by all means include Colon, Panama. I've just wakened to the fact that every cover from Cristobal has its cousins from Colon—first flight official cachets, and everything. Postage rates are usually same as announced for Cristobal.***Mail was sent out of Curacao all right on the recent FAM 5 extension, leaving there June 23rd. 4-line cachet in lavender.*** A. E. Koestler tells me that the beforementioned Alaskan covers in some cases were postmarked Fairbanks, Mar. 12, and backstamped Nome, Mar. 14th. That looks like flying time, all right.

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Official starting date for the FAM service to Dutch Guiana, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, as announced in the Stop Press column recently, is now set for Aug. 27.***First dispatch of mail for Chile, flown all the way, left Cristobal for Santiago, July 16—65 lbs. in all, including some copies of the New York *Times*. Not such a lot of mail, and these ought to be nice. Cachet showed a scene from the Chilean Andes.

Non-Official Flights, Airport Dedications, Etc.

Saw a unique little Lindbergh collection today, sent in by Wm. J. Prinzing. Consists of covers mailed on the 1929 anniversary dates, and hours also, for that matter, of Lindbergh's departure from each place on his famous flight. Can't list them all here, but you'll enjoy a few samples. San Diego, May 10, mailed to St. Louis, his next stopping point; St. Louis, May 11; Garden City, May 12; also May 20; St. Johns, May 20; Halifax, May 20; Paris, May 21; Brussels, May 28; London, May 29 and 30; U. S. S. Memphis, June 4; and also 11; etc. Each cover has, in addition to the regular postage, a Lindbergh air mail stamp, which has been signed by the postmaster forwarding it. Very nice indeed.

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Coming events: Forthcoming dedications at the following—no information as to cachets, but the chances are good—York and Hastings, Neb.; Alliance, Auburn, Beatrice, Columbus, Crete, Falls City, Fremont, Omaha, Kearney, Keene, Lincoln, McCook, Nebraska City, Norfolk, Valentine—all Nebr.; Douglas, Wyoming—Amer. Legion; Ridgeway, Pa.; Audubon, Iowa; Ida Grove, Iowa; Pomona, N. D.; Reedsburg, Wis.; Waupaca, Wis.; Placerville, Cal.—Chambers of Commerce the best bets for cachets.***Angels Camp, Cal., Sept. 7, 8, 9—covers to C. of C. or Boosters Club.***Lake Wales, Fla., this fall; cachet by C. of C.***Brunswick, Ga., soon, also C. of C.***Chambersburg, Pa., in the near future—to C. of C.***Austin, Tex., and Abilene, Tex., some time yet, but a likely cachet by each C. of C.

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And some more—Show and Air Races at South Bend, Ind., Aug. 27-31. Cachet by city—covers to George Carter, 1123 E. Indiana Ave.***Goshen, Ind., Sept. 2, cachet, and also a very special envelope which may be had postpaid for 10c, 9c if 10 or more. Remittance, or ordinary covers for cachet to R. K. Mack, Sr., Goshen. ***Dunkirk and Fredonia, N. Y., are to dedicate a joint field about this time. May be able to get in yet—covers to C. of C.'s in both cities, stamped, but unsealed.

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First flight from Pittsburgh's new amphibian airport took place unexpectedly July 18. Mr. Penning heard of it, and rushed down with 300 covers he had left over from the 1st night flight from McKeesport, which was not given service. Covers bear a red 5-line cachet, by Pittsburgh Aviation Industries Corp., were flown to Butler, and there postmarked. Not exactly a dedication, but closely related, at least, and a scarce one to be.*** Sept. 1, via CAM 11, and J. P. Penning, E. Eugene Ave., Homestead, Pa.—Memorial to Lieut. Bettis, for whom Bettis Field is named. Pittsburgh and McKeesport cachets—pilot's autograph 10c extra.***Hope you got the Akron anniversary given Stop Press space last week. That dirigible pick-up from the post office roof was a real idea, and R. J. Williams deserves the credit for getting the C. of C. on the job.

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Another different Lindbergh item—a blue cachet used on mail from the CX Observation Squadron, Missouri Nat. Guard's encampment at Fort Riley, Kans., July 7-20. This was Lindy's old organization, and they seem to be proud of it.

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Correo Interior (Inland Postage).—On the two Spanish stamps issued for local use in Madrid.

Correos.—This word, used in conjunction with "Certificado" or value, forms the only inscription on certain stamps of Spain and it colonies. Reference to the illustrations in a catalogue should make identification easy.

Oltre Giuba

Probably very few collectors had any idea as to the location of this stamp issuing country when the first stamps for this place were issued in 1925, as regular Italian stamps were simply surcharged "Oltre Giuba." The next year a map stamp appeared showing the location of this colony. It lies between the Italian colony of Somaliland and the British colony of Kenya in East Africa.

It seems to a person at this distance, quite unnecessary to divide up a sparsley settled colony the way this one has been cut off from the rest of Italian Somaliland. However, it gives a good chance for the government to get more revenue for the post office. Genuinely used stamps on original covers are worth going after, but it is doubtful if many readers of this article will ever see any such. —A. C. LeDuc.

Junior Dictionary

Somalia Italiana.—(Italian Somaliland.)—An overprint applied to Italian postage due stamps in 1909 for use in the colony of Benadir.

Somalia Italiana Meridionale.—A surcharge on Italian postage due stamps in 1907 meaning "Italian South Somaliland".

Somalia Italiana Meridionale.—An overprint shown on Italian postage due stamps used in Benadir in 1906. It means "Southern Italian Somaliland".

Somaliland Protectorate.—A portion of Somaliland with a coast line of 450 miles which has been a British protectorate since 1884. Special postage stamps were not issued until 1903.

Somers Islands.—A name by which the Bermuda Islands have been known.

Somerset House.—The headquarters of the Inland Revenue department in Great Britain. Here all the imprimatur sheets of the postage stamps are kept and all business appertaining to stamps is transacted.

Som Ubesorget Aabnet Af Post Departementet.—The inscription on the Return Letter stamps of Norway which were affixed to letters which could not be delivered and, therefore, had to be returned to the senders.

Som Uindlost Aabnet Af Post Departementet.—The inscription on similar stamps of Norway which were affixed to letters returned to senders on account of the fact that they had not been called for.

L. P.—Latvija Pawalda, or Administration of Latvia, is an abbreviation found on the occupation stamps of Latvia, Nos. 245 to 257, issued at the order of General Avaloff-Bermondt. Used only in Mitau and Schaulen.

Luchtpost.—This "air post" inscription is found on stamps of the Netherlands used for air mail.

Mandats.—"Timbres pour Mandats" as chronicled in some quarters are "stamps for Money Orders, indicating the fee paid thereon and having no postal standing." The Netherlands issued a set of these stamps in 1884 ranging from 1 to 10 gulden with large numerals of value as the distinctive feature.

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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

Anyhow there's one government stamp that sticks—the stamp of patriotism upon millions of children through the thrills and ceremonies of Memorial Day.—*Chicago Daily News.*

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Dealer: "Hey! Keep my stamps out of the sun."

Customer: "Well, they look as if they needed violet ray treatment."

—*Robt. E. Dunlop.*

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Lives of great men oft remind us
That we may be shining lamps,
And, departing, leave behind us
Picture heads for postage stamps.
—Sent in by Everett Klaas.

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If the government is sincere in the hunt for a stronger adhesive for stamps, thinks the "Detroit News", it could examine whatever it is that Willy leaves on the piano keys.

Sent in by Everett Klaas.

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A knocked down stamp—the black and blue Norse.

—Bill Ball (Age 12).

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Mother, may I collect nice stamps?
Yes, my darling daughter,
Put your money in the bank,
And don't you spend a quarter.
—Phil U. Tellem.

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Philatelic Philosophy

Philatelist: A funny fellow who imagines that a postmark upside down is important.

Verily, according to Confucius, "The Noble Truth is that the passing of pain goes with the passing of desire." I bet Confucius was a stamp collector, and at one time bought at auction.

Verily the collector who loves his creases is a wiser man than he who quarrels with his straight edges.

Know you then the unforgivable sin? It is this, to make a graft from a hobby.

He that thinketh, "Tomorrow I will acquire a Mauritius and take my ease", is not wise.

—Hill Billy.

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MISERY COMPOUNDED

There's a tonic for the kidneys;
There's a cure for old headaches;
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And a salve for bad shin breaks;
There's a pill for any liver;
And we've Epsom salts and oils;
But when you're broke, the old "stampitis"
Is worse by far than fifty boils.
—Phil U. Tellem.

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The other day the Kid next door stuck his head in at the Fun Office door and asked if he might take "a peek at the Cott's Scatterlogue."

"Eh?" we asked, taking our heels off the mahogany.

"Er— your Scatt's cottologue-er—that is, oh shucks, Mister Editor, lemme see that fat little blue book that prices stamps."

AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 483*)

Prescott, Ariz., 65th Inaugu Territorial Government July 4, had cial cachet.Another for Frontier July 4-7.***South Bend, Ind., Air Anniversary July 17—neat cachet i genta, purple, or green. J. G. Ku mailed me an envelope by the C. of the *first* flight, which was quite with this cachet on it.***Saginaw, same date, same colors, fancy oval C. of C.

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Johnstown, Pa.—a 24 hour notice —July 17 dedication—red and sticker.***Bradford, Pa., mentione mailed July 5 only, is shown me o and 7th also.***Hartford, Conn., bergh Anniversary, as well as th their dedication, used the original c in a neat design for the anniversar Lehightown, Pa., dedicated Martin sen hangar July 20 and 21—no cachet a special postcard.***Des Moines, Aeronautics Show, July 19-21—no o cachet, but Wm. A. Temple sends a decorated with a homemade one—sa cut it out of a piece of rubber floo ***Williamsport, Pa., dedicated Jul Seems to be some confusion about cachet. P. A. Derr, a local colle mails me a cover bearing none, and none was provided; my covers sent t C. of C. have a 4-line red one about long, and one sent from another s has a 3-line design about 4 in. long.

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Sedan, Kans., mentioned last week, 2 days' notice only, and mailed but covers.***DuBois, Pa., Dedication Legion, July 18—covers flown to You town, thence via CAM 11, magenta c et, signatures, and everything.*** St. Louis Air Races May 28-30 m about 1,000 each day—by C. of C.*** recently Petoskey, Mich, June 13, ha cachet. My mistake. A lot of f show me covers (and several let me them, thank you), with a 4-line pri legend.***Still about 2 letters a w from folks who handle covers for var events, saying lots of the sendings c in due much postage. Let's get that!***First Air-Rail cachet mentic from Los Angeles was by T. A. T., was applied by P. O. force to all air after 7 P. M., July 7, and on Jul Good enough!***3,000 covers on Greenwood, S. C., dedication June 19

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July 4th, Patchogue-Cherry Tree fl is not so bad, either. Cachet applied Patchogue, P. M., and red cancella by same at Cherry Tree. 3,500 mai all printed cachet, but about 100, w arrived at the last minute and had it plied by hand. And my 20 were all way! Guess it pays to be late once while.

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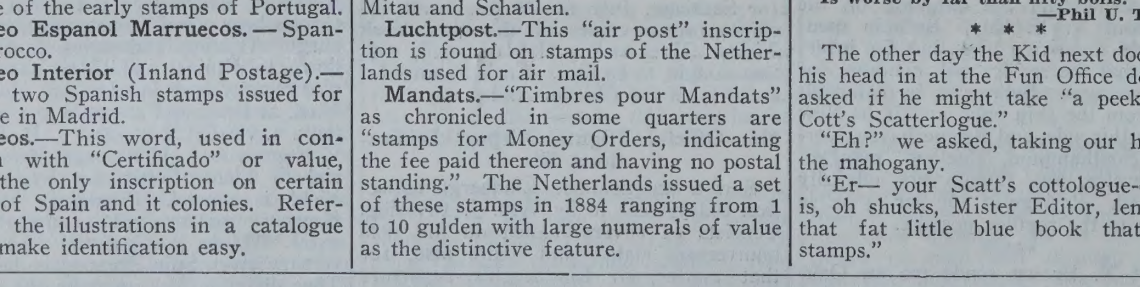

THE FIVE DESIGNS OF THE NEW RHODES ISSUE

TREASURE HUNTING

By Capt. A. C. Townsend.

Part 6

ter the evacuation of Cuba, May 20, I spent two years in Philippine af-, and then went back to Cuba as tary to the president of the To-o Trust, and there another odd inci- brought me back to the fold as a le general collector.

e received a good deal of mail from ver the world, and one day in going a lot that came in on a vessel from h America there were several from J. S. of Colombia. In sorting them I ran across a $5 stamp on one let- It struck my eye instantly. "Well," , "can you beat that? Some chump ed a $5 instead of a 5c stamp for tter," and I put the envelope care- away. The next mail brought in al more $5 stamps of different is- from there, as well as a couple of ones. I gobbled them all and was excited over it until I investigated found they were changing from a to a gold basis there, and the s were only worth 5c each after all. t later I got a sealed package of res from there that still stays in my tion. It has $140 in $5 and $10 s on it. Also I got some "A. R." as postage, and several 10c ones diagonally and used as 5's.

ll, it made me a collector again. I up to the Scott Company and got bum, began to keep everything that in, and even wrote to some of our mers for stamps, so that I soon got her quite a good start for a general tion, which is what I have today. I was transferred to the N. Y. of- f the Trust, where I handled their American business; so the collec- cept growing a bit.

en I went to an independent con- my source of supply disappeared, my interest again became so small when in 1914 we got in a package Porto Rico with a big block of the nama-Pacific on it I only saved the , and did not write down there to hat more they had on hand. I need- nother spur, and got it during the d War.

went back into service and started ne A. E. F., but was stopped at Ho- by a General who had happened to father well in service, and there I d for over three years, shipping the fellows over and receiving them again. It is odd how the "ruling on" crops up. This was in July, and one of the first things I had d when reporting for orders was a rack of mail outside the Adjutant's I went to it as a fly to molasses! were letters addressed to officers oldiers going through the Port, and e had time or inclination to bother them.

ey appealed to me strongly. I se- permission, took the rack to my put up a big sign in the hall in- ing all officers to come to me for and from that little beginning there the Military Post Office at Ho- , which at the height of affairs had 100 employees. We shipped every of mail that went from the U. S. to oldiers overseas, kept all mail for ports and battleships at sea, and ed a Port mail that ran up to 20,000 s a day during the big months.

the fall of 1917 it was decided to Christmas boxes to be sent to the overseas, and the job of handling fell on me. It was a terrible task. le did not realize that there were reds of thousands of the packages stowed in the hold of a ship, or long it would take to get them over e troops, and they packed things in board boxes that were smashed long e they reached Hoboken. They ac- sent oranges and fried chicken, and other such things. For various ns we had to do a great deal of re- ng.

was too busy planning and supervis- o pay any personal attention to it, had already noticed a great variety amps on the packages, so instructed of the packers to save the discarded pings for me, and from them my boys made up a large book of stamps contained blocks, pairs and strips of the 1917 and earlier issues through the two dollar value, several blocks of the 10c Registration stamp used as regular postage, and a lot of Parcel Posts through the one dollar. B. L. Voorhees bought that book from me a year ago for a good price. The money went towards the college expenses of one of the boys, as was planned when we made it up.

A special cancelling stamp was prepared for my office with the inscription "U. S. Military Post Office—Soldiers' Mail," and this was used on all mail left by departing troops, Red Cross "safe arrival" cards, etc., and many thousands of those cancellations must still be around the country. Many a soldier wrote home saying, "I can't tell you where I am, but you can look at the postmark on this letter." Poor chap, the postmark was camouflaged like everything else in those days.

My work was not concluded until October, 1920, when I was at last discharged from service, but never in my life did I work as hard as in those days, and stamps again faded into the background. I didn't even get a set of battleship cancellations, or a number of other such things I could have collected and that would be of value today.

A while after discharge I again began travelling for the government in a new position, and then had a few experiences that are worth telling. In a North Carolina town I ran across the Postmaster, an old gentleman who told me he had been Postmaster at the time of the Civil War, and had continued under the Confederacy. Persuaded him to let me go through two old trunks, and from them got one five strip of the 2c green Confed. on the cover, a number of wall paper envelopes, several reversed with stamps inside and out, and, last but not least, two beautiful blocks of the 1c 1857, full gum, the remains of what he had seized when he took over the office for the Confederacy. Colman got those, and my wife and I spent Christmas with my family in Omaha on the proceeds!

The next story is not so pleasant. While in Washington on a business trip I read of an old printing office 80 years old that was selling out. I went down and tackled the manager about stamps. After some chat about their value he told me that they had *bound in books* all the correspondence of a Minister who ran a Liberian colonization society from 1830 to 1860, and would be glad to sell me the stamps! I arranged to go over them with him the next day, a holiday.

I went down there with high hopes. He had the books, 8 or 10 of them, lined up on a table for me, and—Well, to make a sad story a short one, the book from 1845 to 1855 was missing and almost all stamps had been cleaned out of the other ones. There was one 10c 1847 that had been overlooked in some way, and a few 1c and 3c 1851, and that was all!

Telling Colman of it later, he said, "Why, I got all those stamps. A fellow has been selling me Liberians and old U. S. from that lot for years, a few at a time. I never knew where he got them, but it is evident they came from that lot." What a clean-up that crook made, and what a treasure I missed!

COLLECTING "HARD-TO-GETS"

By R. S. Gordon.

For those of you who demand an avalanche of stamps to look through once a week or oftener; for those whose collecting fever cannot be satisfied by a stamp a month, or even less often, sometimes, this will have no appeal. The "hard-to-gets" are just that—they're mighty hard to locate, cash or no cash. But it's more fun, to my way of thinking, than sending a check to your dealer for new issues; more fun than poring over approval books and attempting to make the available cash stretch to cover all the desired purchases; more fun, even, than sorting out a new batch of recent arrivals bought "blind" at an auction—and there is a thrill in that.

There are hard-to-get stamps, of course, in practically every country listed in the catalog—stamps whose listed value is but a trifle, perhaps, but whose acquisition requires patience and time much more than money. And if you want whole countries whose stamps are hard to get, try making a collection of some of the French African colonies in used condition. And after that, if you still possess any patience, go after a complete collection of office cancellations of those same colonies!

Mauritania, for instance, has at present just 13 post offices. The colony is about the size of Spain and Portugal, with Italy thrown in for good measure—and there were, at last reports, less than three hundred Europeans within its boundaries. "Only thirteen post offices" may sound easy; but in three years of trying, I still lack four of its present 13, and of two other offices I possess but one stamp each! It isn't quite as easy as it sounds.

In case you want something a bit less difficult, try Ivory Coast. Here the used collection itself will be comparatively easy. But it will take considerable hunting to acquire a stamp from each of its 39 offices. And just to make it harder, you might try concentrating on just one stamp. Any one will do; the fifty centimes blue and green is fairly common used, and the cancellations show up well on it.

But if you really want a tough one, a colony whose stamps used command quite a premium any place, pick out Chad. It's quite a sizable place—one-sixth as large as these United States—and there are all of half a dozen post offices there. Only two of those offices are provided with money order facilities, however, which makes things more interesting.

The game, in any collection, is to get the stamps. Those of us whose financial resources are generally low are handicapped at the start in attempting a general or specialized collection of the usual variety. But in collecting the "hard-to-gets", everyone starts even, and money cuts but a small figure. Which may be one reason why I quit collecting United States long ago.

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Quite recently, the Scott Company decided to list the current 11-cent green stamp, which we chronicled over a year ago, as a separate and distinct variety. Whether it is likely to be scarce or not, we cannot say. My opinion, however, is that the variety will be common. The supply was not exceedingly large and when they were first discovered, there was correspondence between the Post Office and the Bureau, regarding the so called error and there was some thought of having the entire lot destroyed. However, they felt that this would be a waste of money and decided to issue the variety. The later supplies come in a different color. There are several greenish shades, but I have seen but one real green. As I have received numerous letters asking for singles and blocks since the stamp has been given full catalog recognition, I have decided to offer them at fifty cents per stamp, or $2.00 a block. I may be selling them too cheaply or I may be asking several times what they are worth. Price is not guaranteed and those ordering are simply taking a chance. The color is certainly an error and further printings have been in different shades.

Whenever anything new or interesting is discovered in the way of our issues, I am likely to have a stock on hand, hence, want lists are always solicited.

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United States

Washington Notes

Postal officials at Washington, at the present time, are considering the advisability of opening a branch Philatelic Agency at the Minneapolis Convention during the week of August 19th. It is perfectly agreeable to them to have a branch Post Office established at the Exhibition, at which time a special postmark will be used.

If the final decision is favorable and a branch Agency is established, it will be in charge of Mrs. M. C. Shaughnessy, the Assistant Philatelic Agent, who so ably conducted the sales at both the New York and Cleveland Exhibitions.

The Department will even go so far as to try and have ready by that time the new 2-cent stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers, so that it may be placed on sale at Minneapolis, as a first-day point of issue. Washington is now giving consideration to these details, and definite information will be available in this column next week.

The design for the new 2-cent stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers has been selected and consists of the monument to General Anthony Wayne, which will be unveiled at about ten miles from Toledo, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Fallen Timbers. The monument shows Wayne, along with an Indian and an American scout. It will be 2-cent in denomination, will be printed in red, and distributed in panes of one hundred, the size of our current issue. As the number to be printed will not be large, the entire printing will be made on the flat press and perforated 11. No imperforates or rotaries will be available.

No consideration has as yet been given to the Peace stamps, but there is no doubt that in the fall consideration will be given the subject, and will possibly be followed by the appearance of Peace stamps from several nations.

Nothing, as yet, has been done in regards to the designing of the Ohio River commemoratives, but this is a subject that will be finally settled as soon as the Fallen Timbers stamp is out of the way.

3-Cent "Nebraska" Error

Mr. James L. Allen has just shown me a sheet of the 3-cent Lincoln, rotary print, perforated 11x10½, overprinted "NEBR", wherein one entire horizontal row of ten is without surcharge, resulting in ten vertical pairs, showing one stamp with and one stamp without overprint. This is from plate 18803. While the balance of the package was thoroughly inspected, but one other sheet was found, namely, one printed from plate 18804, wherein the stamps in the vertical spacing show the wide spacing, giving us five blocks of four, similar to the wide spacing formerly chronicled in the case of the 2-cent "Molly Pitcher" and the 2-cent "Hawaiian."

As previously mentioned, these errors are caused by the fact that the press which prints both the stamp and the surcharge did not have the surcharge impression synchronize with the printing of the stamps, hence—the wide spacing which should jump the margins between panes, fell on the stamps themselves, giving us these two most interesting errors.

So far, we have had the pleasure of chronicling but two other errors in the "State" surcharges, namely, the 9-cent "Nebraska" in the same condition as the 3-cent, just described.

Revenues

We have had the pleasure of chronicling in the last several weeks, quite a few of our current revenues perforated 10. In searching through my own stock, I have just located the current 10-cent and 20-cent overprinted "Stock Exchange" perforated 10. These have been in my possession almost a year, and had not been noted heretofore.

Canal Zone

In further reference to my recent remarks concerning the new 5-cent Canal Zone, Mr. Richard Peters, Jr., throws further light upon the subject of the illustration shown. I quote from his letter as follows:

"I note your comments on the Canal Zone 5c stamp, in which yo 'If there is a steam shovel present so small that it is not readily Personally, I do not quite unde this comment on your part, as the of the stamp which I have show steam shovel as the most prominer ject in the engraving. The steam s one of the well-known Marion ty in the extreme right-hand corner picture, printed somewhat darker the rest of the scene, and the sho very distinctly shown with the dip the act of digging.

The picture particularly appeal me because when I visited the Ca 1912, it looked just about as this p shows it, and as a matter of fact view was apparently taken from hill where my sister lived for se years during the construction days.

Argentine.—The 12 centavos s of the commemorative series, 192 been overprinted for use upon o correspondence of the Ministry of tice and Public Instruction acco to *Stamp Collecting.*

Barbados.—Two new shades appeared in the current issue and c of the ½p in a nile green and 1p in red have been reported by Mr. R. erts.

Brazil.—*Champion's Bulletin* give following information: "The 200 2,000r red-brown has been exhauste nearly a year, and the following ar longer on sale: 5,000r on 50,000r, and green (82,000); 5,000r on 100, black and vermilion (19 860) and 10 on 1,000,000r black and sepia (19, The figures in parentheses are the q tities sold.

Falkland Islands.—Mr. B. S. Grant informs *Stamp Collecting* tha 1sh value of the current series is ou issue and will not be reprinted as the issue is expected to be placed on shortly. Existing supplies of the cur values are to be used up as far as p ble before the new issue is put on sa

France.—*La Suisse Philatelique* st that a design has been approved of 1.50fr value for use as a special air stamp and will be issued about Oct next. Printed in blue it depicts an a plane encircling the port of Marseille

French Alexandria.—Mr. R. Rob sends for chronicle copies of the 100 in blue and buff, and 250Mm in green red, but with "Mm" under the figur value. The design is that of A4.

Germany.—The 10pf Official st has been issued in carmine, and co have been received from Whitfield & Co.

Mozambique Company.—Latest formation forwarded by Mr. J. Rob son advises that this Company as wel the Nyassa one will cease to i stamps toward the end of the year their charters are to be cancelled the territories taken over by the Po guese authorities.

Northern Rhodesia.—Mr. J. Rob son in his recently issued news letter st that when present stocks of the 8p, 2sh and 7sh6p are exhausted no fur supplies will be printed.

South West Africa.—Mr. R. Rob submits for chronicle the following

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HEDIN EXPEDITION STAMP

Chinese Government at Nanking Has Given Consent to Noted Explorer

For the first time in history a private scientific expedition will get a postage stamp of its own. The Chinese Government at Nanking has granted the request of Dr. Sven Hedin, noted explorer and leader of many expeditions to the interior of Asia, that his expedition now at work in China be permitted to have its own postage stamp.

Dr. Hedin sailed on the Albert Ballin with his sister, Miss Alma Hedin, social worker and author of the book "My Brother Sven," which will appear in translation here soon. Dr. Hedin has been on a short visit in this country on his way from China to Sweden, where he expects to confer with the government before returning to his headquarters.

"The stamp will be printed in two or three values and colors," he declared. "The whole edition will represent a value of $2,500.00, which will be paid in advance to the postal authorities in Shanghai. Then I have the authority to submit the rights of selling the whole edition, except certain series, which will be on sale to the public in China."

"Money paid for the exclusive right to sell the stamps will go in full to the expedition's committee in Peking," Dr. Hedin said. It will be used for traveling expenses of Chinese members and to maintain the meteorological stations he has established in Central Asia.

"Eventually part of the profit will be used for the support of a magazine recently founded in Peking, which contains nothing but news and reports from the members of my expedition," the explorer continued. "The Chinese Government has approved my suggestion of the stamp issue."

The central section of the stamp will show a rider on a camel among sand dunes, with the setting sun as background. The official name of the expedition in China, "The Scientific Mission to the Northwestern Provinces," will appear in Chinese letters at the top and the same in Latin at the bottom. The value will be printed in the corners.

The stamp is being designed by a Swedish artist. It will be the same size, the Chinese Government has announced, as the newly issued stamps bearing the picture of Sun Yat Sen.

NOTICE

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., July 27.

A special cachet commemorating the American Legion Aerial Review at San Diego, August 17th, has been prepared by the Public Events Department of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. The Aerial Review will be one of the features of the California State Convention of the American Legion. More than two hundred Navy planes will pass in formation before the ranking officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and American Legion.

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—Souvenir cachet July 24, Bellville, Kans. "Homecoming of Martin Jensen." Cover from Todd Fagan.

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Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. J. Robertson of Johannesburg advises that a complete new issue will appear shortly. It is now in course of preparation.

Union of South Africa.—According to information received from Mr. J. Robertson the 1 pound value will soon be added to the pictorial set of this country and South West Africa.

THE NEW IRISH STAMPS

On the 22nd of June, 1929, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs of the Irish Free State issued a new postage stamp to commemorate the Centenary of Catholic Emancipation in that country. The design of the stamp selected is the work of an Irish artist, Mr. Leo Whelan, and consists of a drawing of the head of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, enclosed in an oval band bearing the words, "Fuascailt na gCatoiliceac" (Catholic Emancipation). The top of the stamp shows "Eire" (Ireland) with the dates 1829 and 1929 on each side. The stamp is issued in three denominations: 2d (pearl green), 3d (blue) and 9d (violet), which are respectively the popular rates for Inland, Foreign and Parcel Post Services.

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The 1 att olive-green of 1899 was first printed from a single plate, and later from "key and duty" plates. The Siamese character in the left-hand tablet, resembling a mark of interrogation minus the full stop, is ever so much narrower in the single-plate printing than in the double-plate emissions.

The first Vijiravudh issue, printed in Vienna 1912, was perf. 14 x 14½, and in 1917 Waterlow's, London, did the work. The perforation of the latter firm is variously 14, 15, but the 2 and 3 satangs values, the only low values similar to the earlier ones, may, besides the perforation, be distinguished by the shading on the king's chin. Indistinct in the Vienna labels, four quite clear lines are seen in the London ones, while a white line was added between the shading of the collar and the right background. The six "baht" high values (1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20) are uniformly perf. 15, but again beyond this the two printings may be separated with ease by the beads between the ear-pieces of the crown—nine in London prints, and seven only, Vienna. Furthermore, the former measure 38mm, while the latter approximate 39mm.

Spain's first issue (1850) has two types of the 6 cuartos black, which, however, Stanley Gibbons does not list, though Yvert & Tellier's Catalogue calls attention to it. In one die the "T" and "O" of "Cuartos" are clearly joined at the top, while in the other a distinct space is apparent between the two letters. A small distinction, but coming decidedly under a "magnifying glass" variety.

The 6c of Jan., 1882, is a common stamp, but you may possess a copy where there is no period after "Correos"; this makes the stamp appreciably rarer. The 1876 issue, depicting Alfonso XII, was printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. from two plates, the main distinguishing points being found in the extreme left-hand upper corner. The triangular ornament there has a thick line of shading under it in Plate I, absent in II, while minor differences are to be found in the diagonally opposite corner, the background over the numerals there being roughly cut in I, redrawn in II. Smaller differences, too, occur in the figures of value themselves, particularly the 1 Peseta, where the "1" is much thicker in I than in II.

Our next subject is the 25c of the current issue. Die I, printed in 1923, has a smaller "25" than the second printing, of 1927, whose figures are thicker, and the "toe" of the "2" very nearly touches the outline of the shield containing it, whereas it is a visible distance away in I; as the early impressions were carmine, and the later ones scarlet, there should be no difficulty in separating the two dies.

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Spanish Colonies.—I will first refer to a type common to Cuba (1882-88), Philippines (1880-88) and Porto Rico (1882-85): Some of these stamps underwent three retouches, the second being only known for the Philippines. The original state of the plate has the line round the medallion uniformly heavy (or very nearly so), and touches the upper tablet, while the opening in the hair on the forehead is narrow and pointed. The three retouches differ thus:

I. Line referred to is very thin and does not touch tablet; opening on forehead a little broader and somewhat rounded. (5c and 10c Cuba, 2½c Philippines and 5c Porto Rico.)

II. Opening wider still and more rounded, lock of hair a trifle shorter with thick white line beneath it. (2½c Philippines only.)

III. Opening here is a decided semicircle, and the white line even thicker yet. (Cuba, 1c and 5c; Philippines, 50m, 1c and 6c; Porto Rico, 5c.)

The Philippine Islands early stamps, printed in Manila from locally-engraved plates, show fine and coarse lines round the head, the latter being wider apart than the fine ones. This for the 5c, orange-red, incidentally the rarest of the four values. The four varieties of the 5c and 10c of 1859 occur in squares of four, and the word "Correos" is probably our best guide. The left upper stamp of the four has what resembles an apostrophe after the "S" of "Correos", its neighbor has a much wider space between this letter and the "I" of "Interior", and no sign of the apostrophe. "S" and "I" closer, and a period between them are prominent characteristics in the left lower stamp, and the remaining one of the four possesses no period. The fillet and chignon also exhibit minor differences. The 1862-3 5c occurs in 2 types, there being a period after "S" in one and a colon in the other. The 1 real of 1863 was twice printed, inscriptions firstly in Roman type and then in block letters. The green of the latter is more vivid than of the former, where also is found the variety without stop before and after "Correos".—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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WE are indebted to W. W. Curry a clipping from the San Ant Tex., *Express.* It contains a very i esting article by Fred Green on the T stamps of Civil War days. It is i trated with a picture of Mr. Green some of the stamps, including Beaum Goliad, Helena, Gonzales, etc. It fine feature.

WE learn that Arthur E. Wellin 375 Hudson Ave., Albany, N. has had stolen a collection of Sib and Far East Republic. Anyone who give information that will lead to arrest of the thief will be handsom rewarded. There were some cover considerable value addressed to Wellington.

IN a recent number of the Texas *neer* appeared a story about Edw W. Heusinger, the well-known San tonio philatelist. We wish that we space to reprint the entire article. have, however, in the past frequently ferred to the activities of our long subscriber.

WE have received from Todd Fag specimen of the cachet used at Riley, Kansas, July 18, in connection the fifth annual encampment of the Observation Squadron, 35th Div. A tion, Missouri, National Guard.

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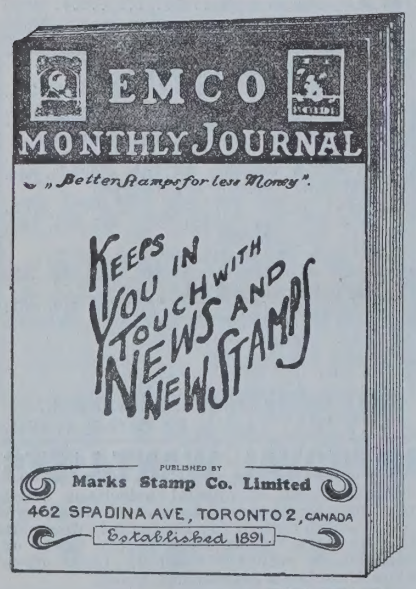

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The Advance Sheets for the United States portion of Scott's Standard 1930 Catalogue were issued on July 25.

As is usual in reviewing them, attention is called to the fact that the Scott Company states that the prices quoted are for specimens in good condition and that in most instances, fine copies bring much higher prices. This, of course, must be borne in mind in considering their quotations, especially in the cases of certain early stamps, which, as a rule, are on an average only fair in condition.

In reviewing any publication, it is always an easy matter to find fault and to criticize; in fact, I often read my own articles and find places where changes would be made if I had the article to rewrite. Under the circumstances, it is my endeavor to mention what I consider inaccuracies from the point of view of my own observations, based not only on following auction sales, but also selling possibly more stamps of the United States during the last twelve months than any other professional. Further, in reviewing the Advance Sheets, one must consider the point of view which the Scott Company takes in making prices. They may either blaze the trail and consequently price the stamps in advance of present market quotations, as most U. S. stamps are gradually moving forward, or follow the market and reflect in their catalogue, prices at which certain specimens have been sold. They evidently follow the second method and whether their way is the better way is a point that could be discussed at great length. Personally, I favor the first manner, but I have not given this detail much consideration and I may be wrong.

This year, the changes in the United States portion of the Advance Sheets are of less importance than ever before. While numerous changes have been made here and there, with very few exceptions, they have been but a few cents in the case of commoner varieties and only a few dollars in the case of the rarer stamps, so that if one is aware of current values of some of the great rarities, which have jumped during the last year, he could almost use the 1929 catalogue without any trouble.

I am afraid this condition has been brought about by the publishers not having followed the market in United States issues during the last year as closely as heretofore. Perhaps Mr. Clark's time has been taken up too much with other matters of executive importance, and those that he has relied upon in the past tor furnishing this information are no longer available.

This year Postmasters take a few increases mostly in the case of specimens which are either unique or of which but two or three are in existence, as in the case of the two Alexandria, the 10c Baltimore, on white, and the unique Boscawen and Lockport. The Alexandria on blue which is unique this year moves to $12,500 and the equally unique Boscawen and Lockport are priced at $15,000 and $10,000. The 10c Baltimore, on wh... priced at $8,000 and one of four k... specimens that has been sold on two o... sions has brought somewhat more. ... Millbury is now priced at $2,500, ... the New Haven envelope moves to $... The New York in mint condition is ... at $125.

In the General Issues, the only ch... in the 1847 series are the 10c spl... diagonal and vertical condition. ... do not quite reflect the high prices ... the two varieties have been bringi... auction, but are possibly nearer their ... rect value than auction quotations. ... changes are made in the 1851 series ... 1c Type I used going to $500—very ... sonable at the figure. The 5c mi... now catalogued at $300 and a 10c Typ... similar condition at $200. The 12c s... is priced at $75, while the 24c, 30c ... 90c are quoted at $250, $500 and $1... very cheap for each denominatio... they have been bringing much more ... vately for a year or so. In fact, a... these quotations are real bargains.

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2. Bulletin of January 30th announced that George Rogers Clark stamp would be issued in Vincennes on February 25th.
3. February 18th that Macon, Daytona Beach, Orlando, and Tampa would be added to C. A. M. 25 on March 1st.
4. February 19th that clients could get the Panama air mail covers at 28c each from Pan American Airways.
5. March 1st that inauguration of Brownsville to Mexico City air mail route would take place on March 9th.
6. March 19th gave details as to issuance of State stamps for Kansas and Nebraska.
7. March 24th announced that Toledo and Cleveland would be added to C. A. M. 27 on April 1st.
8. Bulletin of April 11th announced that Kansas and Nebraska stamps would go on sale at Philatelic Agency on May 1st and gave denominations. It also stated that C. A. M. 28, St. Louis to Omaha air mail route, would start on May 1st.
9. Bulletin of April 17th announced addition of Springfield, Ohio, to C. A. M. 16.
10. April 28th that Baltimore would be added to C. A. M. 19 on May 5th.
11. May 14th gave details of extension of air mail service on F. A. M. 5 to Central America on May 21st.
12. May 23rd that new Edison stamp would be issued in Menlo Park on June 5th.
13. June 1st that new Sullivan stamp would be issued June 17th.
14. June 9th gave list of fifteen cities where Sullivan stamp would be sold on June 17th and told patrons how to get first day covers. No stamp paper published this list in time to permit readers to get covers.
15. June 27th that two new U. S. to Canada air mail routes would start on July 15th.

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The Reissues of 1861 are the only reprints or reissues to show advances, and this applies only in the case of the 24c, 30c and 90c, which are now priced at $60, $75 and $90 respectively. Practically all of the high values from 15c on, of the 1869 series, move into new territory with exception of the 24c. The 90c is now priced at $125 mint and $50 used. The 90c unused without grill is only $25 more—surely an error as the stamp without grill is many times scarcer than the normal variety. All of the inverts reflect the advanced interest and are somewhat higher.

Among the Bank Note issues, the rarer grills are slightly increased. Among those without grill, the 6c has been increased to $6 mint and the 30c and 90c are now priced at $5 and $7 used. Slight changes are made in the Continental issue in the case of unused 6c, 7c, 10c and 12c.

The reissues on both hard and soft paper are the same as last year, although the soft papers have been selling somewhat over catalogue, and are difficult to pick up even on such a basis. The 5c gray-brown of 1882 special print at $85 is greatly under-priced and a ready market at a very substantial increased price is available. This year, they price the 4c special print No. 211-d at $200, just about 50% under the market as the stamp brought over $300 at auction and is retailing at somewhat more.

All of the 1888 series increase in unused condition and the 30c and 90c in used condition, the latter now being priced at $12 mint and $9 used. The 5c and 30c imperf. which they state were not regularly issued have been listed for many years. Why not list the 90c which is also known?

The two high values of the 1890 series move forward slightly.

Practically all of the Columbians, especially the high values, are advanced and rightly so, as dealers have had to pay full catalog or more during the last several months in order to obtain stock. The 4c error is now listed at $400, while the five dollar values of the Columbian series are priced at $9, $7.50, $15, $18 and $20 respectively.

Among the Bureau Issues, practically all of the 1894 series take slight increases. These stamps are getting more difficult each year to pick up and as the paper is soft, thin copies are plentiful, but good copies are getting scarce. The rare $1 is now priced at $25 unused and $8 used, the $2 at $30 and $18, while the $5 takes a new listing of $75 and $50 respectively. Increases are found throughout the 1895 series.

All of the Omahas with the exception of the two low values are increased, the $1 and $2 now being priced at $9 and $16.50 in both conditions. The 8c part-perf. has been increased to $200—still very reasonable at this figure.

(To be continued.)

IS THE "PENNY BLACK" A HANDSOME STAMP?

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

These remarks are prompted by the article of Major John Tulleken, on his "All Black Collection," that recently appeared in *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. The handsome appearance of a page of black stamps, and the rather striking dignity of a collection made up of such pages, should make the "All Black" collection a most interesting specialty.

But Major Tulleken, when he has described his interesting collection, proceeds to worship a fetich. He says: "The most beautiful of them all is, without a shadow of a doubt, the 'Penny Black', my favorite." I not only deny that there is an absence of "the shadow of a doubt," I go so far as to say that in my opinion, the "Penny Black" is about as primitive and ugly a piece of stamp-making as any highly civilized country has ever produced. The glamor attaching to the first stamp issued for postal purposes, and the aura of respect for the queen whose poorly-done portrait adorns the stamp, conspire to produce a legend that this is a handsome stamp.

Actually, the "Penny Black" is open to serious criticism based an any artistic canons that one may choose to employ. Some of the more obvious artistic defects of this stamp may here be mentioned. First of all, the head is too large for the size of the stamp as a whole. The same absurd effect as is found in the "Black Jack" stamp of 1886, issued by the United States, exists in slightly less degree in the "Penny Black." The superfluous letters in the lower corners, inserted to serve an imaginary purpose and entirely useless for that purpose, are so conspicuous that they spoil the whole effect. The squares bearing the letters, and the corresponding square rosettes at the top make the whole design appear clumsy: the corners bulge like those on a trunk with heavy iron corners. The two sides are ornamented with a basket-work design that is meaningless. Last of all, the picture does not look like Queen Victoria at all: it is not even flattering to her.

I am not prepared to say what is the handsomest black stamp; but I am ready to advance two United States black stamps, either of which is artistically a decided advance on the "Penny Black." I refer to the 12 cents of 1851 and 1857; and the 7 cents of 1912-1922. There is a proportion and dignity in the former of these especially that is extremely satisfying. The latter of the two stamps mentioned is a restrained and dignified piece of designing.

But let us have an end to the false idea that the "Penny Black" is in any way a beautiful stamp.

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In going over the names of the persons mentioned on the ballot, whom do you find? What do they collect? Meters, postal markings, playing card stamps, postal cards? No, not a single one of them. One collects anything from junk to 2c booklet panes; another stamps of an island, I don't know exists; another, the 3c vermilion; another, die proofs; another presidential franks which aren't even postage stamps or stamp collecting. Are those the men you want to guide your affairs? One comes out plainly and says that stamps are not an investment. Another is an expert who can call your pink a scarlet for 25c. Another is more interested in getting your dues than wanting to know what you collect. Are such men to be your candidates?

In this you stand alone. But be sure of this, each man on that ballot is today licking his chops, counting on being elected. Already they are polishing up the gavel to hand over, speeches are being prepared now to compliment the incoming and the outgoing officials, and honey-tongued convention orators are this minute paging thru their volumes of funny stories to crack at the banquet.

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All the important jobs are appointive anyway. Unless these candidates promise certain things, I shall not vote for them. Unless these men can come to me and say, "We stand on the following principles," I cannot welcome their candidature.

What are Mr. Mosler's qualifications? Who knows but what he will tap the gavel softly so that it can't be heard, or else he might slam bang the gavel down and miss and hit an ink well, and splash you full of ink? Is that the man we want? Will he continually interrupt Mr. Konwiser's speeches? Will he yield to Mr. Diamant? Will he permit buying and selling in the Convention Hall? Does he know Mr. Stone and his *sine die?*

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International Secretary? Who is Mr. Klein? Can't he write German and French and Spanish and Italian? If he can, he's as good as I am, and I'll match him on Russian any day. What do know about verbs, and interjection Portuguese? Suppose he was in Fi and they say, "Hui" to him?

As for Directors at Large, tha good one. When a lion gets out o zoo, they say he is at large. Now if Directors are at large, roaming ar writing ballyhoo on Green Navy st and Specimen with or without dotte then that's settled. Mr. Konwiser lieves all money is in New York, therefore New York should spend a money. We don't get this quite. Wilhelm believes in stamp collecting he has always played the center-of road policy and collected everything spool labels to booklet panes. He give in to any one A. P. S. unit stands pat with the way the wind b It will take these two a week to i change ideas, and if you are for ke them apart, here's your chance.

But our point is, no candidate spoken about the Handbook Comm What are we promised? And what the Public Relations Committee? should have a Private Relations mittee. Or one on your wife's rela

Then again, how much is this pub committee going to spend?

Where is the permanent home goi be?

What price shall we accept for A. P. S. library, with waste paper a a pound?

Ought we not change the res agent?

All these questions must be answ before I shall give my vote to any o the candidates. I will not be force give my heart and my vote to a that lacks leadership, an established form, a code of principles.

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By Robert S. Gordon.

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The small number of white me these four colonies that comprise F Equatorial Africa is, of course, one portant reason why the district ha developed to a greater extent. F West Africa in 1926 contained 1 whites; the single colony—or mand of French Cameroons had 1,570; wh all of French Equatorial Africa were but 2,500.

Of money order post offices, Gabo just five. Middle Congo has six, in ing a branch of the Brazzaville Chad has two, and Ubangi a solitary which is, of course, Bangui. Con this with the fourteen money order o of Niger, the twenty-one of Dahc and the forty-three of Senegal, and idea can be gained of the relative sca of used stamps from Equatorial Afr

For some reason there seems to especial effort made to confine the u the stamps of one colony to that c

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s an instance of the slowness of comications in French Equatorial Africa, example might be given from the offi- French publication resembling our *al Bulletin*. Money orders on France, n in any French colony, must be reed within various periods up to months. There are only two exceptions—money orders from the office of ona, in the Marquesan Islands, and e from Ubangi-Chari and Chad. For e, nine months is allowed.

he post office of N'Dele, in Ubangi-Chari, is just three hundred and ten miles n air-line from Bangui. Ordinary between the two places requires one h to cover that distance. And there offices much more remote, in matter me, than N'Dele.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

In the Handbook of Jamaica for 1895 (also 1897, 1898, 1900, 1901 and 1902) appears the following:—

"Latterly irregular communication has been established between George Town in Grand Cayman and Kingston in this Island. The people are learning to appreciate this privilege and are now seeking to have it extended to other ports and towns, *as well as issue their own postage stamps and thus derive revenue therefrom.*"

In 1897, as a result of this agitation, His Excellency the Governor of Jamaica, Sir Henry A. Blake (Mar. 9, 1889 to Jan. 18, 1898), instructed the Postmaster for Jamaica, J. H. Pearce, to have a small quantity (£10 of each it is said) of the contemporary ½d green 1885, and 1d lilac, Mar. 8, 1889, Jamaican postage stamps, overprinted "Cayman Islands."

This overprint was applied in black, in two lines of thin sans serif caps (the same as used for the Kingston overprinted ½d Official stamp, issued April 1, 1890), by the Government Printing Office, Kingston. The extreme horizontal measurement is 16½mm, and vertical, 8½mm.

None at all of the ½d stamps are known with this overprint, and only two copies of the 1d, one of which is unused, with original gum, while the second bears a postmark of a double lined circle, with date MY 31—97 in two lines in the center, but the name of the Post Office is illegible. It would of course be in the nature of a trial cancellation, as the overprinted stamps were never sent to Grand Cayman.

Oddly, the first "A" of "CAYMAN" on both stamps, has a small bar on the left leg, and the "N" of "ISLANDS" is slightly raised above the line.

These two 1d stamps were found, about 1907 or 1908, in a lot of common Jamaican postage stamps, by Mr. Vincent Gurdji, of New York, and came into the possession of Mr. C. B. Bostwick, one of the first specialists in the stamps of these islands, about January, 1909. Previously it had not been known (except to the immediate officials concerned) that consideration had ever been given to overprinting Jamaican stamps for use in the Caymans.

Subsequently, it was learned from Mr. Edmund Parsons, Custos of the islands from May 21, 1888 to August 22, 1898 (when Mr. F. S. Sanguinetti was appointed Resident Commissioner), and also Postmaster at Grand Cayman, that these stamps were overprinted while he was on a visit to Kingston, and he had seen them when the Government Printer brought them to the office of His Excellency the Governor for inspection.

However, the stamps were neither issued, nor sent to Grand Cayman, and according to Mr. G. M. Wortley, Actg. Asst. Colonial Secretary of Jamaica (writing on January 24, 1912)—

"The whole of the batch of sheets provisionally surcharged in the Government Printing Office, Jamaica, was retained intact by the Government of Jamaica until destroyed under the supervision of the Auditor General."

Shortly after the discovery of these Jamaican stamps overprinted "Cayman Islands", an anonymous contributor to the *Postage Stamp* (London), wrote that some St. Vincent stamps, Queen Victoria type, overprinted "Cayman Islands", had been destroyed by order of the Commissioner before being put into circulation.

As there could be no reason for overprinting stamps of St. Vincent, some 800 miles distant from the Cayman Islands, for use in a dependency of Jamaica, it is thought this paragraph was intended merely as a feeler for information regarding the overprinted Jamaican stamps, and that there was no foundation for the reference to St. Vincent.

The Post Office established at Grand Cayman in 1889 was under the control of the Postmaster for Jamaica, at Kingston, and Jamaican stamps were sold at Grand Cayman, and receipts remitted to Kingston. Any stamps overprinted for use in the Cayman group would have been those of Jamaica and not of St. Vincent.

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497	10c 1916 coil (50c)	.30	.60	..
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CLEVELAND has made ample preparation for the reception of delegates to the convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans, and the entertainment that awaits them is varied and attractive. The three days of the convention, August 12, 13 and 14, will be filled with pleasures that will be relished by philatelists, and we have no doubt that the business sessions of the progressive society will be replete with interest, and that constructive measures will mark the proceedings.

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THE suggestion has been made that New York or Chicago plan a Stamp Bourse for next October or thereabouts, under responsible sponsorship, as it is thought that an occasion of the kind would be welcomed by many dealers. No doubt, the recent International Stamp Bourse at London is in mind of the proposer of the plan, which is worth discussing. The advocate of it who writes us says that speaking for himself, he would welcome an opportunity to purchase stock early in the season, and he thinks that there are many more dealers of the intermediate grade who likewise would favor the chance. A national Bourse, covering a day or two, would require the right sort of preliminary work to insure its success, but with proper management, a commercial feature could be made of it. We understand that one of the interior cities is contemplating a Bourse that will attract dealers from the neighboring cities.

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IN a recent issue of the Chicago *Daily News*, an article, "How the Air Mail Started", has been begun by Shirley J. Short. In it, the statement is made that Postmaster-General Burleson bought the first air mail stamp, and that after it had been affixed to a letter, the letter was autographed by President Wilson and sent in the plane to Postmaster Patten of New York. Captain B. B. Lipsner, who was air mail superintendent at the time, questions the declaration that Mr. Burleson bought the first stamp as claimed and his authority for the contradiction will be given in his forthcoming book.

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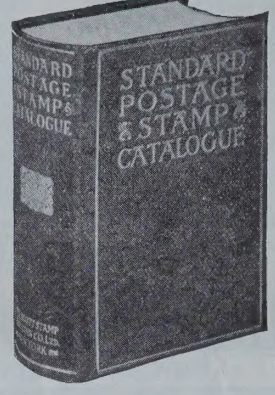

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A CORRESPONDENT is advised that the "Post Office Department, Returned Letter Office. Due 3 cents (and six cents)" envelopes were included in Mr. George L. Toppan's installment of U. S. entire envelopes in the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors. Mr. Toppan described this envelope after obtaining it from us, and since that time, copies have been mentioned at different times in the stamp papers. These covers were used for returning letters under an Act of Congress of January 21, 1862, which stipulated that double postage was to be collected before delivery to the original sender. By a later Act of Congress of March 3, 1863, only single postage or three cents was collected.

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A LITTLE batch of letters on the subject of recent and proposed commemorative issues discusses these stamps and their effects on collecting from various view-points, and while they are interesting, we do not feel that they call for special comment. Of the good faith of the department in issuing these special stamps, there can be no question, and we are glad that the arguments do not question the spirit in which they are brought forth. Financially, the commemoratives carry their own recommendation, and when we think of the one pound Postal Congress of Great Britain, we assume a smug expression of righteousness.

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A SARCASTIC communication comes from a Canadian correspondent who asks why there is a conspiracy to keep down the prices of British North America in our catalogues. We suppose that it is not enough to say that "We'll bite", and that it is not amiss to speak of the question. The assumption is that prices on these stamps are higher in Canada than here, but such a condition is not to be wondered at, since it is the rule that the stamps of a country are most esteemed in that country itself, than elsewhere. Further, the demand for its own stamps is increasing in Canada with its population, which is now almost ten million, while in other parts of the world the deserved popularity of the issues under notice is not increased proportionately. The British North Americans in fine condition certainly are stamps of sterling kind, and like goods of that class justify increased attention that may be translated into larger monetary value. That our neighbors are the first to recognize the forces that influence the prices, it is easy to understand why they may be impatient to see others proceed leisurely in their appraisal. We do not know what the new catalogue will say, but soon, all may see.

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THE first section of the Advance Sheets of the coming Standard Catalogue have been circulated, and what changes have taken place in quotations on U. S. are known. The old issues have not been disturbed in their price relations to any marked degree, but in the 20th century stamps there have been examples of an upward movement. Detailed attention of the more striking changes will be given elsewhere, and we have no doubt but that there will be food for thought provided for those who are financiers first and philatelists afterwards.

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WE are in the month of the American Philatelic Society convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, August 19-25; and the dual attractions of the National Philatelic Exhibition, and the convention should command an attendance that will make those who have worked so unremittingly for the success of the stamp show and the annual meeting feel that their efforts have met with a just reward. The overhead is the same, so to say, whether few or many attend the display, and we are unmindful of the necessity of making an impression in a public sense if we do not make Minneapolis a focal point at the time.

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THE suggestion has been made that we ask for proxies in order that by no mischance will there be too few members represented to make the convention body a working one. While not wishing to enter into any controversial questions by asking for proxies in behalf of members who are to attend the meeting, we suppose that it could be said that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, experienced in conventions, will act as proxy holder, and likewise the editor of the WEEKLY. Too, Mr. H. A. Diamant of St. Louis will serve in that capacity when instructions are given him for voting the proxies by the senders. We believe that personal considerations in the treatment of proposals presented for adoption by the convention have been giving way in recent years to the recognition of the fact that in this country, philately has outgrown its provincial limitations and that principles instead of persons have right of way.

The Late J. C. Morgenthau

had in preparation and nearly completed an auction sale of Specialized France, the property of H. Bedford-Jones, which was to have been offered this coming season. This has now been turned over to me and I shall offer it as it is on Mr. Morgenthau's auction blanks and his annotations. If you specialize in the stamps of France, I shall be pleased to mail you this catalog when ready.

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veral correspondents have asked for ief simple letter in Spanish, French, nan, Italian, etc., which they could in forwarding covers for first flights oreign countries. My linguistic abili- are limited to very halting transla- from a foreign language to English If some of our readers so qualified d care to send in such letters, mak- them as brief as possible, we'll see they are printed.

Official Flights

ne Bremen ship-to-shore has been the noise this week. Clippings in galore, ding several from Germany. In- ng mail via first trip consisted of 0 pieces, 5,000 of which are said to been sent out by the North German d as advertising, which leaves only t 6,000 for both American and Eu- an collectors. Covers bear the ship mark and two special cachets. Out- g mail, as recorded last week, was ided for by the U. S. P. O. Dept., at additional charge of 15c per ½ oz., 15,000 letters for the plane service e aboard the ship when it left New k. Tho not yet officially announced, ke it that future trips will have the e service.

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correspondent tells me that he has seen recorded the provisional Air l Field cancellation used at New Or- s, Jan. 23rd, for the opening of CAM Evidently a temporary rubber type this cancellation in 3 lines in red, w Orleans, La.—Air Mail Field—Jan. 1929" bids fair to be a 1929 rarity.*** tland, Ore., C. of C. already has 10,- letters in waiting for the 1st Port- -Pasco flight, scheduled probably for y fall.***C. M. Beugless says his ska covers, sent in for the spring t, came back postmarked Fairbanks, 24, backstamped Nome, Jan. 31. h some far nothern reader would give he facts on this service.

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rom Chas. F. Hinz, I have gleaned ral facts of real interest. First mail n Colombia and Ecuador to Canal e and Panama came in May 3 via a ADTA plane. Plane left Colombia 3rd, connecting at Tautata with the e from Ecuador for Colombia, and sferred the northbound mail from there. P. A. A. first flight followed along several days later, May 6, as previously recorded.***First official northbound mail on the regular service left Panama May 23. Notice was short, and quantities were small, as follows: for David—151 pieces; for Miami—253; for Cuba—111; for Nicaragua—187; for Honduras—82; and for Brit. Hond.—80. ***No Panama mail was carried on the first trip from Cristobal to Ecuador and Peru, May 17, but first dispatch went by the next regular plane.***First mail from Cristobal, June 21st, was as follows: to Cartagena—16 lbs.; to Barranquilla—18 lbs. 15 oz.; to Curacao—27 lbs. 5 oz.*** First official air mail Cristobal to David, Panama, left June 20, on only a few days notice.***From all of which it may be seen that there are some rather sweet little items that most of us still need in our FAM collections.

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Dr. Walter Hess shows me the first day Special Delivery service Nassau-Miami, May 1. 100 went by steamer, and 25 by plane the first day; both receiving S. D. service at Miami.***Air mail leaving U. S. points about the 1st arrived at Nassau with this inscription in red ink, "Air Mail delayed by crash at Berry Island, May 4," and was received at Nassau the 6th.

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Letters sent to Mexico City for expected new flights came in with the Carranza stamps and 1st day cachet, postmarked July 12, but the registry cancel is July 20, when letters actually went out. Obliging, at any rate.***New Mexican air stamps soon—10, 15, 20, 30, 35c, 1, 5, 10 pesos—regular issue.

Unofficial Items

DuBois dedication, previously recorded, mailed 3,700 letters, all carried to Youngstown by Clifford Ball, contractor CAM 11.***Ottumwa, Iowa, last November just came through with figures—200, Nov. 10; 100, Nov. 11 and 12.***New Orleans returns covers—dedication too far off.***Fort Pierce, Fla., had to postpone, are returning letters, new date later.

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Coming:—Denver, Colo.-to C. of C.; Charleston, S. C., ditto; Angels Camp, Cal., Sept. 7, 8, 9—covers to C. of C.; Fresno, Calif., Chandler Airport, Nov. 9—probably to C. of C.; Excelsior Springs, Mo., Sept. 2—to C. of C.; Dallas, Tex.—Sept.—to Junior C. of C., who ask that covers be stuffed to 1 oz.; Evansville, Ind.—Aug. 24—to C. of C.***Legion Air Meet, Hartford, Conn., Aug. 23. Buell A. French will handle covers received up to the 22nd.***San Diego, Cal., C. of C.—special cachet for Aircraft Squadrons Battle Fleet Massed Flight, Aug. 17.

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Parkman, Chardon, Middlefield, and Burton, Ohio, held a combined Air Mail Day, Aug. 3, with pickup by N. A. T. plane.***Letter from N. A. T. expressed willingness to make these special pickups free of charge where it will help develop local enthusiasm for good airport facilities.***Phillipsburg, Pa., dedication very soon—covers to J. G. Miller.***Los Angeles *Times* round-the-world letters previously mentioned ran into difficulties in the China-Russia war zone, but were sent on their way by Japanese government with diplomatic mail. Eastbound letters went through London contrary to P. O. rules, by special dispensation of the Prime Minister. Pretty nice!***A. E. Koestler says that the recent Walla Walla affair was a dedication after all. Says they dedicated a year ago, enlarged and improved, and did it again this year.

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Here's news! Boston *Herald* says that an amphibian dropped 4 sacks of mail on the Leviathan on her special trip, with 100 guests on board, from her Boston dry dock to New York. Don't mention pickup. Anybody have the dope on this?

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Brainerd, Minn., dedicated July 20, 21—no cachet.***Coshocton, Ohio, July 25, purple box cachet "The birthplace of advertising specialties", flown to Cleveland and postmarked Cleveland Air Mail Field 5 PM.***Lorain, Ohio, July 27,—blue Ohio map, factory, freighter, and plane—also flown to Cleveland, and pmk. at the Air Mail Field.***Las Animas, Colo., July 26, black printed cachet "First Air Mail Flight"—flown to Pueblo, and there postmarked. A last minute notice on the last two. These special flights do add to the interest of the covers, all right.*** Somerset, Pa.—purple "Roof Garden of Pennsylvania"—July 26 and 27.

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Homecoming of Martin Jensen, Belleville, Kans., July 24, gives a red and blue oval cachet.***Cheyenne Frontier Days,

(*Continued on page 497*)

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Used Stamps of Italian Africa

By Robert S. Gordon.

The stamps of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica should not, perhaps, be considered difficult to obtain in used condition, as there are but few of them which cannot be found with moderate persistence. Those of Eritrea are about the same, although the colony is much smaller and contains only about one-eighth as many whites as the two north shore colonies.

But Italian Somaliland and Oltre Giuba—those are real "hard-to-gets." Where Eritrea has four thousand Europeans, Italian Somaliland has but 750. How many there are in Oltre Giuba I have been unable to find out, but it would seem that one hundred is a liberal estimate. There is but one town of any size in the latter colony, Chisimaio; and apparently its populace is not addicted to letter writing, for genuinely used stamps are at a premium even in Italy.

Italian Somaliland has but twenty-four post offices within its borders. The five principal ones are Mogadiscio, Brava, Mahaddei Uen, Merca, and Baidoa; all of which are fair-sized places, ranging up to fourteen thousand population for Mogadiscio—which is two thousand more than the entire colony of Oltre Giuba, incidentally. Of the other offices, that at Oddur is the only one of any size. Most of the rest are hard enough to locate to suit anyone, and afford fine hunting—if your patience holds out. Go to it!

Junior Dictionary

Riksdaler.—The unit of currency in Sweden until 1878 when it was superseded by the krona. At first the riksdaler was divided into 48 skilling-banco and was worth about 42c. In 1858 it was divided into 100 öre and its value was then about 30c.

Rio de Oro. — (River of Gold). A Spanish possession in West Africa having an area of 70,000 square miles and a population of about 130,000. Postage stamps were first issued in 1905.

Rizeh.—A town of Asia Minor on the Black Sea, 40 miles east of Trebizond, with a population of only about 3,000. Since 1909 the stamps used in the Russian consular post office established there have been specially overprinted "Rizeh".

R. M.—A watermark found in some of the stamps of the 1896-97 issue of Mexico—sometimes in conjunction with an eagle. The letters are an abbreviation for "Republica Mexicana" (Mexican Republic).

"Space Fillers"

By Edwin B. Hill, Ysleta, Texas.

Looking through a bundle of circuit-books recently my glance was held by the mystic words, "Space Fillers." Here were stamps of more than passing scarcity, with catalogue valuations running well into two figures, and some into three. The eye caught particularly a beautiful copy of the thirty cents, 1857, with no trace of cancellation; but, alas! the perforations had been trimmed into the design. A ninety cents of the same issue, unused, in like condition, adjoined. The thirty cents is catalogued at $20, and the ninety cents at $40. Both stamps were gems for color; but the vandal's hand had touched them, and the valuation of $1 for the thirty cents and $2 for the ninety cents seemed inadequate—with conditional differences. As my collection contains only two ruins of the thirty cents, and two of the ninety cents, I annexed the thirty cents and broke the average. Besides, my copies were used.

In this same lot were several copies of the one cent 1857 of the rarer varieties, priced very low even as to condition, and also a half dozen or so twenty-four cents 1861-1866 issue,—one a "paid" cancellation, which is catalogued at $20. The seventy cents asked for it enriched my collection of waifs and strays. No twenty-four in this lot was a "first," but each had some distinctive feature which should endear it to the collector "as is" who chooses by his purse.

"Stamp collecting can be made a vice," the parent of an ardent young collector told a dealer; and he was right. The desire to spend more than one can afford to complete a set,—the longing to buy a scarce or rare stamp in perfect condition, but at a prohibitive price,—are indulgencies which should be curbed. Let the purse rule, and let the "space filler" be not ignored.

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Study Your Stamps

Correos Centimos.—The only inscription on the 1893 stamps of Venezuela.

Cote Francais des Somalis.—French Somali Coast.

Cross. — An uncolored cross on a shield forms a distinctive part of the design of many early issues of Switzerland that are otherwise difficult to identify.

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And there was that good soul thought that a Plating Association some sort of waiters' club.

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The Brute

Wife (telephoning): "Oh, John flat has just burned down and—"

John: "Well, what of it? 'Ain' stamps in the safety deposit box?"

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One of our eagle-eyed scouts, Che Hodgson, has caught Uncle Samuel anachronism. Ches. writes, "The invoic accompanies one's stamps from the l telic Agency gives on the back a sampl ter from one John Smith of Boston, orders the 5c Ericsson and the 2c S John's letter is dated 1923 and the st mentioned were not issued until 1926."

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"Watermarked but no remain grumbled the would-be suicide, as fished him from the river.

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Did You Know—

That Vesuvius erupted about the the English U. P. U. set was announ

That no historian has been able t us who created the Sphinx?

That washed stamps and unwa philatelists are equally offensive?

* * *

He was making money,
Making U. S. two's;
Inspectors made a round-up
And now he's making shoes.

* * *

After viewing an example of pin foration, Ches. W. Hodgson would to know how long it took 'em to pok holes in those sheets.

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Hill Billy's Philosophy

He who thrills not to the collectio his son will find small zest in pl Zululand.

If your brother says, "Lo, thou h counterfeit"; reply unto him, "And r a rare counterfeit, too."

The gathering of stamps for the purse is endless and east wind in belly; but the way of a boy with a beck is very wonderful.

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Scott's Monthly Journal for July h us the following:

"If you can dream
And not make dreams your master-
Kipli

(Kipling once gave the old U. S. "thunder, pitch, and plaster", but we're even as Scott's has knocked "1" out of Kipling.)

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And then there's the Scotch philat who refused to send for a free packe stamps because he had to give his dress.

—Daniel Colema

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The kiddies were playing "Air Ma They spent an hour rubber-stamp some old envelopes "Via Air Ma Small brother forgot to ink the rub stamp and older brother objected t the words were too dim. "Oh, that's right," flashed small brother, "that's right, they're off in the clouds. L. M. H.

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usual, the coöperators keep me hust- to keep up with them. This week's p: *L. C. Metzger, *O. H. Phinney, ude W. Parker, H. C. Carpenter, A. Roessler, O. W. Pittman, William man, Abraham Cohen, Boleslaus Jarowski, C. M. Beugless, Harry J. se, Wm. J. Kotab, Buell A. French, ert Barnett, **S. Bayer, Allen P. ding, Thomas P. Wilson, Herbert nson, *Otto Edenharter, T. Shimoa, *Kenneth G. Lewis, Dr. Walter s, Albert J. Keefe, Jr., Albert G. ney, *G. L. Peebler, *Bernett Van en, *R. H. Thompson, World Stamp Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., Alois G. Thie- Jr., Billy Burr, C. E. Wagoner, s Hollywood, Geo. Kreyling, Thomas able, Jr., George Nowobilski, **J. T. weier, Anna Schafer, Charles M. vartz, Jr., *D. E. McPherson, *W. H. kie, A. E. Koestler, Edgar C. Cant- Harrison Huster, ***P. R. Hudson.

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United States

Minneapolis Branch Philatelic Agency

The Post Office Department has decided to establish a branch Philatelic Agency at the Minneapolis Philatelic Exhibition to be opened on August 19, and at that time will have on sale a full line of the commemoratives, which are still available at the Washington Agency. It is to be hoped that the stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers will also be placed on sale for the first time at this special branch, although this point has not, as yet, been decided.

As the Fallen Timbers commemoration will not take place in Toledo, Ohio, until September, it is quite possible that the Postmaster General will not care to authorize the appearance of this stamp previous to that time. He, however, has precedent for the issuing of a stamp for the first time at a Philatelic Exhibition, as the 2-cent White Plains appeared at the New York Exhibition on the first day, and the Valley Forge stamp at the Cleveland Exhibition. A definite decision will possibly be ready by next week.

The Minneapolis post office is expected to establish a branch at the Exposition, at which time a special marking similar to the Cleveland marking will be used. No doubt, the Minneapolis philatelists will arrange to have an additional unofficial cancellation, similar to the one used in Cleveland. If they do, it is to be hoped that several will be made, as there were times at Cleveland when it was necessary to stand in line to get ahold of one or two which they had on hand.

Mrs. M. C. Shaughnessy will be sent from Washington to take charge of the branch Agency, and as they are so busy at the present time, it is not expected that any further assistance will be given her from the Washington Agency.

Bureau Oddity

Mr. Robert M. Storms advises that he has just located a block of four of the 10-cent current rotary, perforated 11 x 10½, wherein the vertical gutter is shown between the two vertical pairs. Those on the left are without overprint, while those on the right show the Los Angeles Bureau precancellation. It is difficult to account for these gutter varieties, which are now being found. So far, several have come to light of different denominations.

2c Sesquicentennial Envelope

A variety of the 2c Sesquicentennial envelope has just come to my attention, which, while of very minor importance, is worthy of mention. It seems that in the dandy-roll, the "S" of one of the watermarks in addition to the figure "5" is entirely omitted, so that we have a watermark consisting of a large letter "U" in addition to "192." Fortunately, errors of watermark of this kind are seldom collected, otherwise, we would be spending half of our philatelic time in looking for such oddities.

We wish to thank Messrs. J. H. Davis Reynolds, Nelson E. Willits and Joseph Lowande for notes of interest.

Australia.—The following new items are reported by Mr. R. Roberts:—4p bistre, perf. 14, King's head type; 1sh blue-green, perf. 11½ x 12, Kangaroo design; and 10sh pink and black, also Kangaroo type. All are on multiple small A and Crown watermark.

Bolivia.—A new issue of Air Mail stamps has been received from Whitfield King & Co. There are three values: 15c green, 20c dark blue, and 35c red-brown, all of the same design with "Republica De Bolivia" at the top, with the words "Correo Aereo" just beneath. In the centre is a pair of wings with "L" above and "A B" below the figure which is within a circle. At the left is a view of a native hut with two palm trees in the foreground, while at the right is some mountain scene. At the base the figures of value appear with the word "Sobretasa" between.

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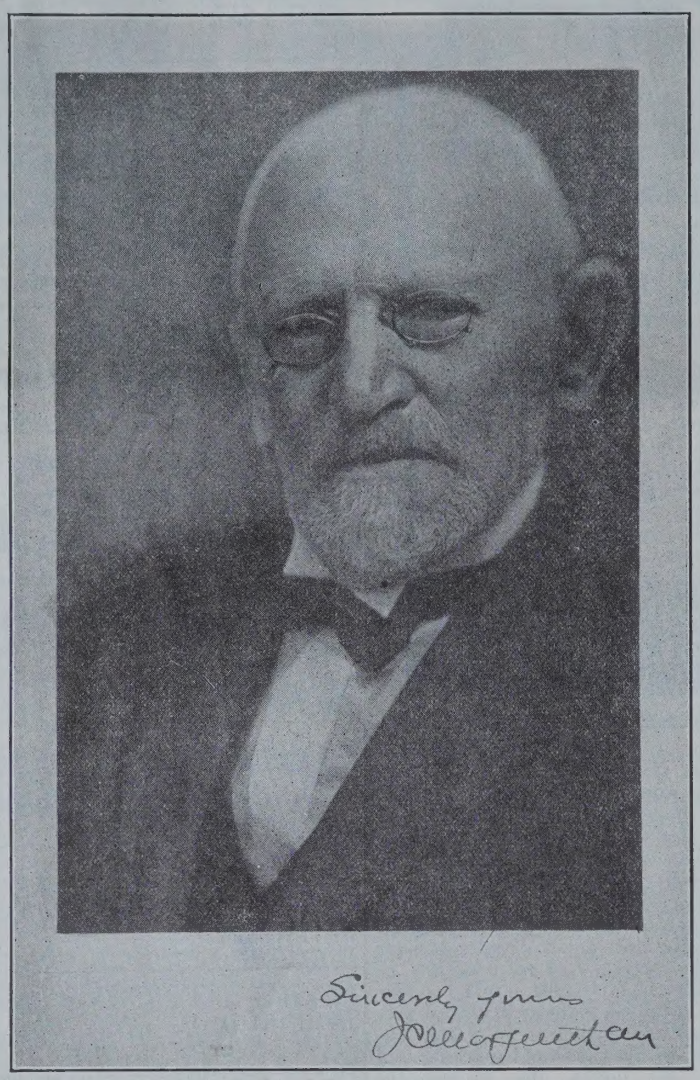

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France. — The "Recouvrements" stamp, type of D3, has been overprinted "1fr20" on 2 francs, blue and "5 f." on 1fr purple, according to information received from Whitfield King & Co.

Roumania. — Mr. R. Roberts sends for note the 30b pale red, King Michael design, typographed, offset printing, no watermark, perf. 12½. Also the Transylvania Commemorative set, photogravure printing, various designs, perf. 13½, watermarked wavy lines, horizontal on the oblong and vertical on the upright designs: 1L purple, 2L olive-green, 3L purple-brown, 4L cerise, 5L orange-vermilion, and 10L blue.

Sweden.—The 40 ore value design as A20, perf. 10 vertically, has been issued in olive-green, and copies are to hand from Whitfield King & Co.

Switzerland.—A new design of Air Mail stamps has recently been placed on sale. The central figure pictures a letter on wings flying over the Alps. At the top is the name of the country with the figures of value in each lower corner. The values are 35c yellow-brown and red-brown, and 40c yellow-green and deep green. Both stamps are perforated 11½, and are oblong format. Copies have been received from Mr. R. Roberts for note.

Uruguay.—*Senf's Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* reports two additions to the stamps with diminutive overprint "Oficial" in an oval in the form of the 8c and 10c values of the regular postage series of the 1924-5, without watermark, also an addition to the locally lithographed Postage Due series emanating from the Imprenta Nacional, 10c in grey-green.

Stop Press News

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Chairman Herbert Parker of the special Mass. state commission charged with the destinies of the tercentenary celebration, intends to take steps within a few days to obtain special postage stamps to commemorate the great anniversary.

Friends of the movement to make the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the bringing of the first charter of civil liberties to this country an outstanding historical event feel no misgivings about the post office department granting a special design of stamp, or possibly a series of stamps, as a fitting act of recognition of the importance of the observance. No great historical event in the history of this country, they agree in saying, ever has been celebrated without such recognition by the postal authorities at Washington.

Chairman Parker, who also is president of the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary, Inc., the private organization chartered for the purpose of doing the work of preparing the public mind for the momentous historical observance, is desirous of having strong support in his effort to obtain a tercentenary stamp.

It may be that a series of stamps will be asked for, inasmuch as the entire year 1930 will be celebrated as Tercentenary year. A proposal for a 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c stamp has met with the approval of a number of prominent citizens who are working for a commemorative celebration that shall be worthy of the commonwealth and the traditions of the forefathers.

ZEPPELIN'S WORLD TRIP

The *Postal Bulletin*, Aug. 1, announces details for handling mail for the Zeppelin round-the-world flight. We print this due to the possibility that its departure from Lakehurst may be sufficiently delayed to permit covers still to go in. Covers are to be marked in upper left, "Via German Airship LZ127 from Lakehurst to Lakehurst", or to Friedrichshafen, Tokio, or Los Angeles, as the case may be. Address may be to U. S. points, via Zeppelin to any terminal. Postage to Germany—$1.00, Tokio—$2.00, to either Los Angeles or Lakehurst —$3.50. Rates for cards half these, which are for letters. *In addition*, regular postage of 5c for letters, 3c for cards, must be paid. Domestic air mail and special delivery fees extra, also. Covers to be forwarded to New York. Official cachet.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

NFLD.-CANADIAN AIR MAIL

The first successful air mail flight between Newfoundland and Canada occurred Saturday, July 27, when the plane Bluenose left Harbor Grace, Newfoundland airport at 2.40 P. M. for North Sydney, N. S., where it arrived shortly after 6 P. M. There was no publicity in connection with the flight, and it would seem as if postal officials had a considerable advantage over all others in the patronage of the flight.

FRANK F. WILLS.

DEATH OF PAUL P. MURRAY

We have just had word from Mr. Walter H. Rauert, St. Louis, of the death of Paul P. Murray of the Murray Stamp Company, St. Louis, on the evening of July 25, 1929.

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ODDS AND ENDS—

THE many friends of Chas. A. T send, the veteran dealer of Ak Ohio, will sympathize with him in death of his only daughter, Mrs. H Louise Burroughs, who died in a l hospital, July 23.

AT the annual meeting of the Mcl ley Stamp Club of Canton, O., following were selected to perform t respective duties for the coming y Pres., Edwin Baer; Vice Pres., Mrs. M. Young; Sec.-Treas., Wm. J. Sossc Directors: Miss Pearl Worley, A. Anthony, John K. Howe; Circuit M Ralph H. Bowen; Auct. Mgr., A. H. thony; Lib., Miss Pearl Worley. M ings have been discontinued during months of July and August.—W. J. SONG, Sec.

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WILL FALLEY OF MILL VALLEY

Mill Valley, Calif., recently suffered a severe fire catastrophe which destroyed 120 handsome residences. Will Falley, our honor club representative there, informs us that he lost his entire stamp collection. He gives us some information regarding the local situation.

"Dr. Ferd Fisher had his collection of envelopes at his office in San Francisco. Arthur Brand's collection of Mexico and British Colonies was not in the fire zone, neither was Donald Berbeck's. By a freak of fate the fire swept around Emil di Vecchio's home and spared his French Colonies. The beautiful residence of the late Maj. Wm. Hamilton was burned, but his heirs had only recently placed his large collection in the hands of a San Francisco dealer."

Mr. Falley lost an accumulation of 30 years. The members of the local Rotary Club started him anew at a recent luncheon when his place at the table was surrounded with all kinds, classes and conditions of stamps.

REPRINTS AND REMAINDERS

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Reprints in the philatelic sense are re-impressions taken from the original plates of stamps that have become obsolete. There are two distinct classes of reprints. The first and more important includes all such re-impressions made officially to the order of the postal authorities. The second comprises reprints made by private persons to whom the original plates have been lent or sold.

In 1864, some of the members of our Royal family, having developed a liking for stamp-collecting, a so-called reprint was made for them of the 1d black stamp of 1840. This, however, was not accurately described as a reprint, for it was not printed from the plates used for the 1840 stamp. The plate used for this "reprint" was not existing in 1840, having been made in 1845 from a different and improved die. The impressions were also made on paper with a different watermark from that of the real 1d black; and the watermark is inverted on all the "reprints." So that the "Royal Reprint," as it is usually described, is really a Government imitation. As there were very few printed, however, it is a rarity, and has been much sought after by specialists in the stamps of this country.

This is not the only occasion on which a stamp has been reprinted for a Royal collector. In 1893, two stamps of the 1856 issue of Finland were reprinted for presentation to the Grand Duke Alexis Michaelovitch. In 1903 when King Alfonso of Spain paid his first official visit to Portugal, during the reign of the late King Carlos, he expressed a desire for a set of Portuguese stamps, and a number of sets were struck off from such dies and plates as were available, these sets being now known as the "King of Spain Reprints."

In several cases the Government of a country has been desirous of issuing reprints after the original plates have been destroyed or otherwise disposed of. In order to do this they have imitated or counterfeited the design. For instance, in 1885, the Government of the Sandwich Islands procured from the American Bank Note Company a quantity of facsimiles of the Hawaiian 2 cents stamp of 1855. The proceeding appears to have been a profitable one, for four years later (in 1889), the 5c and 13c stamps of 1853 were imitated in a similar manner, and no doubt found a ready sale among collectors. The stamps of Shanghai were officially counterfeited in 1874 and these may easily be distinguished by a curious error on the part of the copyist. The central feature of the design is the Chinese dragon, a truly hideous creation. This unspeakable figure has, in the genuine stamp, but seven bristles to its beard, while the imitator has given it nine.

In nearly every case of a Government officially imitating its own stamps, something either omitted or added has been traced by collectors, and serves as a guide to the real status of every specimen that is encountered. Even the United States Government, imitating its first issue of 1847, failed to secure absolute identity in the so-called "reprints."

With genuine reprints, however, it is by no means so easy to distinguish the original specimen from the re-impression. When Newfoundland reprinted its stamps of 1880-87 the original plates were used and the impressions taken upon similar paper.

The perforation was of the identical measure, and the only difference was in the shades of the colours, which are thus compared by Mr. E. D. Bacon in his work on *Reprints of Postal Adhesive Stamps.*

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The stamps of the 1853 issue of New South Wales, showing a laureated head of Queen Victoria, were reprinted in 1885; and, but for the absence of gum on the re-impressions, they might readily be taken for the original stamps.

The majority of the reprints made by private persons are of less philatelic interest than Government reprints. In most cases of private reprints, the plates have been lent or sold outright to the purchasers, who have been enabled to make as many impressions from them as they pleased.

A romantic story is told of one Paul Kirchner. He was an invalid soldier of the Franco-German War who returned home after fighting valiantly against the enemy of Germany, only to find his business gone, his wife dead, and his house burned.

The Senate of the City of Lubeck assisted this veteran by permitting him to take one thousand impressions of each of the plates of the Lubeck stamps of the 1859 issue which were then on exhibition in the Museum of the Board of Trade. Instead of flooding the market with the stamps at a low price, he preferred, wisely, to issue a small number at a high price.

The old soldier gained enough money by the sale of these stamps to purchase a

A Statement From Herman Toaspern, F.H.S.L.

WELL WORTH READING BY INTELLIGENT STAMP COLLECTORS

It has not been my custom to advertise heavily in our trade papers, nor have I any intention of beginning an active campaign. But I feel it necessary to place before the stamp collecting public the facts regarding my firm.

I have been a professional stamp dealer since 1911, when I entered the employ of Mr. J. Murray Bartels, one of the most expert and reliable dealers anywhere. It was not drudgery, by a long shot, but the most pleasant kind of work possible. An aptitude for stamp work and an employer who was sympathetic kindled in me the desire to make stamps my life work.

In 1923, I entered business as an individual, conducting a regular business as well as auction sales of fine material. To distinguish these sales, which are composed of hand picked lots from the regular run of auctions, I called them "SPECIALIST SALES". I have formed numerous personal collections, the best known of which is "TOASTY'S MISCELLANY", a system of collecting unrelated stamps, according to one's likes and dislikes. My purpose was to collect **interesting** things, and more than any other single factor, this collection broke down many old traditions and fetiches.

I was the first dealer to recognize the beauty and historical value of Patriotic Covers, and I feel that my missionary work in this field is most evident. The same is true of Western Franks.

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cottage on the outskirts of his native city, where he lived comfortably until his death.

The plates of the "Express" stamps issued in Samoa in 1877 were sold to a firm of stamp dealers. The stamps became obsolete in 1882, and, three years later, the dealers who owned the plates had printed 240,000 of the stamps. Seven years later a further printing of 800,000 specimens were made. In 1897 the plates were all destroyed. The plates of the stamps used in Heligoland, while it was a British Colony, were sold in 1875 to a Herr Goldner of Hamburg, who issued a large quantity of private reprints.

All the issues of Mexican stamps up to 1872 have been reprinted. With regard to the first of these issues, that of 1856, Mr. Bacon quotes from authoritative information that they were reprinted "from time to time for the benefit of an individual who holds no official position, but who is highly connected in Government circles, and who has access to the Government Printing Office and to the Post Office Museum, in which the old dies, plates and brass stamps for surcharging and cancelling are stored."

The stamps of Romagna, issued on September 1, 1859, were superseded in 1862 by stamps of the Kingdom of Italy, and are of considerable rarity. Mr. E. L. Pemberton, in a note in his *Stamp Collectors' Handbook,* says that "the original dies of these stamps were preserved, but got badly knocked about; and from these inferior dies an *employe des postes* made many sheets in 1869, all the values on one sheet." These he termed "essays" or "proofs,"—and of course the man ought to know best what to call his own work —or else, as he added a border of seven lines to each die (to hide the indentations a little) I should have called them humbugs. They might have been better described as "frauds."

With regard to the desirableness of including reprints in stamp collections, the collector must decide for himself. It is considered by many that in the absence of the original stamps gaps in the collector's album are better filled with reprints which are nearest to the actual specimens then left vacant. Most collectors are in agreement with Mr. Bacon in saying that "in cases when a stamp is reprinted from the identical plate used for the original, I would far sooner include the reprint, as such, in my collection, rather than not be able to show any specimen of the stamp."

Reprints must not be confused with remainders. As the term signifies, remainders are the surplus stock left on the hands of the postal authorities after the stamps have become obsolete. Genuine remainders are those which have been printed along with those actually issued for postal duty, but which are no longer required, having been superseded by new series of stamps.

Some of the British Colonies and many Foreign States have at times had large quantities of remainders. These they either sell to the highest bidder or destroy. Needless to say, with the less wealthy Governments, the former is the favourite method. — *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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In the spirit of helpfulness and with a view of improvement in subsequent editions it is hoped that some of the following comments will prove useful.

1853-55. Only a few price changes are noted. No. 2302 unused is priced at $12, but is rarer than 2301, priced $12.50. 2303 I have never seen unused in fine condition, and doubt whether even one or two copies exist, it has advanced to $150, but should be priced higher. 2304 is also very rare unused and $50 would be nearer right. Of the 3c on buff, No. 2311, and especially 2312 are hard to find unused at catalog and worth more than $8 and $10 as priced. 2313 has advanced unused to $50, but would be very hard to find even at that figure.

1860. 1c wrapper without period No. 3003 unused, is very rare and should be increased from $60 in the next edition. In 30 years I have seen only two or three copies.

1861. No. 2334, 3c on blue, is not an envelope at all but a letter sheet, and a note to this effect is badly needed in the catalog. This item has been most confusing to collectors judging from inquiries received, especially if it is an entire copy, which comes in full "Letter Sheet" and "Note" size. The 24c comes in a very marked shade, which should be included as "dark green and lake". The prices for used copies of the 12, 20, 24 and 40c are entirely too low, especially the 20 and 40c.

1863-64. The values from 9c to 40c will stand an advance, especially when good margins are considered. Most of those found in collections are cut too small. The same envelopes used are all much underpriced and salable at good advances above catalog when fine. The 2c Die C on buff and orange should be increased unused, especially on orange. The wrapper of this die on buff No. 3005 must also advance as it is very hard to find at full catalog and is quite as rare as 3007 priced $5.

1870. The higher values of the Reay issue continue in good demand and few dealers can supply more than a scattering few. The old "Specimen" sets, which for many years furnished beautiful cut copies, have long been absorbed and are no longer showing up. No. 2371a and 2383a should be dropped as minor shades rather difficult to distinguish. The 1c wrapper 3009 has advanced and should be increased again from 60c unused, as it is getting quite scarce.

1874-82. Plimpton Issues. This important series has remained practically unchanged in prices, though many are hard to find. The 12c and 24c on all papers would stand a raise, the 30 and 90c we find advanced to $22.50 and $37.50, which is justified. 2453 has advanced to $25, and is worth it. Both 2452 and 2453 do not exist either entire or unused, nor do they come with large margins, as the entire supply was cut rather small. They were rescued after the corners of the entires had been clipped off in the chopping machine, having been condemned for destruction and never regularly issued. But three copies of 2553a exist, all cut square with fine margins. 2423a is priced for the first time. Here again only three copies are known, though

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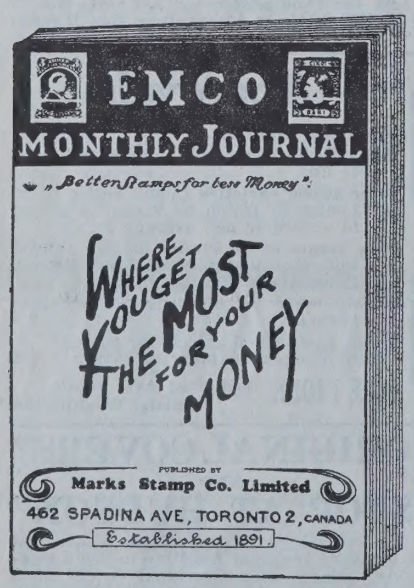

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1883-86. The varieties of the recuttings of June, 1884, Nos. 2505a to j, and 2509a to g, have given all of us trouble ever since they were listed. Not for many years after their issue did the cataloguers decide to include them, and it was then pretty late to start a serious hunt. Several turned up in smaller quantities, but No. 2505a, 2c red, "3½ links" on white is the only common one today. I have never seen it on fawn now risen to $85 with no copy in sight or ever sold at auction. The rare ones in this group are on about every want list and they have been going up steadily, but copies are not to be had, even at full new catalog quotations. The supply of all the 30 and 90c of this period in both colors seems to be holding out pretty well in spite of the low prices.

1887. 2c green Die A on blue and amber manila unused have each gone to $150, and I cannot recall ever seeing a copy of either, though they may exist. Used copies of both, and also Die A on manila, may yet occasionally turn up, but are very rare. 2c green Die A, the larger head showing a double ear, is far from common and worth near full catalog on all papers. It has been in the Scott Catalog only a few years. There is another 2c green die still unlisted here, which is quite easily told. It is similar to the common Die B, but the ear is entirely covered with hair and does not show at all. This is known to specialists as Die D, it comes on all six papers, but only a larger envelope size 7 (the smallest of the three "Official" sizes). The 1887 1c on buff and blue paper were discovered by the writer about 1898 in Washington. Some 5 to 7 copies of each exist and they are now priced for the first time at $150 and $250. It was then that I sold the pair to the late Ferrari for $300, but they were missing from the collection when I bought this part of it at auction in 1925.

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6. March 19th gave details as to issuance of State stamps for Kansas and Nebraska.
7. March 24th announced that Toledo and Cleveland would be added to C. A. M. 27 on April 1st.
8. Bulletin of April 11th announced that Kansas and Nebraska stamps would go on sale at Philatelic Agency on May 1st and gave denominations. It also stated that C. A. M. 28, St. Louis to Omaha air mail route, would start on May 1st.
9. Bulletin of April 17th announced addition of Springfield, Ohio, to C. A. M. 16.
10. April 28th that Baltimore would be added to C. A. M. 19 on May 5th.
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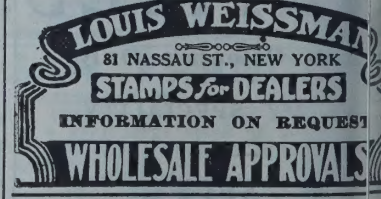

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Carrollton, Ohio — SULLIVAN IND. — RITZVILLE WASH. — DEER LODGE MONTANA — WASHINGTON, INDIANA — MILWAUKEE WIS

It is not the purpose of this article to deal with the precancelled envelopes now appearing in considerable quantities from many cities and towns. When they first began to appear, there was some misunderstanding as to their nature. Some, among them the writer, thought they were products of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, hence an annex to Bureau Prints. The discovery that they are overprinted by the envelope contractors instead seemed to dampen the fondness of some collectors for them.

The envelopes with which I propose to deal here are those overprinted in various typeset types, usually at small offices and in limited quantities. The catalog illustrates only one of these types, and naturally its verbal descriptions of them give one but little idea of their unusual appearance.

Carrollton leads all the cities of the country in its use of typeset types for precancelling of all kinds. Except for a very short period, when it used a small, dingy handstamp, all its precancelling has been done with typeset plates of various styles. The reason for this is, that the two predecessors of the present postmaster owned printing offices and did their own precancelling, and the present incumbent has them continue the practice. All of which makes Carrollton a very intriguing town, everything from there is highly interesting. To my knowledge this office has used five separate and distinct types for overprinting stamped envelopes. The first one portrayed above was used in the spring of 1924 on some size 8 white 1c envelopes, bearing the return of the County Auditor of Carroll County, of which Carrollton is the county seat, and the notation in the upper left hand corner, "BLANKS FOR TAX RETURN," in bold caps. The second one was used in the spring of 1925 on the same size envelopes revalued 1½, bearing the same notation and return card as above. The next year, 1926, a type was used similar to No. 2, but with the lines closer together, again on a revalued 1c size 8 white, and again by the same party. This office has never stocked the 1½c envelopes, so we need waste no time hunting for them.

An earlier Carrollton type is two lines of medium size, plain caps between bars about 1mm thick. This was used on a size 5 white 1c envelope bearing the return card of the Tuscan Tire and Rubber Company. The same company used the same envelope bearing another type, a good deal like No. 1 above, but with smaller letters, between very short bars. When I viewed the Wm. H. Field collection last summer, I noted a 2c circular die size 5 white envelope bearing one of these two latter types, I can't recall which, but I do know it was very striking.

The Bismarck type was used on one batch of size 8 white 1c envelopes, circular die, during the summer of 1924. A wildcat oil and gas company flooded Bismarck and environs with its literature, the envelope bearing in large caps and lower case the succinct inscription: "It will cost you nothing to read this—It may cost you a lot if you don't—Box 662—Bismarck, North Dakota". Had the words "nothing" and "a lot" been transposed, the facts of the matter would have been more apparent. One of these envelopes is now worth considerably more than any amount of the stock which was advertised. I believe not more than five or six copies were saved.

The Sullivan type appears on a size 5 white 1c circular die, bearing the return card of the Sullivan Advertising Club. Further deponent sayeth not, but I regard it as a very scarce if not rare item. About a year ago two copies were found by a paper mill sorter, and I was lucky enough to get one of them.

The raison d'etre of the Ritzville envelopes is revealed by the printed inscription on the face of each one. In the upper left hand corner we find the insignia of the Washington Bankers' Association, below it, "W. H. Martin, Secretary, Ritzville, Wash." At the bottom, in one line, "CIRCULAR NUMBER SEVEN, READ AND PRESERVE". All this on the 1c oval type, size 8 white envelope. Blue ink was used both for precancelling and printing. I should have said before this that in almost every case where envelopes have been thus precancelled, both the precancellation and all other printing on the envelope has been done at the same time.

The Deer Lodge envelope has an interesting history. The headquarters of the Montana Motor Vehicle Registration Department are at Deer Lodge, no doubt because Montana's license plates are made at the penitentiary located there. Just before Christmas 1926, the Department prepared to mail out some 90,000 notices to motor vehicle owners. This was quite a load for the small Deer Lodge office force to handle, in addition to the Christmas rush. A post office inspector, happening along at the time, advised the precancellation of the remaining unmailed envelopes. Thus about 20,000 of the 1½c size 5 white window envelopes were treated as shown above. This envelope is very scarce, who can report having one? If we collectors ever stopped to

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1930 ADVANCE SHEETS---U. S. SECTION

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

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Among the 20th century issues, the 1901 1c invert moves to $250 and the 2c is priced at $1,750, although the last Scott's Bulletin raises this to $2,000 at which figure several stamps have changed hands. The 4c invert is priced at $350—way too low, when it is considered that but one hundred exists and that most of these are in thinned condition. I would gladly pay $500 for fine copies and would consider them cheap at the price. The "Specimen" is now priced at $125. Most of the 1902 series take slight increases, including the rare coils. A 5c imperf. is now priced at $10. Practically all of the St. Louis and Jamestown are slightly increased, with a change in the 1908 series from the 50c upward, including all of the imperfs. Practically all of the coils of this series are higher, the rare 10c now being listed at $50. Of the blue papers, the prices certainly do not reflect today's market, as the 4c and 8c are selling at $450 although priced at but $400. All of the others are very reasonable at the prevailing quotations, which are the same as last year with the exception of the 1c and 2c. The coils of 1910 all move forward, as do most of the regular issue of the same year. The rare 2c coil No. 388 is now listed at $15.

There is a change here and there in the Panama-Pacific series, the 10c Perf. 10 now being priced at $7.50 unused and 65c used.

In the 1912 series, the 50c single line watermark, as well as the dollar double line, list at $10, and one will find it extremely difficult to pick up the latter stamp at this price. In the Perf. 10 series, I am surprised to see that the 50c still lists at $7. A copy of this stamp at $15 would be difficult to find and it is a variety that no dealer has in stock and when he finally locates one, can usually sell it at whatever he considers fair. The $1 of the same series has moved to $8 whereas this stamp also is worth much more and is difficult to find at any price. All of the coils move forward, the 3c No. 445 now being priced at $4 and the rare imperf. rotary coil No. 459 at $30, reflecting the increased auction price which the stamp has been bringing. The 2c, No. 449, Type II is still quite cheap at the increased price of $15 and if any of these are lying loose in strips at much higher proportions of catalog, I would like to be able to locate them. All of the unwatermarked series Perf. 10 in used condition are advanced, while but three changes are made in the unused stamps, namely the 3c going to $7.50, the error to $17.50 and the $1 to $10. The $1, by the way, is an exceedingly cheap stamp at an advance over the catalog quotation, $15 would be nearer correct. The 5c error imperf. goes to $1,200, but one will have difficulty in finding a copy at a good advance over this figure. While upward of 150 copies are in existence, it seems that a good number are still closely held, and with the few available, they are difficult to locate.

Practically all of the 1917 series advance, reflecting the fact that they are no longer available at the Agency and no large stocks seem to be anywhere. The 5c error Perf. 11 goes to $11.

In the 1918 issue, the $2 orange and black is now listed at $8.50 unused and $4 used. Changes from this point on are of minor importance, although we find reflected the fact that the 1922 series from 1c to 10c are no longer available at the post office, either printed from the flat plate or printed from the rotary perforated 10, the latter series jumping up considerably.

Quite a few of the later commemoratives are increased, the Norse-American 2c being listed at 15c and 8c and the 5c at 40c and 30c.

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I have just purchased a large general collection of the above formed in Rhode Island during the past 20 years.
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The air mail stamps are separated fr the general issues for the first time, 24c invert being priced at $2,000. 8c green air mail has been reduced price to 16c unused and 10c used; c no doubt, to the fact that the Philat Agency recently obtained a good sup

Among the Departments, there are o eight or ten changes, all of minor imp tance, with the exception of the do States, which have advanced. The is now priced at $45, the $5 at $350, $10 at $175, and the $20 at $150. Am the soft paper varieties, only the 24c terior increases, going to $60. It is s prising that the 1c Agriculture of wh but fifty copies are known still rema at $50, and the 30c and 90c Treasu always difficult to obtain, are still pri at $15 and $25. Personally, I feel 90c Treasury is almost as scarce as 24c Interior. Fine copies are even ra

Among the Carriers, few changes h been made: the 1c Franklin going to $ in unused condition and the Charles 2c on pink now being priced at $7 the former price, no doubt, being error.

Among the Newspapers and Dues, changes are few. The First Issue Ne paper 25c has been increased to $7 while all of the special prints of Postage Dues are materially increas These always have been difficult to tain and even the new prices are fai reasonable. The rare little perf. 10 in mint condition is now priced at $ nearer its actual value.

I have not checked the early envelo but there are practically no changes the later issues. The 1c green on glazed paper which were formerly in Philadelphia post office in quantities now priced at $4. Very few of th were put aside. The 2c on 3c No. 27 always a scarce variety, is listed at $ There are quite a few changes upw among the Shanghai issues.

The revenues, especially the rarer or have been advanced. The 1c Play Card imperf. is now listed at $50 and 1c Proprietary in similar condition priced at $100. This stamp is listed the first time, as a pair was recen found in a New England collection t was broken. The 6c Proprietary, di cult to obtain in any condition, moves $150. The 30c Foreign Exchange now listed at $7 imperforate and $10 p forate. The imperf. $1.30 advances $175 and the $1.60 to $45. The $1 moves to $200, the $2 Probate of W to $125, $2.50 Inland Exchange to $2 and the $3.50 to $125. Most of the sa stamps in perforate condition are a increased. The $15 and $25 values i perf. have all advanced and the $25 Mo gage part-perf. is now listed at $50 the $200 goes to $125 imperf. and perf.

In the Second Issue, several li changes are made in the values rang from 30c to $1.30. The scarce 25c Se ing Machine perforation is listed at still low for a stamp that is seld found. There are no changes noted in Third Issue. Of the Inverted Cente only two changes are made, the 1c S ond Issue going to $85 and the $1 b and black uncut to $500. I have ne seen but one uncut copy, but have b told that three or four exist. All the inverted centers are too low, from my way of thinking are more of line with actual values than anyth else in the catalog among the Uni States issues. All of them have sold w over catalog and several such as

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he high value Wine stamps have been fully reduced, the $20 now being d at $10, the $40 and $50 at $40 the $100 at $55, making the total set ogue $145.

e high value Stock Transfers re the same although they have been ult to pick up and have been bringmuch more at auction. The high Future Delivery have again been ced, the scarcest being the $500 g at $22.50 and the commonest, the now priced at $4.50. Cut copies are less.

e Playing Card stamps are all listed, unfortunately, are not priced. The otic varieties have all been omitted.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

In April last the Haitian postal authorities secured from the Pan-American Airways, Inc., some photographs of their planes on the Santiago de Cuba to San Juan leg of FAM No. 6, and these were forwarded to the American Bank Note Co. of New York, for use in working up a design for air mail stamps. This sketch was forwarded to Port au Prince in June, was approved, and early in July orders were placed for 100,000—50c de gourde, and 50,000—1 gourde air mail stamps.

The stamps will be in the same design, a monoplane over a Haitian landing field, with mountains in the background, and the size will be approximately that of the 35c de gourde, green, Cafe, issued on February 6, 1928, on the occasion of Col. C. A. Lindbergh's arrival at Port au Prince, from Santo Domingo City. The colors have been left to the good judgment of the printers, although mauve and blue, respectively, will probably be used.

The 50c de g stamp is for use on inland air letters, i.e., from Port au Prince to Gonaives, Port de Paix, Cap Haitien, and Jeremie, and vice versa; while the G.1 will be used on letters to countries of the Pan-American Postal Union. For other foreign destinations, the air letter rate is G.1.15.

According to the terms of a contract between the Government of Haiti and the Pan-American Airways, Inc., signed at Port au Prince, on February 22, 1929, and sanctioned by the President of Haiti, Louis Borno, on March 16, 1929, the Pan-American Airways, Inc., is authorised to establish a tri-weekly air passenger and mail service between Haiti and the neighboring countries, this service to connect with the one which the Company maintains to the U. S.

Under the terms of this contract, which although for 20 years is not an exclusive one, the Pan-American Airways, Inc., will carry the Haitian air mails addressed to Porto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, the United States, and other countries, but Haiti reserves the right to enter into contracts with other companies offering lower rates or a more direct service than that of the Pan-American Airways, Inc.

Commencing Jan. 9, 1929, and continuing until direct service was established on Jan. 21, both Miami and San Juan dispatched air mails thrice weekly over FAM No. 6 to Port au Prince, Haiti, via Santo Domingo City. The Haitian Post Office, however, regularly dispatched air mails direct from the very start of the service, i.e., west on Jan. 9th, and east on Jan. 10th. The U. S. Marine Post Office at Port au Prince did not receive permission to dispatch air mails over FAM 6 until March, and then only to Miami and San Juan (not to Cuba or the Dominican Republic). The service was inaugurated on March 13th to Miami, and March 14th to San Juan, at the same rate in effect from Miami and San Juan, i.e., 12c per half ounce.

When service over FAM No. 6 was inaugurated on Jan. 9th the Haitian air letter rate was 60c de g (12c U. S.), but as the postal authorities were losing money paying the Pan-American Airways, Inc., $5 a pound (reckoned on the weight of the mail and the bag combined), it was raised to G.1 (20c U. S.) on February 20, 1929. The new rate, however, secures air treatment throughout the United States, for which Haiti pays the U. S. P. O. Dept. $2.50 a pound, additional to the $5 paid the Pan-American Airways, Inc.

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THE announcement by Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., that the postal officers at Washington are weighing the question of the desirability of installing a branch philatelic agency at Minneapolis during the convention of the American Philatelic Society at that city inspires the hope that the scales will tip in our favor. That we would welcome this gracious recognition by the authorities is a truth so self-evident that it is not to be discussed. With Mrs. Shaughnessy in charge the branch agency would be one of the most popular attractions at the convention, and we believe it is the wish of the authorities to show their willingness to coöperate with collectors on this occasion as they have twice in the past. Mr. Ward, as always, will give early notice of the developments in this particular.

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MR. K. A. WALLQUIST, Chicago, has given us news of impending changes in the stamps of Sweden. He reports that because of the great similarity between the 15 ore and 115 ore and the 25 and 85 ore in artificial light, complaints have been made to the post office department of mistakes in handling these stamps. The post office department has now decided to change values, types and colors, and the new stamps will be prepared as promptly as possible. The 3 ore will bear the coat-of-arms of Sweden; the 5 and 10, the lion; and Gustavus, the Fifth, will be shown in profile on the 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 ore, respectively; and the emblematic posthorn will appear on the 60, 85, 90, 100, 115, 120 and 145 ore. New plates will be made of the 35 and 45 ore, which are now of the posthorn type, and also for the 85, 115, 145 ore, respectively, which have the profile of Gustavus V. A new 5k will be issued in violet ink on yellow paper.

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THE convention of the American Philatelic Society and the National Philatelic Exhibition of 1929, Inc., draw near and if well-directed effort is to have its reward the success of the great undertakings is assured. The work that has been done to make the convention one of unusual character deserves recognition, and the labor spent in carrying out the plans for the exhibition must have its effect. We understand that the preliminary measures have proceeded to the stage that allows of the prediction that all is in readiness for the great events. What is necessary now must be supplied by the outside collectors, themselves, and that is a record attendance.

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OCCASIONALLY, we publish a list of the Stamp Agencies in foreign countries that we compile from sources that we think are reliable, but as the bond circulars say, we cannot guarantee the authenticity of the information. There is a constant demand for the addresses of the various bureaus that presumably are maintained for the accommodation of collectors, and so we print the roster from time to time. As a consequence of this publicity there is usually a backwash of complaint in due course of time from collectors who report unsatisfactory experiences in isolated instances. We have said often enough that the collector here should write to the agencies for particulars as to the selling methods before sending prepaid orders. It is probable that confusion results from a misunderstanding of business customs. Pursuing this subject, we have received a letter from Captain A. C. Townsend: "You recently published a statement of countries that had established philatelic agencies, with their addresses. I wrote to the London one, so that I could order some British Colonies and help their suffering exchequer; and this is the reply I got." The following notice is from the Crown Agents for the Colonies: "Your letter addressed to the Controller, Colonial Department, General Post Office has been transmitted to us. In reply I have to inform you that no arrangements exist for the sale of British Colonial stamps from London to collectors residing abroad."

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SPEAKING of Captain Townsend, we nominate him for something or other, preferably as holding the record for finding the needle in the hay-stack. The other day, he got a revenue with a stamped cancellation in his own name, and not only that, but with the day, month and year of his birth, "Townsend, Jan. 7, 187—." We trust that our readers appreciate our delicacy in not giving the exact year. Who is next?

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TO commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the establishing of the permanent air mail service in the United States, the National Air Mail Society will hold a banquet at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, with Captain B. B. Lipsner, the first air mail superintendent, as the guest of honor. Mr. Rotroff and Mr. Edwards, aviation editors of the Chicago *Daily News* and the Chicago *Tribune*, respectively, are invited guests.

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AFTER a rather long wait as sometimes characterizes the appearance of a headliner, Dr. Carroll Chase's great work, "The 3c Stamp of the United States, 1851-57 Issue", makes its entry, and if ever the last word has been written about any stamp, Dr. Chase has that distinction. For intelligent and exhaustive treatment of a single stamp as we may consider the imperforate and the perforated first 3c to be, the book is a striking example. The years of study that the author has devoted to this 3c stamp have their complement in this elaborate volume of 370 pages, fully illustrated. The stamp is considered in all its phases and even suggestions and the historical value is enhanced by the numerous newspaper and other items on the subject of the issue. To review the volume fairly would require reams of paper, and we can only say that Dr. Chase's *magnum opus* will be consulted down the philatelic ages with the fullest degree of satisfaction by those who are friends of the first three-center, and their name is legion.

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THE annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 12, 13 and 14, 1929, bids fair to be a rousing occasion. The hosts, the Cleveland Stamp Club, have left nothing undone that will contribute to the success of the meeting, which is certain to attract a large attendance. The official program gives a foretaste of pleasures to come and contains a most interesting article by William Lycett, the secretary of the S. P. A., on the subject of "Stamp Collecting Twenty Years Ago", but as Mr. Lycett says, he would have felt more at home, if he could have told of his fifty years of activity. Miss Helen Hussey, one of the most enthusiastic of supporters of the society, tells of some of the "Experiences" in her crowded philatelic life.

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THE newspapers printed interesting stories of the first day demand for the new Vatican stamps and graphically described the crowds that descended on the post office intent upon securing the new stamps. Tales of huge purchases were told and all in all, the day is worthy of the best traditions of the "veritable crushes" attending famous first days. The new stamps will be in hand by the time this notice appears as they were issued on the appointed day, August 1, 1929. Of the popularity of the s there is no doubt and as they may be a to usher in a new era, the historical gestions of the stamps alone will the issue of decided interest. Nev pers the world over gave space t coming of the stamps and we hav doubt but that they are doing muc make the public "stamp conscious."

PAUL P. MURRAY PASSES

Last week, the brief announcement made that Paul P. Murray of the ray Stamp Company of St. Louis died unexpectedly, even though Mr. ray's friends knew that his physical dition was not unimpaired. On occa in the past, it was apparent that he not in a bodily state that allowed the utmost freedom, but despite his icap, caused by an abnormal blood c tion, he did not withdraw from various activities. We feel the loss tha lecting has sustained by the death o young man of many graces of minc body, whose liking for stamps as a lector and later as a dealer was a and sustained. He knew the quiet deep, joys of collecting, and stamp fluenced his life to the end. T father and mother, we offer hea sympathy.

It is proper that we give here the ute that Mr. Walter H. Rauert, our nalistic friend of St. Louis pays Mr. ray, whom he knew so well. Mr. R writes: "Paul P. Murray was bo Illinois and was the only son of Mr Mrs. Phillip Murray, with whom he his home. The family had moved t Louis while Paul Murray was a boy in order that he might have educational facilities; and he was g ated from the Soldan High Scho 1920. Having already become prom in St. Louis' philatelic circles, he chosen by Mr. Fennell to manage Fennell Stamp Company, a position he held until 1926, when he engag business for himself under the nam the Murray Stamp Company. Alth he conducted a general stamp busine was an expert on U. S. issues an services were in demand in this field was quiet and unassuming, and his gaging personality quickly made fri Conservative in his business met honest and upright, he won success sl but surely, although retarded by his a tion. He was attached to his mothe sister to a degree that was infatua almost; and besides his parents and s Flora R. Harper, all of this city, a of friends will feel his loss and regre untimely end of this splendid young He was a member of the A. P. S. the A. S. D. A., and was especially a in the St. Louis Stamp Collectors ciety."

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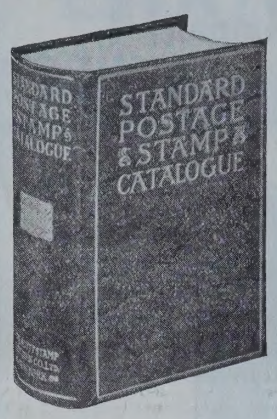

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Official Flights

Wonder if any of the rest of you ever get that sort of breathless feeling? Been away for a few days—got back today and found my desk simply overflowing with letters, news, and covers. If you don't get prompt answers to your letters to me, I'm extremely sorry, but things surely are piling up these days.

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First night service on Route 9 finally came off Aug. 1st. St. Paul and Minneapolis used an octagonal cachet similar to that for the extensions of service on this route. Milwaukee covers were signed by P. M. Paisecki. Chicago covers had a smaller octagonal cachet. All cachets were by the contractors.***Several probable new flights soon. Maj. E. A. Norton, Sec. Tucson Stamp Club, 2304 Speedway, Tucson, Ariz., says he'll be glad to hold covers till Tucson gets its expected new service. Don't send to post office, as they simply return.***Pasco-Spokane-Seattle-Portland extension contract to be let Aug. 15, and service expected to start soon thereafter. Multnomah Stamp Co., 9 E. Russell St., Portland, offers to care for covers from Portland.***Trial non-stop pickup at Youngstown seems to be still somewhat in the future. Covers may be sent to the Supt. of Mails, Youngstown, as well as to address formerly given.

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First FAM 9 mail left Santiago, Chile, July 21. Bears black cachet. Covers from Arica, no cachet, and dated 22nd. Haven't seen other cities yet. 10,000 pieces from Chile, as well as 22,000 from other points en route, reached Miami the 29th.***30,387 letters, 31,499 cards, or about half the number carried on the first trip, comprised the Zeppelin's mail cargo this time.***Lots of round-the-world mail didn't get sent, not only because of the short official notice, but because many people overlooked the regular postage charge in addition to the special Zeppelin rates.

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John Rausch shows me a Mexican cover, which has on it various Carranza stamps which show several definite hair lines in certain parts of the design.*** Got something out of that list of Mexican cities, at any rate. Route No. 5, Mexico-Tijuana, opened July 29, with appropriate cachets from Morelia, Tepic, and Mazatlan showing up thus far.

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On July 31, the Pickwick Airways opened their route from Los Angeles to Mexico City, carrying northbound mail from Mexico City. Their contract requires them to carry mail to Mexico, from south of the border, but they actually have been carrying mail for U. S. points directly into Los Angeles, along with the passengers for that point. A special cachet was used for the first flight from Mexico City. It is expected that arrangements soon will be made for mail from Los Angeles south, and probably on short notice. F. R. Gellenbeck, 241 S. Maraposa, Los Angeles, who supplies the above details, kindly offers to receive and hold covers for whatever may turn up. Covers may be addressed care the Postmaster in Mexico City, who will return them to you if you send international reply coupons to cover the postage cost.

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Just a tip—reported that the S. S. Ile de France is about to resume Ship-to-Shore service. *Postal Bulletin* should carry word on it—keep in touch with your post office.***On the outgoing Bremen trip, only mail for European points was accepted for the ship-to-shore service.

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First night flying on CAM 28 soon. Cachet for the 3 cities affected by the contractors, Universal Air Lines. Covers may go to J. W. Stoutzenberg, Maplewood, Mo., who has again offered his services for the general interest.

Unofficial Flights, Airport Dedications, Etc.

In connection with the last paragraph above, Mr. Stoutzenberg asks me to express his regret that the St. Louis C. of C. decided not to sponsor a cachet in celebration of the endurance flight. All those who sent him covers for this may have them back if they'll forward return postage and envelope; or they may be held for the 1st night flight, if you so notify Mr. Stoutzenberg.

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On July 10 the Alaska-Washington Airways of Seattle inaugurated their express and passenger service to Alaska. They carried 125 covers, prepaid as any other package, at $1.00 per. A large oval cachet was applied in magenta. Covers are, of course, unstamped, *but*, I have seen them properly backstamped on the 10th both by the post office at Albert Bay, B. C., and that at Juneau, Alaska! A bit unusual, at least.

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Trial flights between Pittsburgh and Washington were carried on for about a week a short time ago. An unofficial cachet was applied to covers carried over the first trip.***Sioux Falls, S. D., returns covers and says no cachet for the Air fair Sept. 16-21.***Waupaca, Wis.—nothing doing, also.***Saginaw, Mich., dedicates soon—covers to Jr. C. of C.*** Western Air Express Terminal at Alhambra postpones dedication till September, so you can still get in covers—to E. J. Fluke, 117 W. 9th St., Los Angeles.*** Grinnell, Iowa, Oct. 18, 19, 20—covers to C. of C. or C. S. George.***Ellensburg,

Continued on next page, Col. 4.

AIRMAIL RARITIES
Alaquites 1929, 15/25pi plane inverted
Syria 1929, 25pi plane inverted
Lebanon 1929, 0.50/0.75 plane inverted
France 90/50 Ile de France on cover
Paraguay 1st set 5, instead of 5:
Panama 1929, 10c Inverted surch.
1929, 10c Double surch.
25/20 Double surch.
Philippines Madrid, Manilla complete
16c Samson
26c perf. 10
Lithuania 427a
430a
617, unwatermarked
442c, centre inverted
Spain 401a, Imperf. strip of 3 on cover
401b Double surch.
403a Inverted
403b Double
757 (a?) 1p Inverted surch.
758 (a?) 75/5 Inverted surch.
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Cote d'Ivoire.—Ivory Coast.

Cpenja.—Shown on the stamps of Servia.

Crescent (and Star).—A feature of the design of many Turkish stamps.

Dansk. Vest Indsk.—Danish West Indies.

Deutsche Reichs Post.—An inscription meaning "German Imperial Post," shown upon all the stamps of the German Empire issued from 1872 to 1889.

Deutsches Reich.—The Teutonic rendering of "German Empire" as shown upon all the current stamps of Germany.

Deutsch Neu Guinea.—German New Guinea.

Appreciate Your Stamps

By Max Schachter.

My first contact with stamps came when a friend offered me some of his duplicates so that I might become a companion collector. After a while the boy moved from my neighborhood, and I lost my album with all my stamps, but a few valuable ones which were not in the album, and for a time, my interest in stamps ceased. A few years later, an interesting commemorative reminded me that there was such a hobby as stamp collecting. This, coupled with an illness which made my days long and lonely, caused me to once again take up stamps. The pangs of loneliness were forgotten in the interest and entertainment afforded me by my few remaining stamps. They became the nucleus of my collection of today. Thank goodness my illness is a thing of the past, but it has left me with a desire to remain a life collector.

Junior Dictionary

Rajnandgaon.—A feudatory state in the central provinces of India, which has an area of 905 square miles and a population of about 130,000. It issued its own postage stamps in 1890, but they continued in use but a few years, for in July, 1895, the State postal service was taken over by the Imperial authorities.

Rajpeepla.—A small district on the Deosatra Hills in Baroda, India, which issued stamps of its own in 1880. They became obsolete in 1886, when the Imperial authorities took over the postal service.

Raj Service.—An overprint found on certain Indian stamps. They were used by the Public Works Department of Jeypore and the overprint seems to have been more in the nature of a preventive of theft than as a mark to distinguish the stamps as a special issue for the State. The labels are, therefore, more of a private than an official nature.

Raleigh, N. C.—A small town in North Carolina, philatelically famous from the fact that special 5c envelopes were issued by the Postmaster in 1861, just before the general stamps for the Confederate States made their appearance

QUEBEC TERCENTENARY ISSUE

By A. C. LeDuc.

Of all the attractive issues of Canada, the Quebec Tercentenary issue stimulates the greatest interest in Canadian history. This issue came out in 1908, the year of the big tercentenary celebration. This affair commemorated the founding of the city of Quebec by Champlain, and was of international interest, the United States, Great Britain and France having representatives there.

The pictures used are interesting and the shape and color of each stamp is attractive. Four of the values, namely the ½c, 1c, 2c and 7c, are double portraits. The ½c shows the Prince and Princess of Wales of the year 1908, the present King and Queen of Great Britain. The 1c shows Jacques Cartier and Samuel Champlain. The reason for Cartier's portrait is plain enough. In 1534 he took possession of the country in the name of the French king, and in 1535-36 he went up the St. Lawrence River as far as Montreal, spending the winter in Quebec. In 1608, Champlain founded the colony of Quebec.

The 2c stamp shows the portraits of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, while the 7c shows Generals Montcalm and Wolfe. We have all read with interest how Wolfe, the daring British general, defeated Montcalm in 1759 and took Quebec for the English.

The 5c shows a picture of Champlain's house in Quebec. The 10c pictures Quebec as it was in 1700. The 15c shows Champlain leaving for the west, while the 20c pictures Cartier's vessels arriving before Quebec. In the entire set there are eight stamps. They are all the same size and shape, being quite large. Each one is a different picture and each one is interesting.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited either prose o verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

It Ain't So

These current stamps of the regular issue are misleading. According to them Franklin was "green", Washington was "red", Roosevelt always "blue", and Monroe "yellow." However, they are all "white" underneath.

—Chester W. Hodgson.

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I find that nonsense at times is singularly refreshing.

—Talleyrand.

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FRENZIED PHILATELY

There once was a windy vaudevillian
Whose stamps numbered seventeen million,—
Or he said that they did,
But I think the old kid
Made an error of squooty-ump quillion.
—Chester W. Hodgson.

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Philatelic Philosophy

Thou hast a poor collection? It is the best thou couldst do? Then it is the best in the universe, for few there be that have one.

If thou hast not communion with thy stamps in thy chamber; if thou must gloat at the club to be happy, be sure thy prayers are all leaden and will faw down.

As a father knoweth not the faults of his son, so the worthy collector seeth no straight edges.

—Hill Billy.

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I've heard a lot about the flight of the bumble-bee. Were any covers carried?

—Chester W. Hodgson.

(Yep, but the senders got stung, Ches. —Ed.)

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An Ohio prize fight fan hustled into the P. O. to get some of the Sullivan commemoratives, but hustled out empty handed when he learned they were not issued in honor of the one and only John L.

—Everett Klaas.

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When you were behind with your exchangers, and were snowed under with a pile of dealers' approval sheets and books a couple of feet high, and still had approximately a half ton of mission mixture to wade through, did your mother-in-law (who hates stamp collecting like poison) ever walk in on you for a three months' visit?

—Rev. Hiram N. Van Voorhis.

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While I'm at it let me ask why it is that Monaco doesn't roulette some of its stamps for use in Monte Carlo?

—Chester W. Hodgson.

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Some like blondes,
Golden-haired vamps;
But I prefer unbleached
Perforated stamps.

Blondes talk, brother,
Blondes flirt a lot,
Blondes want alimony—
Stamps do NOT.

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The Post Office ought to boost its wares far more than it does. When are we going to have a Stamp Week? Would not the public be stirred by such a slogan as "Stick More Stamps?" There is nothing wrong with the goods; all they want is pushing. Here is a *Punch* suggestion:—

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A present, is it not?
So at the Post Office inspect
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AIR MAIL NEWS

(*Continued from page 507*)

Wash., rodeo cachet Sept. 5, 6, 7. C to Bill Wilkins, 310 W. 9th St., E burg.***Kansas City, Kans., Sept. 21 International Air Circus, Exposition Pilots' Reunion. Covers may go of C., or to Allen P. Harding, 64 58th St. Terrace, Kansas City, *Mis* ***Denver, Colo., soon—cachet by C.***Second Annual Mid-Eastern gatta, Marietta, Ohio, Aug. 23 an Covers, unsealed, to C. of C. or H E. Pettit, 513 College St.

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Don't forget the National Air at Cleveland, Aug. 24 to Sept. 2. O P. O. stations at Public Auditorium Airport, and special cachets by the officials. Covers to Clifford Hende Mgr., Hotel Cleveland.***Dallas, dedication about Sept. 15.***State F Dallas, Oct. 12-26—cachet each day days—whew!).***You don't have to in for all these affairs just becau write them up. I give you the info tion, and you can use as much of you think best.***Olympia, Wash., —to C. of C.***Muskegon, Mich., pones till 1930.***Duluth, Minn., s time this fall.***Portland, Ore.-Cleve Air Derby, Aug. 23rd, cachet by C. ***Tillamook, Ore., dedication soo Legion.

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I think somebody's kidding me. G Kessler sends me a cover bearing a c of "The Republic of Kestina, Inaug tion Aero Division, July 31, 1929", m at Pasadena. Nothing but a bright card inside. Looks serious!***Da Ohio, dedicated July 31 and Aug. 1, ebrating also Air Mail Day Aug. their anniversary. Black or purple dates.***About 9.30 P. M., Aug. 1st Goodyear dirigible dropped low ove Akron post office roof and picke several bags of air mail, which it ca out to the airport. In the lot were bearing the C. of C. cachet celebr their 1st air mail anniversary. Lo commercial mail by the same flight without the cachet.

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Aug. 3rd several small towns in G ga Co., Ohio, joined in an air mail Mail was assembled at Parkman F picked up by a mail plane of the N. A and carried in to Cleveland Air where it received the air mail field mark. Covers from all points bear same 4-line cachet in red.***Kansas Kans., dedicated on short notice Au and 4. Same cachet as for the Fai dinner, plus the dedication wor Printed in black the 3rd, green the ***Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 3—no de tory cachet prepared, but covers stamped "Greater Burlington Ass tion," and many are signed by va members thereof.***Elton M. Ma sends a couple more of his original h made cachets—this time for the M Boat Regatta and Seaplane Race at N port, R. I., Aug. 2 and 3.***CAM 11 plied their usual type 4-line red ca Aug. 3, commemorating Lindbergh's to Pittsburgh.

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Hornell, N. Y., held its second de tion on record, this time for Hornell ways' new port, on Aug. 3rd. Oval chet violet or magenta.***Owosso, M also Aug. 3rd—large circular ca "James Oliver Curwood's Life Home".***Columbus, Ohio, 1st Anni sary cachet Aug. 1 in green, by *L Weekly*.***I seem not to have reco previously the Hollister, Calif., de tion, which took May 11 and 12, blue black respectively.***I want to k whether the Rochester, Minn., Diam

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was also a dedication. Can some- l me?***Also have had reports of rville, Ga., May 25; Willows, Calif., , 2; Pacific Grove, Calif., June 8; proof, La., May 10. Can anyone me these covers and give details? s of figures on past events, but ave them for a less full week.

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rd breaking coöperator list this —Chas. W. Barnes, Fenton Mc- Multnomah Stamp Co., Paul V. z, John McKay, Herbert Levinson, R. English, H. H. Griffin, *E. G. on, *J. P. Penning, **Elton M. l, *Robert M. Hayes, A. C. Roes- P. D. Booth, *S. Whitman, *L. R. eck, S. J. Mansfield, Geo. S. Kei- hn G. Kuespert, Boleslaus Jarzem- J. W. Stoutzenberg, John J. Rior- hn R. Kelly, Albert J. Keefe, Jr., M. Schafer, *George M. Bramann, P. R. Hudson, *Robert Richard- George W. Kessler, *Claude W. , *W. B. Landes, A. V. Dworak, ilkins, John Rausch, Bert Lindsay, rahl, Major E. A. Norton, **S. Harry E. Pettit, Clifford Jackson, bert Young, Maurice S. Petty, G. Thienel, Albert G. Gurney, A. Meyer, Wm. Dunn, Paul R. itz, George Nowobilski, C. S. , Maurice Koblitz, *Allen P. g.

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United States

Express Mail

In the *American Philatelist* for August, Mr. F. S. Eaton has a most interesting article devoted to the letters carried by the early Express Mail. He mentions that the earliest American Express Mail of which philatelic items exist, is that of 1837.

This method of carrying mail was established by Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1836, and section 39 of this Act reads as follows:

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Mr. Eaton states that a considerable saving in time was effected by sending letters by the express mail, and goes on to tell us of numerous routes then in existence. Those covers that he has seen all bear the "Express Mail" marking, in manuscript, together with the triple rate of 75c.

I have recently come into possession of a further cover, carried by Express, showing a printed marking, in addition to the manuscript. The letter in question was mailed from Milledgeville, Ga., on June 12, and bears a circular round postmark in red of that date. The letter shows us that the year is 1838. The communication which is addressed to Washington City, shows in addition to the stamped Milledgeville postmark, the word "EXPRESS" and "PAID" in red, and evidently these postmarks were applied at the same time, being in the same shade of red. In addition, there is a two-line marking in manuscript reading—"E. D. of Geo.—Express Mail." The first line evidently refers to the eastern district of Georgia. The price paid for carrying the letter, namely, 75c, is indicated in manuscript in red ink.

In recent months, I have had the opportunity of inspecting quite a good number of prestamp covers and it seems that almost every one carries a story of its own. Other unusual pieces will be mentioned in this column at a future date.

Boston Wants Stamp

Mr. Samuel Rosenberg sends us a clipping from a Boston paper in which we learn that Congressman John W. McCormack has requested a special postage stamp commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of Boston. In addition, he wants a special postmark, so that all mail going out of Massachusetts will bear a cancellation advertising the tercentenary celebration of that city. We are told that Congressman McCormack has beseeched the Postmaster General since last March to issue such a stamp, but he has not as yet met with any success. The fact that a special stamp has been issued in honor of the Edison Jubilee, as well as other special stamps of possibly less importance, has only served to increase the indignation of Mr. McCormack. It is stated that he will make further efforts to have such a stamp appear and if not successful through appealing to the Post Office Department, will introduce a bill in Congress. Numerous other bills have been introduced in Congress from time to time and they usually die a natural death in the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, unless the Postmaster General feels inclined to recommend issue.

When we were endeavoring to have the "Valley Forge" stamp issued, we could make little headway in getting it through this Committee, against the wishes of the Postmaster General, although the Chairman and two of the other members were of the Pennsylvania Delegation who had requested the issue. It was only after getting the consent of the Postmaster General that the stamp finally appeared.

Revenues

Mention has been made on several occasions of the fact that certain current revenues are now appearing perforated ten and there is no doubt that many other varieties that have not been noted are now in the hands of collectors.

Mr. John N. Luff reports the $10 Documentary overprinted "Stock Transfer" among others, so that our list today as known includes the following, all perforated ten. In giving them year dates, reference is made to the perforated 11 se-

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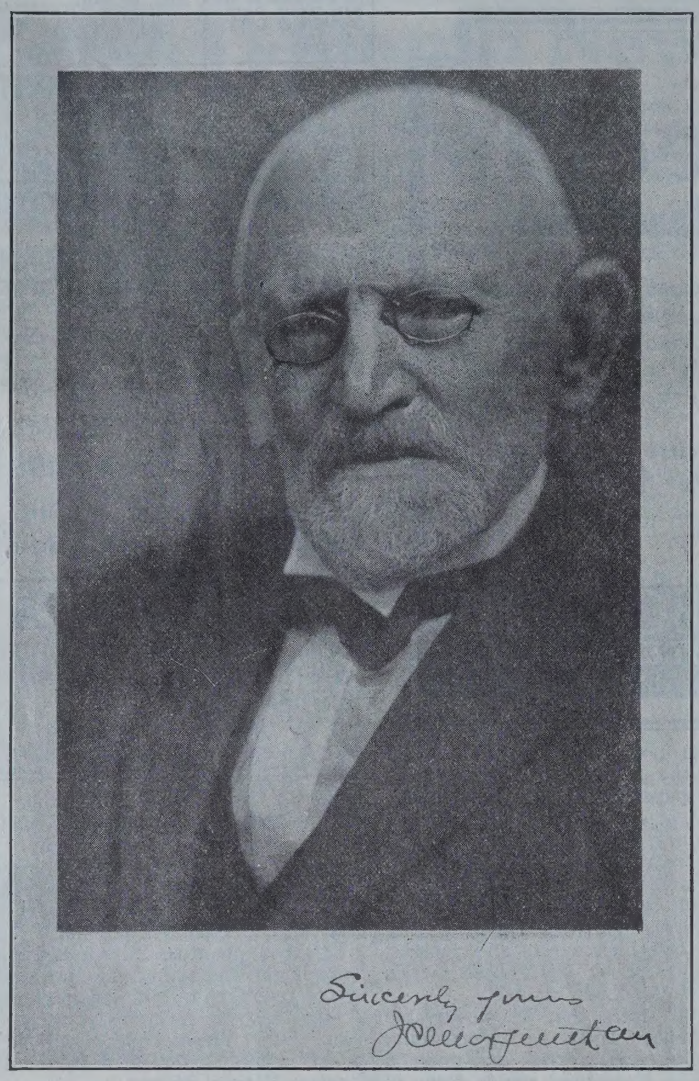

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THE DANZIG EXHIBITION

Medals Awarded C. W. Hennan of Chicago and Hans Lagerloef, N. Y. C.

Not much has been heard here of the Danzig Exhibition, and apparently there was no effort made by the organisers to secure any support from Great Britain. Had things been otherwise I should have been glad of a good excuse for paying a visit to the interesting Free City. The exhibition appears to have been well managed and the official catalogue is a handsome book, beautifully printed on toned paper. I see no English exhibitor in the list and only a couple or so of French entries. There are several from the U. S. A. My old friend, Mr. Nils Strandell, B.A., of Stockholm, was made president of the Jury on which Austria, Germany and Poland were represented.

The special prizes given by the Senate of the Free City were awarded as follows:—

Gold State Medals.—Woldemar Ruberg, Danzig, Danzig Collection; Dr. Albert Pauli, Djursholm, Sweden Collection. Silver State Medals.—R. Lerche, Naumberg, German East Africa in the world war; E. Becker, Tilsit, Memel; Jos. Goldberger, Danzig, brochure on Danzig postal history.

Among other collectors who received gold medals were Kurt-Grönke (Danzig), H. Starosk (Baden), Blümel (Wenden), E. R. Hellman (Finland). Awards to American exhibitors were: Clarence Hennan, Chicago, silver-gilt medal for his collection of proofs of Holland and Colonies; Hans Lagerloef, New York, silver for Monaco, and another for Bolivia.

The set of three stamps sold exclusively at the Danzig Exhibition post office are superior in design and general attractiveness to the average run of exhibition issues. They are in a design by Herr A. Buchholz, of Danzig, whose earlier designs included the elaborate arms type of 1921, the charity stamps of 1923, the second air stamp design, and others. The new stamps are bi-coloured, with a reproduction of a statue of St. George and the Dragon in the centre in black. They bear no mention of the exhibition.—*Stamp Lover.*

NEW AUSTRIAN STAMPS

Quoted from an Austrian paper:—

"The Austrian postage stamps at present in circulation will shortly be replaced by new ones. Active preparations are being made to produce them in the New Year. The execution of the new stamps will be entirely different from the present stamps—no expressionless portraits as before. They will show landscapes with the value in the corners. As Austria is a poor country now, dependent upon the visitation of foreigners, the new stamps may help to attract visitors. The new stamps have had a predecessor in the pictorial post cards.

"Charity stamps will also be issued in the New Year. The postal administration was prejudiced against charity stamps as several issues have had but ill success, but the Hainisch issue was more successful and has given a new confidence. The choice of subject causes difficulty as, after Dr. Hainisch, it is not possible to find a personage as popular as the first President."—*Stamp Collecting.*

"FALLEN TIMBERS" STAMP

The new commemorative stamp issued in honor of the "Battle of Fallen Timbers" went to press the morning of Aug. 6. Four plates were used, 19,825, 19,827, 19,829 and 19,830. There will be eight plates for the entire issue, running from 19,824 to 19,831 inclusive. It is probable that the stamps will be given first day sale in connection with the A. P. S. convention at Minneapolis.

R. A. Bryant.

AIR MAIL AND CACHETS

Port Arthur, Texas, airport dedication Aug. 27.

Word from a reliable source gives the following information concerning FAM extensions Aug. 27th. Extension of FAM 6 from San Juan to St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Ids.; Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe, French W. I.; Fort de France, Martinque, French W. I.; and Port of Spain, Trinidad.

French steamer "Ile de France" resumes ship-to-shore mail service with arrival in New York on the trips leaving Le Havre Aug. 13, and leaving New York Aug. 20th. Postage 60c per ½ oz. for letters or cards, 25c per 2 oz. printed matter, *plus* regular postage rate of 5c. Mark "Via S. S. Ile de France and air plane ship-to-shore."

Capt. Ira Eaker leaves San Francisco some time during the third week in August on an attempt to fly back and forth across the U. S. twice, refuelling in the air, in an effort to test the possibilities of this method for mail planes. It is reported that he will carry mail officially, which will be thrown over at various points en route. All details lacking, but you might chance it.

Covers for National Air Races, cachet for 10 days, Aug. 24-Sept. 2—to Mark C. Emsley, 1390 Hird Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

National airport cachet, Sept. 1. Over CAM 17 between New York, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. Covers to 420 Lexington Ave., New York City.

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It appears that the covers were ins ciently stamped, as upon arrival at P 2 francs postage due was charge each cover, and the postage due st was cancelled "Bourget Aviation, 16-6/29. Seine."

VATICAN STAMPS POPULA

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ries, whereas when they are actually listed in the catalogue, they will possibly bear dates of 1928-29.

Documentary, 1917 Type
2c carmine rose.
5c carmine rose.
10c carmine rose.
Stock Transfer, 1918-24 Type
$1 green.
$2 rose.
$10 yellow.
Stock Transfer, 1920-22 Type
1c carmine rose.
2c carmine rose.
4c carmine rose.
5c carmine rose.
10c carmine rose.
20c carmine rose.
25c carmine rose.
Playing Cards
10c blue.

We would be pleased to have our readers glance over their collection and stock and see if any other denominations can be added. In looking over my own stock, I noted several that had escaped my attention, although they have possibly been in stock for many months.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter kindly sends a first-day cover on July 1st, from the Zone, showing the new 12c and 50c stamps, which were placed on sale on that day. The cover bears postmark of Fort Davis, C. Z., and Mr. Carter writes that this post office was also established on the same day. The cancellation applied to the stamps, consists of two small concentric circles in magenta with the usual type of registered postmark in the same color.

In the vacation absence of Mr. Smith we quote these new issue items from Whitfield King & Co.'s *Bulletin*:—

Brunei.—The new 4c orange stamp has arrived, and we are informed that the stock of the old colour, claret, is no longer obtainable at the Post Office.

China. — Another new set of commemorative stamps has been issued, this time to the memory of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who was the first President of the Republic, and whose remains were embalmed and interred in a wonderful mausoleum near Nanking City. There are four denominations, 1, 4, 10 cents and $1, all of the same design showing an illustration of the late President's last resting place. These stamps have also been overprinted for Manchuria, Turkestan and Yunnan, and we hope to be able to distribute the four sets as soon as our supplies come to hand. We are informed that new Air Mail stamps are to be issued shortly showing the "Blue Heaven and White Sun," which is the symbol of the Nationalist Government; the denominations are to be 15, 30, 45, 60 and 90 cents.

Danzig.—A set of three stamps has been issued in connection with the International Philatelic Exhibition, held in Danzig this month, the denominations and colors being as follows: 5pf green and black, 15 pf red and black, 25pf blue and black. The stamps were sold at double face value, the additional charge going towards the Exhibition expenses. The stamps are beautifully engraved, showing a view of the historic Neptune's Fountain. The denomination is shown in the upper corners, whilst at the base is inscribed "Freie Stadt Danzig"; curiously enough there is nothing on the stamps to show that they have been issued in connection with the Philatelic Exhibition.

Denmark. — Three new Charity stamps are to be issued this month for the benefit of the Danish Cancer Fund. The denominations are: 10, 15 and 25 ore, to be sold at 15, 20 and 30 ore respectively, the additional charge going towards the fund.

Fiji. — In a recent consignment of stamps from this Colony the 2/6 and 5/- denominations have arrived in new shades, the 2/6 stamp is printed in grey-black on pale blue paper from plate 13, whilst the old shade is printed in deep black on a more bluish paper from plate 11. The 5/- stamp comes on a deep orange paper, whilst the old one is on pale yellow. We can supply the new shades at 3/3 and 6/6 each, and the old shades at 4/- and 8/- each.

Jamaica.—We are officially informed that no more 3/- stamps are in stock at the Post Office, and that this denomination is to be discontinued.

Kenya.—We are informed that the 75c was withdrawn from use on the 1st of June owing to this denomination being of very little use.

Norway. — The 2 skilling orange stamp of 1867, type "4" in our catalogue, has again been utilized for the purpose of creating a provisional, this time it has been surcharged "14 ore."

Sierra Leone.—A further printing of the 3d stamps has been made and this time they are quite a different shade to those previously received. We now have three distinct shades of these stamps, first printing, pale blue, plate 11; second printing, deep blue, plate 16; third printing, bright blue, plate 21.

South Africa. — The Official stamps have now arrived. The ½d, 2d and 6d show the second overprint without the full stops after the words "Official" and "Offisieel," the ½d and 6d reading downwards and the 2d reading upwards; the latter denomination is on the pictorial issue, the King George stamps of this denomination with the Official overprint being out of issue. The 1d stamp is of the first printing showing the overprint reading upwards and with full stops after the words "Official" and "Offisieel," the next printing of this value will probably be the same as the ½d.

South West Africa. — We are informed on very good authority, although not official, that when the existing stocks of the overprinted stamps are exhausted no more will be issued and that ordinary South African stamps will be used in that territory. If this information should prove to be correct the market in South West African stamps should be worth watching during the next few months.

Sweden.—It was decided early this year to replace the current stamps between 15 ore and 50 ore with a new issue showing a portrait of King Gustav; the 40 ore stamp has just appeared and no doubt the others will follow in due course.

Syria.—Four new denominations of Air Post stamps have been issued by overprinting the current issue with an aeroplane device, 50c, 1 piastre, 15 piastres on 25 piastres, and 25 piastres. These stamps have also been overprinted for Alaouites and Lebanon Republic, and in addition a 50c on 75c stamp has been issued for Lebanon Republic. In the case of the 25 piastres Lebanon Republic we are informed that only 5,000 have been issued, and only 3,000 of the 15 piastres on 25 piastres.

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The Hawkeye Stamp Co. with a total of 30 subscriptions, has a clear lead over all its competitors. The Johnson Stamp Co. following with 17, and the Kolar Co. with 13. We desire to mention the work done by two new coöperators, Eugen LeBlanc and W. D. Peer. The following secured six or more subscribers during July, one of the slowest months of the year:

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PRECANCELLED STAMPED ENVELOPES

(Continued from page 503)

mourn long over the good things that are born to blush unseen, what a lot of gray hair we'd get!

The Washington, Indiana, comes in three varying types on both the oval and round dies of the 1c manila wrappers. They were used in great quantities by a circus which wintered (and perhaps still winters) at Washington, and are quite common, either entire or cut square.

Milwaukee has used two such types, one large capitals without bars or lines, the other shown above. The former I have never seen, the latter was recently used on the 1½c wrapper by a Business College there, I believe. It is my impression that this latter one is not especially scarce.

The Virginia, Minnesota, futurist design was used on a size 13 1c white oval die. It has an interesting history, but I am not sufficiently conversant with the details to attempt to repeat it here. It is called among collectors the "Barber Shop" envelope. All I can give is the inscription on its face. In the upper left hand corner in medium size lower case is found, "You will be doing Your Friends and Customers a favor if you will hand them one of these cards". At the bottom, in one line of large caps, "Barber Shop (then an arrow pointing upward to indicate space for street address), Detroit, Mich.", in this case. If I ever get all the details of this envelope straight, I'll be glad to give them. Can you help out?

There are two types of Federalsburg envelopes, but they are very common, having been used by the Stowell Printing Company in mailing out notices to A. P. S. members.

This article makes no pretense to completeness. It covers only those envelopes in the writer's collection, and the Virginia, very kindly loaned me by Dr. H. P. Hoskins, and the Deer Lodge, by Mr. W. G. Bateman. If you know of or have other specimens that should be listed in this category, send them in with all information connected with them, and we'll put them in the list of very scarce and desirable precancelled items. No collector of this kind of precancelled envelopes will ever be overburdened with the number he has.

[We regret to say that one of the Carrollton and the Virginia and Bismarck types cannot be reproduced in type.—MAN. ED.]

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By A. B. Perlin.

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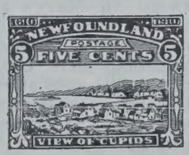
The stamps are what interest us here, however, and I propose to deal with each design separately, and to give such historical particulars as may be found necessary to explain it.

These stamps are particularly interesting because they were produced by a firm which had never printed postage stamps before, because the method of production was the lithographic process, and because, further, they provide more minor varieties, especially of perforation, than any issue of Newfoundland stamps that preceded them.



They were announced in the report of the Postmaster-General for the year ending June, 1909, when he naively suggested that if there was not much demand for postal purposes, at least stamp collectors would be bound to take up a pretty fair quantity. That this hope was justified, this extract from his report for the year following will show:—

"The sale of stamps for the past seven months has continued to increase, and for that period it almost equals the total sales for the year ended June 30, 1909. This increase is in a great measure due to the issue of the Guy Tercentenary stamps in August last."

The set consisted of eleven values, and I propose to take each denomination separately and describe the design in detail in the hope that a little information concerning the early history of Newfoundland, which is the early history of the British Empire, will be found interesting.

One Cent.—Portrait of King James I, from an engraving after Vandyke. King James granted the charter to the company formed by John Guy to colonize the new found isle. Newfoundland's foremost historian, the late Judge Prowse, writes of him: "In his policy to Newfoundland he appears, at first sight, in a favourable light. . . . His advances to Guy's association were liberal."

Two Cent.—The design of this stamp is a Coat of Arms, purporting to be the Arms of the London and Bristol Com-

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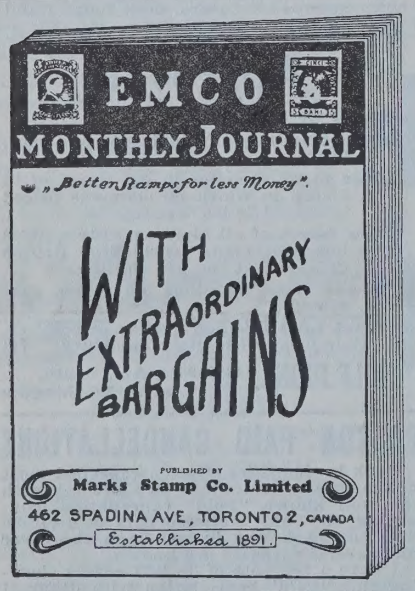

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pany for colonizing Newfoundland. Actually, the Arms is that granted to the Colony by Charles I in 1637, a fact which only became known recently. On January 1, 1928, the Arms was for the first time officially adopted by the Government of Newfoundland and now replaces the old lion and unicorn on Government stationery. I believe that the error in description on the postage stamp was caused by the fact that Prowse illustrates the Arms in his history and describes it as that of the London and Bristol Company.

THREE CENT.—Portrait of John Guy. Few authentic facts are obtainable with respect to Guy's plantation. Guy was an Alderman of Bristol and had invested in successive colonization plans for Newfoundland fostered by Sir Humphrey Gilbert, and his more famous half-brother, Sir Walter Raleigh. These plans had failed miserably. Guy thereupon proposed a scheme which was considered by his other associates in the old companies, and it was agreed that it would be feasible if Government assistance were available. This was about 1607. Immense influence was exerted to secure the Government aid, and all Guy and his associates contributed towards the expenses of the venture was a mere 100 pounds, payable in five annual instalments. The charter to the company was issued under the Great Seal in 1610, and the grant under it included all that land between St. Mary's and Bonavista Bays, with a reservation of the public right to the fishery. Prowse says: "Guy's instructions show clearly that the charter was a dishonest attempt to give away to Court favourites land occupied and possessed by Englishmen long anterior to the grant."

Guy sailed from Bristol in May, 1610, in three ships and with about forty colonists. The company settled at Cupids, a little settlement in Conception Bay. Hostilities begun by the fishermen and attacks by pirates caused the colony to fail, and a few years later Guy sailed for home, after disposing of his share in the plantation.

FOUR CENT.—This stamp shows Guy's flagship, the *Endeavour*.

FIVE CENT.—View of Cupids, the small Conception Bay town, site of Guy's colony.

SIX CENT.—Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam. This portrait is after an old engraving. The inscription wrongly names him "Lord Bacon," but when raised to the peerage, he took the title of "Verulam." He was, as the stamp rightly states, the guiding spirit in the colonization scheme and as Chancellor to James I, it was his influence which secured the grant of the charter to Guy's company, in which he was a considerable shareholder. He wrote an essay to forward the plans of the company, entitled "ON PLANTATIONS," in which he showed himself a shrewd man of affairs with a vision in advance of his times.

EIGHT CENT.—View of Mosquito. This is a very small settlement near the head of Conception Bay, where Guy landed a few of his colonists. It was but a few miles distant from Cupids.

NINE CENT.—A logging camp on Red Indian Lake. This has nothing to do with Guy's colony, but presumably Guy did not accomplish enough to provide the number of designs required to complete the set. Red Indian Lake, at that time, was the centre of the logging industry which provided the newly built Harmsworth paper mills with the raw material they required. It is now also the centre of one of the greatest zinc-lead discoveries ever made, Buchan's Mine, which begins operations this year (1928).

TEN CENT.—View of the paper mills at Grand Falls owned by the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company and controlled by the Harmsworth family. This mill had just begun to operate at the time the order was placed for the Guy issue, and as, outside of the mines at Bell Island pictured on the five cent Cabot stamp, it was the greatest industrial undertaking in the country, it was thought worth illustrating on a stamp. There was some adverse comment at the time about the propriety of thus advertising a private industrial enterprise. The paper produced by this mill supplies the two great London dailies, *Daily Mail* and *Daily Mirror* with newsprint. Newfoundland has a great future in the newsprint industry, and one of the biggest mills in the world is now operating at Corner Brook, on the Humber River, producing nearly 500 tons of newsprint a day.

TWELVE CENT.—Portrait of King Edward VII.

FIFTEEN CENT.—First portrait of King George V to appear on a stamp after his accession.

Three denominations of the Guy issue are known in a variety of perforations and there are two notable errors. The stamps themselves are unattractive, the colours were in some cases ill-chosen, and the designs could have been treated much more effectively. The appearance of the stamps is due partly to the fact that they were produced by lithography and further that the time allowed the printers to complete them was not sufficient to permit a better production.

The perforation varieties occur as follows:—

One Cent: 12x12, 12x14, 12x11.
Two Cent: 12x12, 12x14.
Five Cent: 12x12, 12x14.

Gibbons also notes the one cent perforated 11½x11, and the two cent 12x1
I have not myself seen these var
The one cent and two cent are
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all round. All other denomination
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The most notable error is found i
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and consists of the substitution o
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LAND." The error is known in al
rieties of perforation. A pronou
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makes the word "James" read "Jan
but this is of minor importance.
"NFW" error is quite scarce in
condition, but while the catalogues d
price the unused error in perf. 12, I
found little difficulty in securing it
reasonable price.

The other error occurs in the six
which in the first printing shows th
reversed in the word "colonization."
was corrected in a later printing, b
have always found the error much e
to obtain.

In 1911, the values of the Guy i
from six cents up, appeared printed
engraved plates. I have reason to
lieve that these stamps were qu
grabbed up by speculators. These
extremely scarce in used condition
the prices generally asked for mint
seem rather too high. I think that
tion prices which average around
guineas for the set reflect the true
ket value.—*Stamp Lover.*

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ESS clippings at hand inform us that some half dozen persons, none of m are identified with philately, have arrested in Seattle for the re-use of ancel stamps. Cecil F. Blogg in ing us says, "No philatelist or dealer ld be mixed up in a similar difficul- With this sentiment we heartily ur.

R. LEDUC'S fine article under the heading: "Helpful Notes on U. S." page 438 has been read by me with h interest. As regards the 1908 to issues, No. 331 to 550, he is per- ly right in saying that these cause ty of trouble and require patience. ectors of these issues, however, ld use the wonderful chart by W. Pierson, Waterbury, Conn., published page 82 in No. 1830 of Feb. 1, 1926, he WEEKLY, which is very useful as ick means of differentiating the 1908- t issues as to perforations, water- ks, printings, etc. The chart greatly aces the difficulties connected with the ve issues, and deserves to be brought light again for the benefit of U. S. ectors.—A. WAGNER.

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A STUDY IN ENVELOPE VALUES

COMMENTS ON THE ENVELOPE SECTION OF THE NEW SCOTT CATALOG

By J. M. BARTELS.

(Continued from page 502)

1907-10. Beginning with this issue the catalog completely abandons its former policy of listing dies, and satisfies itself with just one of each general design. We merely find a note stating "Most of these dies are very much alike for each value and it is almost impossible to give descriptions by which they may be distinguished one from the other." Ye gods and little fishes! They are nothing compared with the minute types of the contemporaneous 2c carmine of which we find five described on pages 21 to 23 and listed as subvarieties "a", "b", and "c". A similar listing of "types" or rather "dies" should be adopted for the last two general issues of envelopes. The descriptions are much less difficult than the catalog indicates and should by all means be included as an essential part of U. S. 20th Century postage stamps. The notes concerning electrotypes at the head of both issues could well be dispensed with as being of no practical value and somewhat confusing. If there were as many as stated no one has ever identified more than a small proportion, and they are of little consequence compared with the importance of dies themselves; lucid description of which are found in several publications by my firm.

1916-21. Only one price has changed in this entire issue including the wrappers. The 1c envelope on brown unglazed paper has been raised from $1 to $4. The most glaring error in the whole list of pricing envelopes and wrappers occurs in No. 3044 the 1c brown (listed as unglazed, but it should be glazed paper). For eight years we have tried to locate copies, but never found or heard of another one after securing an original small lot of 25. These were nearly all distributed as new issues at the time. If anyone has any additional information or copies the writer would like to hear from him. This item again remains stationary at $1. The 2c wrappers, Nos. 3045 and 3047 are also good property and bargains at full catalog. Don't miss a chance to get them even if you have to pay a little more. All 3c envelopes of this issue are getting scarcer as the stocks in all post offices were ordered to be revalued 2c. Those on colored papers seem to be out of stock pretty generally judging from orders coming in from dealers who cannot supply the clientele.

1920-21—*Revalued 2c.* I have always considered it a great pity and an error in judgment that any envelopes were ever included in this list or the revalued 1½c, which were not on denominations as specified by the P. O. Dept. In a number of cases a few wrong values would get into a box. Some clerk would discover them and throw them aside. Along comes some collector and asks for something of an unusual nature. These freaks are quickly produced and bought, then immediately we have a very rare error as only a specified number often from 25 to 100 were "issued". They go into the catalog at some substantial figure running as high as $50. This is followed by an album space which greatly increases the demand. If a beginning is made by including such material as full fledged collectible varieties others will soon be discovered, let us not suggest purposely produced. The history of several of these has been kept in the dark though the envelopes have been freely offered at large discounts from list prices.

I consider all 3c envelopes in stock at any post office were entitled to be revalued, including the 3c green (2706a) which were stowed away for many years at the Frederick, Md., office. Others were privately revalued by postmasters who could not secure a government die in time, or who received such a poor job that part of the returned stock failed to show any "2". This was Jacksonville, Fla., which is responsible for Nos. 2710 sold at Daytona, and 2711 sold at Orlando Beach, Fla. 4c envelopes, type IV, were ordered surcharged at New Orleans for a special reason, are therefore regular and became common.

The list would have been better off had we excluded from the catalog for the general collector the following unauthorized numbers: 2690a to 2694, 2698b, c, d, and e, a total of nine envelopes in this list. Equally entitled to listing with these is the 4c black, oval die, on white, found in the St. Louis post office together with 2692 and nearly all of the 2698d. This envelope should precede 2698b.

1925. — *Revalued 1½c.* What was stated in the preceding paragraph applies quite largely also to this issue. The listing should have been confined to surcharges on 1c envelopes only. This would eliminate all 2c envelopes which had no right to exist, and especially all 1½ on 1½c obviously an absurdity. Who can supply the history of these latter monstrosities? Will someone let us have full particulars and all facts in the case. All we have seen of the latter shows the type which was used in Philadelphia. This would delete from the list the following numbers: 2716a, 2717, 2731 to 2732b, 2743, a total of eight envelopes. No. 2733a is overpriced, although it is the only envelope revalued on the 1903 issue. A large quantity was found in a New England P. O., numerous purchasers receiving hundreds each and still leaving quite a supply on hand according to fairly recent information. It is priced $2.

A really rare envelope is No. 2732c, 1½ on 1c blue of 1887 (or according to the watermark, 1890). This was obtained from an Illinois post office and has a peculiar and interesting history which I must reserve for another time. Strange to say there is not a single price change in any of the revalued envelopes. 2724 remains unpriced, but is obtainable, and certainly quite rare.

A peculiar note follows No. 2732b. Will someone kindly send for our inspection that mythical 1c wrapper of 1920 said to be unglazed. Some have been submitted on an unglazed paper of a fairly dark shade, but they were manila and not the 'brown" which is officially termed "Kraft", adopted from the German and meaning "strength".

No. 2714 now exists on amber and should be included.

War Dept.—Only two price changes have been made. The War 6c dark red on cream, and envelope on every want list, was raised from $50 to $75, and is certainly much rarer than No. 3250 priced for many years at $100. No. 3234 and 3272 and other Wars should go up next year. The 1875 1c exists in two copies on orange, and is as much entitled to listing as the same on amber (3246) which never existed except with "Specimen" on the envelope.

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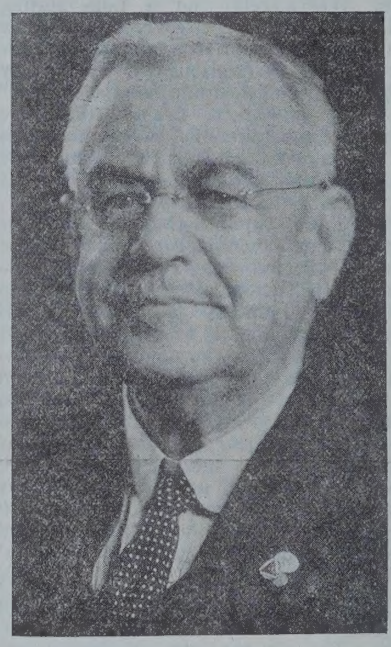
The Secretary herewith presents his sixth report to an annual convention, and one that, like all preceding ones, shows a healthy condition of affairs and a year of progress even if the pace has slowed somewhat. It shows business has been conducted promptly in the various departments and that the membership is assisting to a large extent in the upbuilding of the organization, as evidenced by their participation in the various activities. The reports of the other officers to be presented will add to this.

There have been proposed 430 applicants for membership as compared with 463 for the previous year. The Sales Department reports sales of $20,890.49, an increase over last year of $3,847.75, and the Exchange Department shows $6,142.82 exchanges, about half of those of 1927-28, the shrinkage being undoubtedly the result of the forced change of management and the untimely illness of Mr. Buell.

The recruiters (22 less than last year) have been working steadily, 88 members having proposed applicants during the year; but only three have proposed more than ten each: Wm. Lycett, 137; Helen Hussey, 105; R. C. Bach, 16. Miss Hussey deserves praise for equalling her remarkable record of last year, and that of proposing 386 members during her five years of membership.

The Society has lost 15 members by death during the year, or previously, and reported this year, as follows: L. L. Richards, Jr., Carl Baumann, H. C. Milius, A. McC. Doyle, Hernando de Soto, Joseph E. Ralph, Robert F. Hoag, Arthur C. Kaufmann, O. N. Sanford, Willis D. Engle, Thomas A. Rife, W. A. Lieson, E. C. Markland, Charles Olney, E. A. Smith. Many of these are old and tried members, including Mr. O. N. Sanford, the first member to take a life membership, and the first one to die, also two Honorary Life Members—Joseph E. Ralph and Willis D. Engle. We mourn their loss and revere their memory, and recommend that the Convention take appropriate action to that end.

The Board of Governors expelled two members for unethical conduct, the applications of four applicants were returned to them, and one withdrawn. Every effort is being made to have on the Society's roll none but those whose rec-



WM. LYCETT

ord is absolutely clean and of whose trustworthiness there is no doubt.

The number of droppings for non-payment of dues and also of resignations is entirely too high, notwithstanding, as reported last year, a certain number is inevitable and must be counted on. The Secretary believes a mistake is made to offer any advantages, discounts, premiums, or anything not specified in the Constitution, or undue urging to join and mistating advantages. Members secured by these means are rarely permanent, and account for many of the droppings, all of which are mostly at a monetary to the Society.

The situation of the Junior member does not improve. There are now on roll 87 Junior members, with mon suspensions occurring. 118 have dropped during the year, but seven transferred to the regular roll. 33 been admitted to membership.

Three Life Memberships have taken, and a partial payment made one other. There are now 23 Life M berships and $450 in the Life Mem ship Fund.

The following is a complete mem ship summary:

Membership July 31, 1928,	1,
New members,	
Reinstated,	
Restored,	
Gains,	432—1,
Deceased,	
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Expelled (unethical conduct),	
Losses,	
Membership July 15, 1929,	1,

During the year the Secretary has lected $3,044.67 for dues, initiations, of buttons, etc., and prorated it as lows, turning the money over to the pr er recipients promptly on the first of e month: Official Organ, $980.48; Board Governors, $498.63; General Fund, $ 495.56; Life Membership Fund, $70. has also signed warrants for disbur ments to wit: General Fund, $1,287. Sales Department Insurance Fund, $3- 03; Exchange Department Insura Fund, $6.00.

The Year Book was issued by the S retary after the publisher designated the Washington Convention failed to Owing to the increased size caused increase in membership and Convent orders, and a falling off of members support with ads and cards, a deficie of $168.30 had to be paid from the G eral Fund. Receipts were $274.70, the printing of an edition of 2,000 c $443. The Secretary questions whet the issuance of the Year Book as a s paying proposition is necessary, believ rather that it should be issued at expense of the Society, and be kept a minimum by advertisements.

The Society is increasing in memb ship all the time, and the Secretary fe impelled again to report that at times is a physical impossibility for him handle the work promptly alone, and meagre salary precludes him hiring sistance at his own expense. The Pre dent has always without question orde warrants drawn for his reimburseme but he believes there should be a amount for assistance by law, as in larger sister society. During the y $38.50 has been so paid.

Thanking the officers and members coöperation rendered, and truly trusti that the coöperation will continue and next year be a record one, with all wo ing together for the Society's interes with a Convention that will be marked harmony and good-fellowship and ina gurate a new era, this report is respe fully submitted.

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The Censorship Bureau in New York was a busy place in 1917 and 1918. All foreign mail was sent there, opened and subjected to close scrutiny in the search for code messages or any other indications of communication with the enemy. What the results were is still and always will be a mystery, as the Secret Service never talks. However, I was in a different part of the war service, and can tell this tale of one of the jobs that I got mixed up in.

It was my love for stamps that got me into it. I was on duty at Hoboken. At my own request I had been given the job of collecting and censoring the mail from departing troops, and a whale of a job it turned out to be, but that is not part of this story. The censorship in New York was an entirely separate affair.

One day a transport quartermaster came into my office on the return of his ship from abroad. "Cap'n," he said, "I want some advice. You know we took over such and such troops, who came here direct from a southern training camp. A couple of days before we landed a soldier came to me with this package, sealed, stamped and ready to mail. He said it contained a roll of films that he took in camp just before leaving—just some pictures of himself and his buddies—that he was very anxious to get to his wife in case he should be killed. He was afraid of its getting lost in the mail on the other side, he said, and asked me if I would mail it for him when I got back. I was touched by the appeal and the sentiment behind it, and readily promised to do it for him."

He stopped to light a cigar with me, and then went on to say that on the way back he had gotten to wondering over the matter, and as to whether it was a safe thing to do, and so concluded to ask my opinion before mailing the package. I told him he was mighty right in having hesitated, as it was strictly against the censorship rules to handle mail of the departing troops in any except the regular way through my office, and that he might have gotten into trouble over it.

"I'll have the films developed by the port photographer," I said. "If they are as claimed we will mail them out as the soldier asked. If not—well, we'll see what they are first." And those pictures turned out to have been taken on the Transport, every one of them. Views of the guns it carried, views forward and aft from the masts, and views of the other transports and convoy. The Quartermaster nearly died of shivers when he saw them. Information for the enemy!

There was, of course, only one thing to do with them. I got from the port Adjutant the name of a Military Intelligence officer attached to the Censorship Bureau and went to him with the package of films. He was happy to receive them, asked for the full story about them, and said they would at once start tracking the matter down. Said it was most probable the man had given a false name as sender, so *he* could not be traced, but they could certainly find and watch the person to whom they were addressed, and perhaps put a stop to serious spy work.

"Will you let me know the result?" He shook his head and smiled. "Sorry, but we are not allowed to reveal anything at all of our work. You will have to be content with the fact that you have put important information into our hands."

I asked questions about the censorship of the foreign mail, and told him of some of our Hoboken experiences with the mail left by departing troops, their attempts to give information as to their date of sailing, name of ship, etc., by devices which we readily saw through. He suddenly stopped me and said:

"Say, Cap'n, do you know anything about postage stamps?" "I claim to," I replied. "I've been a collector nearly all my life. Why?" He answered, "Well, we get in a lot of stamps from abroad for dealers here and elsewhere; big lots of war stamps, and what you call approval books, some of them worth a good bit of money. We have been passing them through as harmless, but I got to wondering recently whether those books might form any possible means of communication with the enemy, and it has been worrying me ever since I thought of the idea."

I pricked up my ears, for I've always been bugs on puzzles, cypher and cryptogram stories and things of that sort, and was interested at once. "Got anything of the sort now?" I asked him.

"Yes. We have a book that came in yesterday from London by registered mail, and I had it put on my desk just because of that idea of mine. I can't see any possible harm in it, and was going to O. K. it and send it out tomorrow, when your questions made me ask if you knew anything about stamps. Do you want to have a look at it?"

I certainly did. He got it and we went into a private office and sat down with the book. It was just an ordinary little blue backed approval book of a few pages, addressed to a name I did not know, just off Nassau Street, New York. I turned the pages over and back again. Just a fairly good line of stamps from various countries, the total value being put down as some $80.00.

There didn't appear to be anything unusual about it, yet the idea that there *might be* kept me staring at it. I turned the pages over and over, looked at the backs of the stamps for any marking or lettering, and then with a magnifying glass he had, we looked them over closely for any secret marks which might disclose a code.

Nothing resulted, and my friend was evidently getting a bit anxious to get

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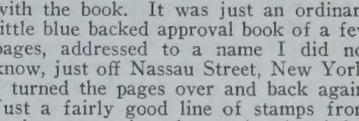

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EDITORIAL

ANOTHER convention of the American Philatelic Society has become history and Minneapolis has repeated its success in the role of host to the national organization that it gained on former occasions, or in 1896 and 1905, respectively. This year a great added attraction was billed in the national stamp display and the Twin Cities have enrolled the name high on the scroll of achievement as a doer of the philatelic deed. Particulars of the Exhibition and of the convention cannot be given here as this notice is written just after the Minneapolis week had begun. Legislatively, there is not much business in prospect, but one can never tell what questions may arise; and we have reason to believe that the subject of philatelic publicity will have an inning. The feeling is that Boston will have the call for the next convention, but in this connection, mention must be made of a contender for the honor; and the following letter from Homer P. Macnamara, President of the Lincoln's Home Philatelic Society, Springfield, Illinois, is submitted: "L. H. P. S. does not give up easily and we are going to send Ray Bahr, our vice-president and official spokesman to Minneapolis for the convention this year to ask for the 1930 convention for Springfield, and our local society. We have spent some time and thought on this subject and think that we can conduct a convention and a stamp display that will be worthy of our city." Springfield's lightning-rod is one to be reckoned with and we have no doubt but that the local society could stage the features with telling effect.

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THAT the American Philatelic Society could sponsor well-directed publicity with a clear conscience must be admitted. To some of us, the most important question of the times is that of advertising our pursuit, and while it is admitted that it might not do to shout stamps from the house-tops just yet, the necessity for increasing the momentum that the philatelic movement has gained is recognized. By type and by the spoken word, the story of the attractions of stamps should be spread. Chicago is furnishing an example of how a local field may be cultivated through a down-town store that has established a great club of boys and girls, and through the columns of community newspapers. On one of the hottest afternoons in August, the editor of the WEEKLY spoke to seventy-five boys and girls who organized a club under the auspices of Miss Grace Hannegan of the Myers Publishing Company, proprietors of a number of neighborhood newspapers.

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WE have with us today, Mr. Kent B. Stiles, who as a writer on philatelic subjects, occupies a seat in the sun. Mr. Stiles has woven many a philatelic story with well-chosen threads, and our guess is that he has guided through his writings, many a faltering step to the promised land. He is an editor of *Scott's Monthly Journal* and is the stamp editor of the *American Boy* and *Youth's Companion;* and now he is about to become the author of an outline of philately of more than 60,000 words with perhaps 200 illustrations. The book, "Stamps", will come from the press of Harper & Brothers, New York, about October 1, 1929, and we are certain that it will cause a most favorable reaction for our pursuit. As a newspaperman, Mr. Stiles knows what material to present and how to fashion it in a readable way. The text will be augmented by a thorough glossary that will embrace coinages, portraits, foreign words, complex inscriptions, translations and so on; and we are sure that the book will be one of the best examples of "good work" imaginable.

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FROM Mr. W. F. Goerner, Edgewood, Rhode Island, we have received a copy of the Providence *Journal Magazine* of August 11th, showing Charles N. Kraus, "seated at the key of W 1 B C R, stamp-collecting radio station," and telling how his requests to foreign countries have brought many returns to the young "short-wave expert." The young man is the son of Prof. C. A. Kraus of Brown University and he has developed into a radio-stamp-collector, perhaps the first of his genus. We quote: "During the last few years, Mr. Kraus has collected stamps from more than fifty foreign countries by means of his radio station. His bulky stamp book contains more than 4,000 specimens, at least half of which were collected through the medium of the dot-and-dash system." The story is replete with details that the collector will appreciate, and mention is made of exchange relations that have been fostered through radio.

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FROM Mr. R. D. Wolcott, Canton, China, we have received the following letter: "This is a cover that I am sending you by the French airmen, Rignot and Arrachart, who leave on July 14th, on the next to final leg of their flight from Paris to Tokyo. From Shanghai, or possibly from Tokyo on to the U. S. A., the letter will go by steamer. Although this flight was advertised by the Chinese Post Office, in all, only 800 covers were posted. No air mail stamps were allowed, as it is a special air mail, as the cachet shows." The cachet is in red and reads: "Vol. Paris-Tokyo. Rignot-Arrachart. Section: Canton-Shanghai. Poste Aerienne Special" in rectangular frame with ornamental border at top. Mr. Wolcott also takes occasion to say: "For Hong Kong specialists, let me add that recently, it has been discovered that one stamp in each sheet of the current 25 cent (top row, third stamp from left corner, sheet 1) has a badly broken inside right corner ornament. Ordinarily, Hong Kong only uses two sheets of these 25 cent stamps a week, or say, 110 sheets a year; so, with one error to the sheet, the variety will be rare, later on."

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MR. R. W. IRELAND, General Commercial Manager of the National Air Mail Transport, Inc., Chicago, to whom collectors in the days of the contract air mail were indebted for much attention says that this company carried nearly eight million letters in July. In an article recently, Mr. Ireland tells how the air-riders sacrifice everything to keeping the mails on time, and we are struck by the foreword of the editor of the paper, Chicago *Commerce,* as follows: "The dispatch rider of the romantic pioneer days of America is with us again today, now panoplied for the clouds and riding a charger of metal and fabric that soars through the air, yet retaining the old code of a century or so back, the tradition handed down untarnished through the pony express days, the first mail trains and now the airplanes—'The mail must go through'."

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A READER sends in a steamboat cancellation that may not be of record. A three-cent stamped envelope of 1864 bears in addition to "Steamboat" in black, the impression in a double-line oval, in blue: "Goodrich Transp'n Co., June. 6, 1870, Steamer Monitowoc." The letter has the Chicago postmark and was addressed to Waukesha, Wis.

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LETTERS that came on the recent Zepp form the window displays of shops and stores throughout the country, and have caught the eyes of many passers-by. Another method of window-dressing through stamps is for the business house to show covers addressed to it from foreign countries. It is interesting to hear the comments of the members of the great public who stop to look at the stamps, when they air their knowledge of them.

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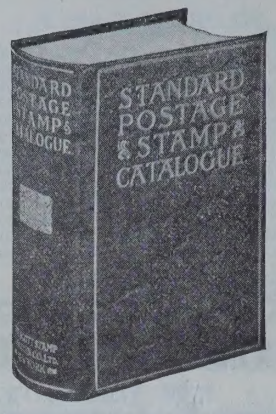

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LEEWARD 1d AND 1½d COI CHANGES, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

By Order in Council of Jan. 9, 1 the rate on post cards to all destinat beyond the Leeward Islands Federal only was raised from 1d to 1½d, as f February 1, 1922, and this was in e until by Statutory Rules and Orders 21 of Oct. 8, 1926, the former rate o was restored to cards addressed to British Empire, and to the United St from December 1, 1926. To "other eign destinations" the reduction was made until August 1, 1928 (by S. R. No. 10 of Apr. 13, 1928).

With the 1d universal post card restored as from 1st August, 1928, an er change in colors was necessary, 1d red, and 1½d light brown, Pos & Revenue stamps were announced the Crown Agents in their bulletin July-September, 1928, as on order, the Leeward Islands, and in their letin for the fourth quarter as ha been dispatched.

Red was restored to the 1d (w color it held when first issued on sc CA paper in 1921), but instead of ora according to the original color schem 1907, chestnut brown was used for 1½d stamps of the Leeward Islands F eration, Montserrat, British Virgins St. Kitts.

The stamps were typographically pr ed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., L London, from DLR-1888, Postage & R enue, King George V keyplate No. 16 sheets of 120, 2 panes of 60 each, v the plate number in the lower ma only, under the 2nd of the left and of the right panes, on script CA wa marked paper, and comb perforated On the 1d the marginal line is single it was when originally issued in red 1921, on script CA, and in violet, in 19 However, on the 1½d brown, the m ginal line is partially double (along s and under the three lower left stamps the left pane), or right (of the ri pane), instead of continuously double on the 1½d red, plate 11, issued S 10, 1926.

These stamps were distributed by Federal Treasurer at St. John's, Antig during December, 1928, with instructi that they were not to be issued u Jan. 1, 1929. However, as New Ye Day is a public holiday throughout Federal Colony it is very doubtful if of these new varieties were sold u Jan. 2, 1929.

Following issue of the 1d red, and 1 chestnut brown, the 1d violet and 1½ of the Federal series were withdra

The Late J. C. Morgenthau

had in preparation and nearly completed an auction sale of Specialized France, the property of H. Bedford-Jones, which was to have been offered this coming season. This has now been turned over to me and I shall offer it as it is on Mr. Morgenthau's auction blanks and his annotations. If you specialize in the stamps of France, I shall be pleased to mail you this catalog when ready.

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ne red of the 1d re-issue of Jan. 2,
, being more nearly rose-carmine is
different from the 1d red, script
as supplied to St. Kitts in 1921, and
old by the Crown Agents to dealers
ondon during the summer of 1921.
tically all the 1d red script CA, plate
itherto on the market, were from the
sold to dealers in London by the
vn Agents, as the supply sent out to
Leewards, and received only by St.
s, was very small. It came on sale at
eterre, St. Kitts, very unexpectedly,
an. 7, 1923, and exhausted in less
two months.
the second quarter of 1929, another
of 1½d Federal stamps, chestnut
n, was dispatched to Antigua, but
ed from plate 21 (instead as origi-
from plate 16). The stamps were,
efore, in sheets of 120, two panes of
ut the plate number appears in both
upper and lower margins, in the
l positions. The marginal line is also
ally double, as on the first lot, from
16. The 1½d, plate 21, was being
at Barbuda on July 22, 1929.
2, 1929. King George V (DLR-
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arked multiple Crown and script CA.
eyplates 16 (1d and 1½d) and 21
½d). Marginal line single (1d) or
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ose-carmine.
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ontinued Denominations, 1928

r S R & O No. 15 of 1928, made by
Governor in Council, on April 26,
, twenty-five denominational varieties
ostage & Revenue stamps in use in
Federal Colony and the five Presi-
ies were abolished, and two added.
he re-arrangement there are 63 va-
es for the Colony and Presidencies
8.9¼d) instead of 86 (£8.9.10½d).
the Federal series, the denominations
ished were 4d, 5d, 2/6, 3s and 4s, and
ne Montserrat residential series, ¼d,
5d, 2s, 3s and 4s. On July 17, 1929,
t of these were still to be had at
nouth, Montserrat, the ¼d, 4d and
f the Presidential series only having
usted.

r Commissioner, Montserrat, 1929

ajor H. W. Peebles, for many years
missioner of Montserrat, has been
noted to be Administrator of St. Vin-
in the Windwards. Hon. H. H.
chings, since 1919 Commissioner of
Cayman Islands, has been appointed
missioner of Montserrat, and is ex-
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Official Flights

Graf Zepp gets first page this time. First—You may send covers to Los Angeles for the trip to Lakehurst on the round-the-world flight. 55c for letters, 28c for cards. Second—On the incoming mail on the westward trip, get your hands on one with the Aug. 3rd cancellation. Great bulk of the mail started on the original trip, and was cancelled May 16, or thereabouts. Comparatively little added when the flight finally got off. Incidentally, one sack was thrown off over Staten Island, lost, finally picked up, and backstamped Newark, N. J., Aug. 7. Third—Note these figures: From New York to L. A. or Lakehurst—8,033 letters, 4,303 cards; from Lakehurst—791 and 435. N. Y. to Japan—738 letters, 374 cards; from Lakehurst—108 and 98. From N. Y. to Germany—16,381 letters, 7,565 cards; from Lakehurst—572 and 541. Obviously, get a bid in for the Japan terminals and Lakehurst cancellations. Total postage from U. S., $49,281.37. U. S. P. O. gets $1,602.12. Fourth—A small mail was carried from Cuers, France, May 22, on the return from the first attempt.

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Service between Mexico and Guatemala started Aug. 8, with stops at San Jeronimo and Oaxaca. Several of my "orphan" covers came in, evidently by this trip or connections, as part are backstamped San Jeronimo, and all are dated the 7th or 8th. Cachet reads R. A. C. No. 6—Mexico-Mariseal. Covers are from Tapachula, Tonala, and Irapuato.

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First flight north from Chile mentioned last week is good. 534 covers from Santiago with special cachet; less from other cities, and no cachets.***First Sunday flight on CAM 25 took place Aug. 4. Only cachet was at Miami, where they grabbed the palm tree Pan-American cachet, added a bathing girl and new words, and used it. Mostly purple, some green.***On recent additional amphibian flight CAM 27 Detroit-Cleveland, July 8, no cachet, but contractors signed 10 covers at identification for Bob Brooks.***Did you get any mail on the non-stop transcontinental refuelling plane, as stop-pressed last week? May not have started yet—might try the San Francisco P. M. if there's still time.

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First air express was carried between Green Bay and Milwaukee, July 25. Usual type cachets, and about 25 collectors' covers each way.***July 1 day flight on CAM 3—about 500 letters sent from Tulsa, bearing the cachet, provided by the P.M.***First night flight Chicago-Twin Cities—about 900 from Chicago. One-half violet, one-half red. A few have the cachet reading "July 15", original starting date. Most have the date cut out entirely.

Postal Bulletin, Aug. 8, announced that effective the 10th service via FAM 7 Miami-Nassau was discontinued until Jan. 1, 1930, when it would recommence, and run again for the winter tourist season till Apr. 30. Mark that on your calendar. Anybody get a last day cover?***Honolulu, Hawaii, P. M. returns covers and says he hasn't heard anything about the before-mentioned inter-island air service.

Dedications, Shows and Unofficial Flights

Alliance, Ohio, dedicated Aug. 3 and 4, special flight to McKeesport, where all covers were postmarked the 5th—purple cachet.***Owosso, Mich., Aug. 3, 4—purple or black "James Oliver Curwood's Life Long Home".***Tillamook, Ore., was Aug. 3 and 4, 3-line black cachet by Legion.***Indianapolis, Ind., special cachet by contractors welcoming Jackson and O'Brine, Aug. 10 and 11.***Salem, Ore., dedication and Legion convention Aug. 8, 9, 10—2 different cachets, and colors each day. One signed by state Governor I. L. Patterson, thank you!

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Sweetwater, Tex., Aug. 10 and 11. Big red cachet all over the stamps—by C. of C. Colorado Springs, held the Second Pike's Peak Air Meet Aug. 9-11, and used the familiar 2 color plane within circle design.***Homestead, Pa., Aug. 10, special cachet by CAM 11 for the Standard Steel Propellor, used by Jackson and O'Brine.***Faribault, Minn., Jackson's home town, opened its airport Aug. 9, and had invited him as guest of honor. No cachet, but "Faribault, Minn.," purple rubber stamp in corner of covers.***Cumberland, Md., dedicated Aug. 10—no cachet.***San Andreas, Cal., made me grin. I'd said something about appreciating autographs on the covers when I sent them in. They came back, beautifully signed by 10 different notable names on the various covers, *but*—all in the same flowing script! Dedication Aug. 7. ***Cortland, N. Y., Air Meet Aug. 10-12. Private cachet on about 50 covers. ***Central States Aircraft Expo. at Aurora, Ill., C. of C. decided on cachet at last minute, and applied it Aug. 9-16.

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Covers carried by Newcomb and Mitchell on their Cleveland endurance flight have been delivered. Special cachet, airport postmark at hour of landing, signed by both fliers, and carried for the whole flight. A few are held by the Cleveland Air Mail Society, and may be had from J. T. Schweier, Sec., for $3. Club treasury gets the profit.

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Coming events—covers to C. of C. unless otherwise stated: Columbia, Mo.—some time yet; Crescent City, Calif.—this fall; Medford, Ore., Sept. 2; Big Spring, Tex., Sept. 11, 12; New York Seaplane Airport soon—to American Aeronautical Corp., 730 Fifth Ave., New York; Carroll, Iowa—Sept. 10-15; Port Arthur, Texas, Aug. 27—to Legion; Homestead, Pa., Model Aircraft Contest, Sept. 7—to J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene Ave.; Omaha, Nebr.—Sept. 2; Belleville, Kans., soon; Columbus, Nebr., date not set; Kearney, Nebr., date not set; McCook, Nebr., Sept. 13, 14; Anniversary CAM 17, Sept. 1—to National Air Transport, 420 Lexington Ave., New York; Am. Legion Convention, St. Louis, Sept. 1, 2, 3—cachet in honor of Robin Flyers—covers to J. W. Stoutzenberg, 7371 Maple Ave., Maplewood, Mo.; Boswell, New Mex., between Oct. 7 and 10

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Some interesting prices on air post stamps were obtained at the Sloane sale held Aug. 9. By courtesy of Herman Toaspern, we quote some of the prices realized:—

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*Bolivia 1924, 10c to 5b,	15.45	10.25
*France, Morocco, 1922, 75c (501),	7.00	4.20
*Honduras 1925, 5c (401),	20.00	17.25
* 10c (403),	20.00	17.25
* 20c (405),	20.00	17.25
* 20c (406), close at bottom,	35.00	26.00
* 50c (407),	60.00	49.50
* 1p (408), thin spot,	100.00	85.00
* 25c on 1c (409),	25.00	22.00
*Mexico 1922, 50c (711),		7.60
*Nfld. 1919, $1 on 15c (202),	8.00	5.10
*Persia 1927, 1c to 5k (1101-1113),	14.16	9.00
* 10k (1114),	20.00	10.00
* 20k (1115),	25.00	15.50
* 30k (1116),	35.00	17.50
*Philippines 1926, 2c to 1p (305-315),	62.50	36.00
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Bits of Information

Buluwayo Provisionals.—The name by which the stamps provisionally issued in Buluwayo, Rhodesia, in 1896, during the Matebele rebellion are generally known. The name of the town means "the place of killing" and it was formerly the kraal of the Matabele king, Lobengula.

Bundi.—One of the feudatory states in the Rajputana district of India. It has an area of 2,220 square miles and a population of about 180,000. Postage stamps for use in this State were first issued in May, 1894.

Bureau of Engraving & Printing.—The Government Department at which all United States postage stamps are designed, engraved and printed. It is situated at Washington, and has held the stamp printing contract since 1894. Revenue stamps, paper money, bonds and Government certificates are all printed in the same building.

Service. — An overprint found on many of the stamps of India intended for official use.

Servicio Interno.—(Internal Service) —An overprint found on certain stamps of Guatemala used for official purposes on correspondence to points within the borders of the republic.

Temple of Heaven

By A. C. LeDuc.

This is located in the city of Peking (now called Peiping) in China. Peking is divided into two sections, the Chinese city and the Tartar city. The Chinese city was built in 1543 and is much newer than the other part, which was built in 1267-71 by Kublai Khan. The Temple of Heaven is situated on the right side of the main entrance to the Tartar city. This is within the Altar of Heaven, which is

one mile square. The Temple is circular in form and is triple roofed. The roof is made of blue porcelain tiles. It is among many temples and shrines in the Altar of Heaven.

It was here in the Temple of Heaven that the Emperor would go to worship Shang-ti, the Supreme Ruler. Here burnt offerings of oxen, sheep and other things were offered.

This beautiful building is shown on the bicolored Chinese stamps of the commemorative series of 1909 and also on the constitution commemoration set of 1923.

Junior Dictionary

Real M. C.—The value expressed on the first stamp of Corrientes. The M. C. stands for "moneda corriente" or "current money". In 1856 this was mostly local paper money or Spanish silver. The real was of course an eighth of a peso and therefore nominally 12½c American; but local depreciation may have made it actually much less.

Real Plata F.—Some of the early stamps of Cuba and the Philippine Is. have their value expressed as so many "reales plata fuerte" or the abbreviation of these words. The phrase signifies "coined silver", in other words "cash" and not depreciated paper currency. The "peso plata fuerte" or silver dollar was divided into eight reales, each silver real therefore being worth about 12c in United States currency.

Reay Envelopes. — U. S. envelopes manufactured by the firm of George H. Reay in 1870 and distinguished from the later issue of 1874 by the superiority and fineness of the engraving.

Recargo. — The inscription shown upon the 5c Spanish war tax stamp of 1898-99. In this sense the word means "additional charge," referring to the extra fee charged under the tax.

Receipt.—An inscription shown on certain British 1d stamps originally issued for revenue purposes, which in 1881 were allowed to do duty as ordinary postage stamps.

Recibos.—A Spanish word meaning "receipt" found on certain revenue stamps of Spain which have been used for postage.

The Cuban Poetess

By A. C. LeDuc.

The large pictorial stamp issued by Cuba in 1914 commemorates the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the poetess Gertrudis Gomes de Avellaneda. She was an eminent lyric poet, dramatist and novelist. One authority claims that as a lyric poet she has no rival of her sex in any literature. The stamp honoring her memory is one of the few stamps commemorating the activities of a woman in a field of endeavor other than as a sovereign. She died in 1873.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited either prose o verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

In the July 22 issue of Mekeel's, Mr. Ward mentions a ten cent current stamp that is so sticky in front that it adheres to the wax paper enclosing it. "In view of the difficulty in making the glue on the back work," says Chester W. Hodgson, "perhaps it would be better to stick 'em on face down."

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Airy and Shady

"Coming events cast their shadows before," and thus Mr. Dickason's Air Mail News column is a comfortable place for the reader to linger these hot days.

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"How the heck do you mount a tete-beche?" asks Ches. W. Hodgson. "One is always on the wrong way. Should I separate them and stick them on the page independently?"

(We refer you to Prof. Gumm of Cicero, Ill., who is a world authority on mounting the tete-beche.—Ed.)

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One of the F. F. F.'s best detectives, Ches. W. Hodgson, makes the following report: "Mr. Ward suggests that the mysterious stick in Gen. Sullivan's hand is a mortar-mixing stick. It ain't. Gen. Sullivan is carrying a supply of Irish ammunition and that stick is the handle of the hod."

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We're Flabbergasted

G. K.'s "Weekly" breaks the news that the English are engrossed in a bigger and better music and drama movement. All the time we thought that England's only serious pursuit was the collecting of British Colonials.

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The beautiful creature was leaving the hotel where she had stayed for the past year. "This is my address," she said to the clerk. "But if any letters come from a tall, dark man, throw them in the waste-paper basket."—*Tid Bits.*

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"Well," said Dad Fetchett, "I see that the Danish P. O. called 'Hinge' is still sticking to Danish stamps," whereupon he ducked just in time to dodge the glue pot.

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From what I hear—
He hunts big game in African camps.
No, my dear,—
He collects animals on postage stamps.
—Max M. Smith.

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A hint has come in from Max M. Smith that a certain Junior collector would like to hear a bed-time stamp story. Well, Max, here goes: A collector was once swallowed by a whale. It was all dark in there and lonely so the collector pulled a stamp paper from his pocket and by the light of a block of Edisons he read that the design on the new Falkland Island stamps was to embrace a likeness of the English king and of a whale.

"Ha," exclaimed the collector, "I see that the King is still the Prince of Whales."

Whereat the whale opened his mouth to laugh, and the collector hopped out upon the Isle of Yap where lots of strange things happen.

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There Was a Poet Whittier

Dear Prof. Gumm: You seem to be so witty about stamps. Do you claim to be stampdom's greatest wit?—Synchronized Sue.

Ans.: I don't claim it, Madame, I admit it.

—R. E. Dunlop.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 519)

—covers to R. L. Eberhard (covers l be flown to El Paso).

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And then some—Gordon Bennett I national Balloon Races at St. Louis, S 29. Jr. C. of C. sponsors specially e pared cover, to be autographed by a l loonist or famous aviator, to be flow a balloon and mailed at point of lan and bearing a cachet. Orders at 25c to Jr. C. of C. Remit by M. O. or draft.***Still time for the Nat. Race covers. Send to M. C. Em 1390 Hird Ave., Lakewood, Ohio Utica, N. Y., dedicates soon; Evans Ind.; Phillipsburg, N. Y., also; Roc ter, N. Y., Air Show Sept. 2-7, cover Lenard L. Babin.***Maurice Petty s me a cachet applied by C. of C. for Moines Aeronautic Show, previously ported as having none.

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Statistics as to quantities mailed. I ications first: St. Marys, Kans., 382; dan, Kans., 275; Johnstown, Pa., 300; Grand Island, Nebr. (by P. 532; Bradford, Pa., a few hund Kankakee, Ill., 1,600; Lorain, (flown to Cleveland), 400; Cape May J., 2,000; Dayton, Ohio, 4,228, both Columbus, Ohio, 4,850; Williams Pa., 318; Mangum, Okla., 150; Nia Falls, N. Y., 5,000; Kalispell, M 1,100; Memphis, Tenn., 800, both d Vernon, Tex., 500; Lehighton, Pa. (I ication Martin Jenson Hangar), signed by Jenson; Tarkio, Mo., Shamokin, Pa.—magenta, 200-250, pu 10; Anniston, Ala., 2,100; Pontiac, M 2,500; Elkhart, Ind., 1,800 each o days; DeKalb, Ill., 2,000; Redding, Ca 6,000 July 6, 1,000 July 7; White R Jct., Vt., July 4, 1,000, 5, 600, 6, Kansas City, Kans., about 250 each days; Hollister, Calif., 1,500. I'll the other events till next week.

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The coöperators: ****S. S. Whitn Paul V. Sheetz. **2 covers from Sal *Nelson E. Willits, *Leland C. Metz **E. D. MacLennan, *F. D. Markee, E. Koestler, F. B. Wright, Carleton Horley, Barend Beck, Jr., Allen Harding, J. W. Stoutzenberg, R. L. E hard, Maurice S. Petty, **Geo. F. W *Paul Bugg, Nelson F. Gerken, Samu Smith, Charles Wagner, A. C. Roes Major C. M. Lopez, Clifford Jack **Herbert Levinson, Norman Ro stein, **Homer L. Boltz, Morton Sc man, ***J. T. Schweier, W. H. W gang, *Jake Liskel, *Parke R. Neet, G. Thienel, Jr., *H. G. Kingdom, By M. Sykes, Billy Burr, Anna M. Scha Arthur K. Roberts, *L. B. Wood, J Connan, **P. R. Hudson, Illinois St Co., H. Herdelin, ***R. A. Brooks, W. Pittman, L. S. Kauffman.

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Important Note:—I happen to ope a U. S. Postal Station in my Cam Book Store. Naturally, I have no tro backstamping my covers. I shall be g to receive covers for any of you wish to so direct them, and who will s stamped return envelopes for their turn to you. Please address to your name, care Station No. 2, Wooster, O and I will see that they get the ba stamp.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

J. Earl Talcott requests us to give correct pronunciation of the words "p atelic" and "philately". He writes us t his dictionary places the accent on second syllable of each of these words, and without a doubt his diction is right. We pass this on to our read many of whom may be uncertain as the correct pronunciation.

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DANZIG EXHIBITION

Free City of Danzig has just an international philatelic exhibi- nder the patronage of Mr. Zander, ostmaster-General. It was held in unicipal Museum, which used to be nciscan monastery. Although inter- al in plan, it had its chief support Central and North Europe; British tions were conspicuous by their ab- and there was no British represen- on the jury.

ce the creation of the Free City, g has become a very live centre of elic activity, due chiefly to the va- and interest of the Danzig stamps. first issue consisted of German s overprinted "Danzig" in 1920, and had been obsolete before it was ered a sheet of the 5 marks Ger- stamp with the centre inverted had overprinted for Danzig. This is quoted at 30,000 francs (£240) in rench catalogue. The discovery of rror was one of the curious and tic episodes of the trade. A sheet enty had been in a dealer's stock, spected by him. In 1923, at a stamp s' fair in Leipzig, a young man ut a set of the first issue Danzig. eaching home he noticed that the 5 s had the centre upside down. He back hoping to get some more, but ne remaining sets had the normal t. News of the discovery spread, s examined their stocks, one found e had two of the errors, and anoth- cky dealer found sixteen, which, he first one discovered, made a total neteen. The twentieth copy has not traced.

nzig started to print its own stamps tinctive designs in 1921, at first with kogge," or sailing ship, and later crown and two crosses of the city's Then came the inflation period, Danzig's stamps, like those of Ger- , could not be changed fast enough ep pace with the fall of the mark. sional values up to 500 millions of s were needed before the introduc- of the new gulden currency in 1923 introduced. For a new country ig has established a record in issu- 00 standard varieties in ten years. he stamps are attractive and popu- nd with a few exceptions cheap, and have brought a rich revenue to the City.—*Postage Stamp.*

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RUM-RUNNERS AND WASHABLE BIRDS

Buccaneers, blockade-runners, rum-runners, ships with eyes, and birds whose tail-feathers lose their colour in rainy weather, are among the subjects mentioned in connection with stamps, in the interesting contents of **Gibbons' Stamp Monthly** for August.

There are also articles on The Language of Philately, a new discovery in Canadian stamps, the Coamo provisionals, and Mauritius surcharges.

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United States

Minneapolis Exhibition

The Postmaster General has definitely decided not to issue the 2-cent stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers at the Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Minneapolis during the week of August 19. This decision has been reached in view of the fact that the monument to General Anthony Wayne to be unveiled in Ohio will not take place until the middle of September, and issuing the stamp a month in advance would result in its coming as an anti-climax at the time of the celebration. The branch Agency, however, will have on hand numerous stamps for collectors in attendance at the Exhibition, and this will include a good quantity of the better copies of the George Rogers Clark stamp still on sale in Washington, in addition to Molly Pitcher, 2c Hawaii, 2c and 5c Aeronautical Conference stamps and other similar commemorative issues. It has been decided not to carry in stock at Minneapolis any of the regular issues or the "State" overprints. It is quite possible that Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, will be in attendance at the Banquet.

2c Battle of Fallen Timbers

Plates for the 2-cent stamp showing monument to General Anthony Wayne commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers have been completed. A good number of stamps have been printed and by the time they are placed on sale between September 12 and 20, no doubt, the entire order calling for thirty million copies will have been completed. At this writing, the statue has not arrived, hence, the committee in charge is not in a position to give definite information as to when the celebration will take place, so that no definite date for the appearance of the stamps can be given at this time. The entire lot will be printed on the flat bed press, and as the stamp commemorates a matter of local interest, it is not thought that the Bureau will be instructed to print any additional copies.

Clark Variety

Mr. M. A. Walker writes that on plate 19743 of the George Rogers Clark stamp positions 26 to 30 inclusive from the left pane show a smear or crack on the lower right numeral "2". He has checked up these varieties on ten sheets and finds them constant. We are pleased to furnish this information to our readers, but would advise that the writer has not had the pleasure of examining the oddity, so can give no information as to what might have caused the variety.

2c "Nebraska" Freak

Mr. A. G. Sharpe has submitted for inspection a cover mailed from Chapman, Nebraska, showing a 2-cent overprinted stamp with sheet margins at the bottom. The stamp itself bears a surcharge and a further surcharge appears on the margin producing an interesting freak, which would, however, be a normal stamp, if the margin were removed. Evidently the top of the sheet from which this stamp was removed contained an entire horizontal row without surcharge. As the variety was used in the business mail, there is no doubt but what the balance of the sheet was broken up and used for postage.

2c Coil Oddity

Miss Elizabeth Brahms submits for inspection an interesting pair of the 2-cent endwise coil, No. 487, showing a slight surface crack in the left margin and running through the little ornamental leaf design in the lower left portion of the stamp. This, no doubt, occurred at the time the plate was hardened, and is possibly on the early printings only, as the constant inking and cleaning of the plate usually wears off the smaller surface cracks.

We wish to thank Messrs. Charles S. Boyer and George R. McNeil for notes of interest.

In the absence of Mr. Smith, who is away for a few days, we offer the following new issue items from *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*:—

British Empire

Bahamas.—*The Crown Agents' Bulletin* for the quarter ending June, reports that the 5d Queen's Staircase type has now been despatched with Script watermark.

Falkland Islands.—B. S. H. Grant shows us two shades of both the 1d and 2½d values of this colony. The colours of the 1d are scarlet and scarlet-vermilion, while those of the 2½d are indigo, listed in the catalogue, and Prussian blue. This latter shade, our correspondent tells us, only arrived in the colony last spring, and is the final printing of the 2½d in the old type, since the new set has already been despatched.

The existing stocks will be allowed to run low before the forthcoming issue is put on sale, when the whole of the remainders left will be destroyed.

India.—*Cochin.*—Mr. Jacob I. Chandy, B.A., in sending us the latest Cochin provisional, points out the error which invariably accompanies each of these emissions. This time it consists of a wrong font "2" without serifs, and is to be found on the 1st stamp of the 4th row of the sheet.

Our kind informant tells us that the total printing of this stamp was 542 sheets of 48 each.

New Zealand. — *Niue.* — Messrs. Ewens, Ltd., show us the 10/- stamp of this dependency on Cowan thick opaque paper in a bright reddish shade of claret.

South and **South-West Africa.**—Attention is again drawn to these two places as a result of the placing on sale of the

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Stop Press News

THREE NEW MEXICANS

San Antonio, Aug. 13.

Enclosed find a mint copy of the new 35c Mexico Air Mail stamp that just came in today. These stamps were promised some time ago and then again promised for issue at the time of the Carranza Issue. They were finally issued to commemorate the inauguration of the flights from Guadalajara—this according to my agent in Mexico City. The design as you will note is the same as the Carranzas, but with the dates and tablet under picture left out. In the corner instead of the portrait of Carranza there has been placed the Coat of Arms of Mexico—an eagle perched on a cactus plant with the snake in its mouth. I also inclose a pair of the new 5c Charity—"Infants". This is practically the same as the 1c and 2c already issued and completes this Charity Issue.

Theron E. Parsons.

OPENING OF VATICAN P. O.

Essen, Ger., Aug. 8.

The memorable event of the opening of the Vatican Post, which took place August 1, drew an enormous crowd. In the early morning hours the first interested parties appeared, bent upon obtaining the Vatican postage stamps, of which no fewer than 2,000,000 were sold. The face value of this quantity of stamps is around 9,000,000 lire, equalling $120,000 U. S. currency. In the afternoon of August 1, His Holiness the Pope paid a visit to the post office. On that account the building had to be shut down a little before the official closing hour.

A. Weber.

NEW MEXICAN STAMPS LIKELY

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 15.

I just received a wire this morning from Mexico in answer to a query of mine and I am informed that a new issue of nine values will appear about the first of September. My agent tells me that a letter follows, but does not say in his wire if issue is entirely air or a combined issue, but I understand it is to be air mail. Will advise you definitely as soon as I have the information.

T. E. Parsons.

FLIGHTS AND CACHETS

Camden, N. J., dedication Sept. 1. No cachet announced.***Evansville, Ind., postpones from Aug. 24, so there is still time to send in covers—to C. of C.***Air Mail Day, Aug. 29, Findley, Ohio. Special cachet—mail to William Elliott or direct to postmaster.***Goshen, Ind., dedication changed to 3 days—Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2. Covers to R. K. Mack, Sr.

CAM 28 night flying is reported to start Sept. 1. Certainly soon thereafter. Covers to D. E. McPherson, 4111 Troost Ave., or Leo L. Ross, 1900 Chelsea Ave., both Kansas City, Mo. St. Louis covers J. W. Stoutzenberg, Maplewood, Mo.

Official—The Graf Zeppelin will carry mail from Los Angeles and Lakehurst as follows: Los Angeles-Lakehurst; letters 60c, cards 30c.***To Friedrichshafen; letters $1.80, cards 90c. Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen; letters $1.20, cards 60c. Unlike former rates, these figures include *all* postage charges, except U. S. air mail or special delivery fees. Mark "By German Airship LZ 127 —— to ——. Have your return address on all letters. Cachet will be used at Los Angeles, but none at Lakehurst. Both will backstamp mail received from world flight.

FAM 6 extension via Porto Rico, Trinidad, etc., as previously detailed, will have first trip piloted by Lindbergh.

Donald E. Dickason.

2c OHIO CANALIZATION

The Post Office Department has decided upon the design for the new 2-cent red stamp commemorating the completion of the Canals and Locks of the Ohio River and will have ready for issue during October a new stamp which they will designate as the "Ohio Canalization" issue. It will depict a boat and lock on the Ohio River with hills in the background, and will be the size of our current 2-cent stamp, with long dimension horizontal. Thirty million of this variety will also be issued, and, no doubt, the entire lot will be available when they are first placed on sale.

Philip H. Ward, Jr.

VATICAN STATE—FIRST DAY

We are indebted to S. Bayer, Rome, for a first day cover with two values of the new Vatican State stamps, 50c and 80c. Each stamp is hit hard with the cancellation, and for good measure a third sample cancellation is added.

LATE NEWS ITEMS

At the banquet of the National Air Mail Society, held at Chicago on August 12th, Captain B. B. Lipsner, Chicago, first air mail superintendent was the lion of the evening; and the suggestion was made that the government be asked to place his portrait on a new air mail stamp. Captain Lipsner will attend the Minneapolis convention.

The Minneapolis *Tribune* of August 14th says that more than three thousand collectors will attend the convention and exhibition and that more than one million dollars' worth of stamps will be on display, thereby showing that this newspaper is broad-minded.

According to the Minneapolis Evening *Tribune* of August 15, Henry A. Diamant of St. Louis will speak over WCCO on the "Charm of Stamp Collecting" at 7 P. M. Thursday (evidently of convention week).

Writing from Buenos Aires, on July 21st, Mr. A. H. Davis informs us: "The following air mail routes have recently been opened: 18th instant, Santiago, Chile-Buenos Aires. Of the 514 letters carried, 205 are philatelic items. 12th inst., Posadas-Buenos Aires (statistics not yet available). 14th inst., Buenos Aires-Posadas, net weight of mail, 810 grams. 19th inst., Tucuman-Rosario de la Frontera (no mail carried). The following airways are projected. Buenos Aires-Santiago de Chile, airway open but no mails carried yet. Buenos Aires-Rosario-Cordoba-Santiago del Estero-Tucuman-Salta. Santiago del Estero-Ojo de Agua-Tintina-Rio Hondo. Dolores-General Conesa-General Lavalle. Bahia Blanca-Trelew-San Antonio Oeste-Comodoro Rivadavia." A day later, Mr. Davis writes: "From an official source, I have been favored with the following first day statistics. July 12th, Posadas-Monte Caseros, 72 grams. Posadas-Buenos Aires, 623 grams. July 14th, Monte Caseros-Posadas, 120 grams. Posadas-Asuncion, 80 grams."

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The Managing Editor.

ART IN STAMPS

By H. M. Southgate.

I was much interested in reading Frank E. Robbins' article in your of July 29 on "Art in Stamps". His eral statement that our U. S. stamp unsatisfactory from an artistic stanc is certainly true, and it is much regretted that the opportunity pres by numerous issues brought out b Post Office is not utilized for ar development.

While there are occasional comm pointing out the unsatisfactoriness o designs, still the public at large as as collectors, do not appreciate our s comings in this respect. Perhaps t well evidenced by the fact that George Rogers Clark stamp is pro the most popular issue that has turned out, and yet it is open to de criticism because of the abnor heavy border, meaningless ornament and a crowded vignette.

I wish to put in a word, however the Engraving Division of the Bure Engraving and Printing, who de the design for our stamps. This Di does not have, in general, a free ha design a stamp for any specific pur but are given in most cases a photo of some large historical painting an to make a design copying that, and ther data to describe the subject.

Models are then made up, some several of them, and sent for approv the Post Office Department, whose c in the matter is final. In the case o Clark stamp I have seen a model o more attractive proportions, which lieve the Bureau would have preferr have used, but it was not approved.

Another point where the Burea Engraving and Printing is badly h capped is in connection with the relat short time allowed in most cases fo preparation of designs and turning the work. In numerous instances i been a scramble to get any sort o sign thrown together, plates made printing done within the time avai The Bureau of Engraving and Pri which is part of the Treasury De ment, can take no initiative in the p ration of a design, until orders ar ceived from the Post Office Depart

The Bureau of Engraving and P ing, I assume, has no funds to en eminent artists, and with the deficit i Post Office Department it does not as though there would be much lia of special appropriation being made that purpose; although the amount volved would be practically nothin the vast total, but the results woul far-reaching.

It certainly would seem as though artistic side of our permanent is should be given most careful consi tion and subject to approval by artist addition to the Post Office Depart Officials. The matter should be of cient importance to enlist the service the Commission of Fine Arts.

The chief value of commemor stamps is in the stories that they While they should be artistic, per that may be subordinated to some e to the telling of the story, so descri lettering is necessary; but on the reg issues, if we could get back to the b tiful simplicity of the three cent stamps, there would be a decided The simplicity of the British Postal U Congress stamp, which does not have a country designation on it, ma taken as a further example of at leas artistic design.

The designing of government secur carries a minor condition not of im tance in most lines of artistic work, the protection requirements. The signs of some of our currency, mad the past by well-known artists result a tremendous loss to the Treasury f counterfeiting. Consequently, art r give second place especially in currenc protective design.

Also methods of manufacture pla restraining hand on the design in s ways. The whole problem is surrou with many complications and I am the officials and designers of the Bu are not only alive to the situation, most anxious to make their product best ever.

Sevard's Twinkles

Paging Thru My Rarities

esterday evening the boys came up to house for a good old time of it and uiet them down towards half past, I out my famous collection of rarities. s volume has won many medals in petition amongst the free-for-all ses, catch stamps, Marquis of Nassau et rules.

always delights my fellow dock lopers to show them page after page tamps I have picked up—off the dock amps that alone are worth millions, the collection is not for sale, and r will be as long as auctions are ducted as at present. Permit me to those pretty little pages of rares aves, I. F., Buenos Aires, Do Not Use t Hooks.

ly greatest rarity is the so-called ing machine perf on a 2c Internal enue. The sewing machine had a stitching device on it, and this atiful variety, known as the hem-h perf, is alone in its class.

HE NEXT VARIETY IS A HARDING IM- PRECANCELED NEW YORK CITY. THIS N ODD RARITY IN THAT THE IMPERFS E SOLD ONLY IN WASHINGTON, BUT BY TAKE, IT WAS PRECANCELED NEW YORK.

he next best thing is a Madison, Wis-in, post office dedication cachet. nk of it! This cover registers that entous occasion of laying a corner e. No other corner stone ever got wonderful stamp publicity and there as before one's very nose.

nother queer stamp is the variety wn as Hat of Columbus broken. re is a shift in this variety as the next to Columbus got the stove in onnet instead of Chris. No one has ed this before.

page of rare Playing Card stamps ws, showing the variety with sur-ge upside down, upside down back-ds, in neutral position, and an 8c ne price range of a 7c.

IEN THERE IS THE ¾ MCKINLEY POST . THIS PIECE ALONE IS RARE AS I E IT IN USED CONDITION, WHENAS IT NEVER ISSUED. THIS PROVES THAT IT ISSUED.

beautiful page is made up of the Z s, all the grills being in the shape of letter Z. This has taken years to ct, as the grill in the letter varieties ed with A, but towards the letter Z began to peter out.

rather odd page consists of the 2c rose-carmine. This stamp was lit-y issued by the millions as rose-car-until someone saw a rose-carmine. change of shade was remarkable as page changed from rose-carmine to ine-rose over night. A page of m-orange and also a page of orange-m are shown for comparison.

handy bit of enigma is worked the collection by putting all the 3c ns on one page, thusly permitting to call the printings by name. This er tests the on-looker's ability to w his stuff. A well-known firm of untants have certified that in this 76% Yale graduates prefer the tinental-National-American print of on soft brittle paper with silk s.

IE ODDEST BIT IS A COPY OF THAT RARE ER INDICIA NUMBER 8679. THERE IS OTHER KNOWN IN ANY COLLECTION, IF OTHER COLLECTION EXISTS.

specialized collection of the 1c Jef-on postal card completes this price-collection. The various dies have worked out, showing Jefferson ing, Jefferson pouting, Jefferson by Head, Jefferson Egg and Stove , Jefferson after a family quarrel, Jefferson with the measles. For enience, a list of these dies was made as Die A, Die A-1, Die A-2, as on buff, cream, cream buff, cream puff.

The meeting ended with a rousing cheer for the host, and after a friendly fight, visitors went home with a feeling that they had spent an evening never to be forgotten.

THE CODED APPROVAL BOOK

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back to his work, when an idea suddenly hit me as we went over the pages again. "Look here," I said, "it may not mean anything, but the arrangement of these stamps is odd, it strikes me. Instead of those of one country being grouped together they are scattered through different pages. That might be all right with a cheap lot, put together in a hurry, but most of these are worth from 50c up, and I never saw an approval book of good stamps fixed up that way. Do you suppose—."

I got no further, for with shining eyes he grabbed the book from me, jerked out a pencil, reached for a sheet of paper, and exclaimed, "Fine business! I felt in my bones there was something wrong with these stamp books—and we have been passing them through with hardly a glance. Bully for you, and what chumps we have been!"

His excitement was contagious, but I said, "Whoa! Don't go so fast with your conclusions. That was just a wandering idea of mine, and it probably doesn't amount to a thing. What are you doing?"

"Putting down the names of the countries as they appear on the sheet," he replied. I caught his idea and as he wrote I called the names. He got down about 30 when he quit writing and said, "That's enough to go on—to tell us whether we have a code or not. Let's check up."

As the names were put down they were as follows: Malta, Zambesia, Kiauchau, Japan, Macao, Oldenburg, Orange River, Japan, Kiauchau, Cuba, Japan, Panama, Monaco, Iceland, Zambesia, Spain, Oldenburg, Norway, Uruguay, Denmark, Greece, Dominica, India, Bolivia, United States, United States, and so on—just a jumble of nothing.

"Know anything about decoding?" he asked me. "I have an idea," I replied. "You have to experiment, don't you, to see if you can find a key? Whether you start with the first letter and skip so many each time for the next one, and things like that?"

"That's a starter," he said. "Sometimes you count ahead and sometimes backward. Sometimes the key changes after so many letters are decoded, and a lot of stuff of that sort. We will just have to experiment. Let's hope this was not gotten up by an expert, if it *is* a code, or it may take days to find it."

He wrote down the initials in a long line—M Z K J M O O J K C J P M I Z S O N U D G D I B—and then hesitated over the next two. "What do you think, U. S. or America?" I frankly confessed that I had no idea, so he put down America, and then began to work.

He took the first letter, M, and went down the line, skipping first 1, then 2, and so on, but it made no sense. He did the same with the second letter, the third, fourth and fifth, but still only a jumble resulted. He tried working backward with no better success, and tried in other ways I could not understand, and which he was too busy to explain. Finally he leaned back and wiped his forehead and said, "I'm afraid that it wasn't a hunch after all. Just a fool arrangement that doesn't mean a thing. Sorry to have taken up so much of your time. I'll O. K. it and send it—*Wait!* We haven't tried substitution—B stands for A—that sort of thing, you know."

He grabbed his pencil again, began putting down more letters, running his pencil through them and trying again, and a little later let out a whoop. "It *is* a code message! Cap'n, you did a good job for your country today. And we have been passing these things through for months. Watch this: You count around, like the face of a clock, with A at 12. This works on a skip-five plan. The first letter is M, 5 ahead gives us R. Second letter Z; count 5 right on ahead gives E. K is P, J is O, M is R, O is T—REPORT, see?"

I saw. "Go on," I said, tense with excitement over the apparent reality of the thing. I called out and he wrote—O is T, J is O, K is P, C is H, J is O, P is U—" "Stop," he cried. "That doesn't make sense—TOPHOU. Something is wrong. Very carefully we checked back over the stamps themselves, but the record was right as it stood. He stared at it and at me, trying to find a clue. "Perhaps it is a code word for some person; if so, we're sunk," he said.

We puzzled over it in vain for a while, until he finally said, "Let's go on a little further. Perhaps it isn't a code after all. That REPORT may have just happened so. Queerer things do happen."

We went on, M is R, I is N, Z is E, S is X, O is T—and again he cried out. "It's a code all right; look here." And the wording read REPORTTOKHOURNEXT—. "That 'K' must be someone he is to report to. Go ahead." On we went, and after a bit we had REPORT TO K HOUR NEXT SAILING. There we stuck again. Those two U. S. stamps stopped us. He worked like mad over it with no result. He wiped his forehead again and groaned. "Can you see any way out of it?"

I couldn't, but I stared at those two stamps. The key lay in them. The first was a 20c Franklin, the other a 2c Harding, imperf. "Those stamps never ought to be in an approval book sent over here," I mused aloud. "They are too common here. A 20 and a 2. *Got it!*" I cried. "22 is the code name of the Leviathan. All the transports are numbered, as I suppose you know, and we never use the names in writing or cabling, just the code number. Look at that; they even have our code—Report to 'K' hour next sailing of Transport Leviathan."

We shook hands and slapped each other on the back, as happy as two kids. Then we went on through the book and finished the message. The rest is not important to this story. The stamp part of it is finished. The delivery of the book, the shadowing of the owner as he watched the Leviathan load and sail from Hoboken with nearly 10,000 troops aboard, how he was successfully followed as he rushed to report the midnight sailing to K, the allowing of K to file an innocent appearing London cablegram before his arrest, and what happened at the London end—all these things are part of the secret archives of the Military Intelligence of the late war.

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official stamps. An unexpected surprise has been furnished in that in both cases the overprints have been changed! That of the Union now reads downwards, except in the new 2d pictorial, while that of S. W. Africa has changed altogether, due, we understand, to the fact that the old overprinting "forme" had been broken up.

Writing of the Union stamps, Mr. J. Robertson states that the inversion was not intentional, being a pure accident as a result of the Government Printer being "rushed" to produce a supply of officials at short notice. He continues that the next printing will be awaited with interest to see whether the overprint will revert to its previous form, in which it only existed on the 6d value.

In both the Union and South-West Africa official stamps may now be used by the general public for all postal purposes.

We believe that a pictorial £1 stamp is contemplated for the Union, while it will also be overprinted for use in S. W. Africa.

Straits Settlements.—The following alterations and additions to the current series are announced:

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C. A. Bulletin.

Victoria.—Mr. Henry Harvey kindly shows us a specimen of the 4d Emblems in dull rose, imperf., printed by F. W. Robinson on *horizontally laid paper,* with the Ballarat cancellation, "5" in bars.

Other Countries

Brazil.—A minor variety of the 1,000 on 100r Wenceslao Braz stamp of Brazil has been brought to our notice by Mr. R. E. Gee. This consists of a broken final "o" in the surcharge giving this numeral the appearance of a letter "g."

Egypt. — With reference to the Prince Farouk stamps with brown centre, the Survey of Egypt definitely state that the whole of the 200,000 sets were printed at one time, so that the two sheets of the two values which show this color variation are an unexplained mystery.

Honduras.—The Colindres commemoratives, listed this month, are printed in sheets of 10, to the tune of 3,500 of each value.

The stamps are typographed from combination plates in which the centres are in half-tone and the frames in line. The former have been inserted at a separate operation, and their positions differ slightly for each stamp in the sheet. This, together with the distinctive damage which has been done to each centre at the insertion, makes this issue quite easily plateable.

Hungary. — The King Stephen stamps are to be reissued in August in new colors, the 8f becoming claret, the 16f lilac, and the 32f ochre.

Paraguay.—From a copy of an official decree kindly sent us by Mr. Norman Stocks we learn that yet a fifth series of Air stamps is in preparation, viz.:

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Portuguese Colonies. — *The Mozambique and Nyassa Companies.* We are informed that the charters of these companies are to be cancelled, and that t territories will in future be administe by the Portuguese Government. philatelic result will be that they ar stop issuing stamps at the end of year. For which relief, much thanks

We would suggest that the Portug authorities insist that all the plates for printing the present stamps shal destroyed under official supervision. will prevent any subsequent reprin such as took place in the case of the Nyassa giraffe series and other issue

Spain.—Below we print the numl of the recent Spanish "League of tions" stamps, for which information are indebted to Señor Miguel Gal viz.: 1c to 20c, 38,000 of each; 25c, 000; 30c to 50c, 38,000 of each; 1 30,000; 4 ptas., 20,000; 10 ptas., 18, and 20c Express, 18,000.

Switzerland.—With reference to two Dies of the 10c, Tell, of 1 Thomas G. Richards draws our atten to a difference which he considers m prominent than that described by Crane last month. It is to be foun the "H" of "Helvetia," which in D has the crossbar equidistant from the and the bottom, whereas Die II ha appreciably above the centre, nearer top.

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The President's annual address was intently followed and he told of the great gain in membership and influence of the society during the past four years of his terms, and among the suggestions that he offered was one providing for a Stamp Week. The chairman of the following committees were appointed: Appropriations, H. M. Clark; By-Laws, T. H. Pratt; Convention Seat, L. A. Davenport; Chapters and Units, H. A. Diament; Sales Department, C. W. Hennan; Finance, Wilson D. Wood; Illustrations of U. S. Stamps, Judge R. S. Emerson; and Resolutions, C. E. Severn.

The reports of officers were in the aggregate a strong showing of faithful and intelligent performance. Vice-President Mosler said that his board had handled 144 cases during the year, taking drastic action where the evidence warranted. The secretary reported that the actual membership on August 1, 1929, was 4,273, an increase of 167 during the year. Deaths numbered 48, and there are now 433 life members. Here we may say that the fee for life membership has been increased to $50 from $30, after the advisability of making the change had been thoroughly discussed. The Sales Superintendent indicated the success of his department by saying that his sales for the year amounted to $88,201.

The death of the Rev. John Luther Kilbon was revealed when the report of the Committee on Obituaries was called for and the coincidence that Mr. Kilbon had died alone while actually working on the report was impressive. A tribute was paid to him, befitting a loyal member and a man of sterling qualities.

The meeting of the Revenue Unit was held at 4.30 P. M., Tuesday, on the third floor of the Hodgson Building. The evening was American Philatelic Society night at the National Philatelic Exhibition, and members generally took advantage of the opportunity to view the rich display.

Here we may say that the registration was somewhat under 250, but the beautiful badges that were provided for the delegates were to be seen wherever the eye strayed.

A big attraction of the Exhibit was the branch of the Postal Agency, presided over by Mrs. Shaughnessy, and while the stock of stamps on hand was not particularly large in quantity, it was well-selected. A special postmark, "Minneapolis, Minn., Philatelic Exhibition Sta.", loaned distinction to letters posted there. Too, there was a special cachet, advertising the Exhibition in charge of the managers; and the handsome exhibition label was in demand. While it was known that the special stamps to commemorate the Battle of Fallen Timbers would not be placed on sale in fairness to the section that proposed the stamp to depict local history, yet some disappointment was felt that it was not available. Business was fairly brisk at the Agency and many collectors appreciated the opportunity to get a good range of recent issues first hand.

We doubt whether the volume of publicity that was attendant to the exhibition and convention was ever equalled heretofore, outside of New York. All of the papers seemed to regard the meetings as news, and they gave space freely to descriptions of the exhibition and the convention. Many of the stories were accompanied by cuts, and Mr. Laurence S. Clark, who had charge of the publicity, made a record that will not soon be eclipsed. Too, the varied and ingenious ways in which the Stamp Show was advertised were remarked, and with the background of publicity that was being received in different ways we believe that the show could have packed them in for almost another week. Minneapolis has shown what may be done in a city other than the very largest one, and have made exhibitions what they are now regarded to be, an indispensable adjunct to the convention or *vice versa*. It is impossible to be at the convention sessions and the exhibition at one and the same time, and the suggestion has been made that when an exhibition is held in the convention, said city should go light on other entertainment.

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Reported by WM. LYCETT.

The 35th annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans was held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-14, in the Hotel Cleveland. There were 118 registered attendants, and probably 50 more unregistered. The member coming the greatest distance was Cecil J. Dale from Havana, Cuba, but many European countries and Hawaii were represented by proxy.

The call to order was made at ten o'clock Monday morning by Howard W. Codding, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, who introduced Postmaster H. A. Taylor and Paul E. Wilson, of the Chamber of Commerce, followed by Dr. Norman P. McGay, all of whom made interesting addresses. These were responded to by Maj. G. W. A. Camp, President, and the Convention formally opened.

C. P. Lippincott, chairman of the Committee on the Election of Officers and Credentials, announced the result of the election as follows: President, Dr. N. P. McGay; Vice-President, E. W. Heusinger; Secretary, Wm. Lycett; Treasurer, Dr. Dallas G. Bray; Board of Governors, Wm. Lycett; Directors at Large, F. L. Coes and P. P. Gray; International Secretary, C. W. A. Braun; Counterfeit Detector, Gustave Larson; Attorney, T. V. Morgan; Publicity Manager, E. C. Pierce; Librarian, Wm. R. Ricketts; Assistant Librarian, H. V. Backman; Historian, N. R. Hoover; Trustees, Samuel Bennett, J. Louis Dawson, C. D. Millar; Official Organ, Stamp Collector's Magazine. Mr. Pierce declined, and later President McGay appointed Howard W. Codding Publicity Manager. On Wednesday the Board of Governors was discontinued by constitutional amendment and six directors at large provided for. Four of these are Maj. Camp, N. R. Hoover, F. F. Greeley, and R. C. Bach, the previous B. of G. Next session at Worcester, Mass.

The reports of the officers showed a healthy condition and an increase in membership during the year, that of the Secretary showing a membership of 1,526, 396 new members admitted, 15 deaths, 2 expulsions. Sales Manager Hussey reported sales of $20,890.49, and Exchange Manager Buell exchanges of $6,142.82. Exchange Manager Wyer resigned during the year, and illness of his successor had prevented progress, but the future is promising. An Air Mail Department had been established during the year, with H. C. Carpenter appointed as Manager. The receipts for dues and initiations were $3,044.67.

The Constitution was entirely revised, the system of government being changed from a dual board to a single Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Directors at Large, and an Executive Committee composed of the President, Secretary, and three Directors. A Board of Appeals was provided to consider questions of discipline and disputes between members. A Committee on Finance, Audits, and Budget was constituted, and directed to report a Budget to the next Convention. A. W. Deas was appointed chairman of this committee.

Indorsement was made of the proposed legislation to allow illustrations of U. S. stamps, also of Mr. Gerlach's proposal to catalogue makers to use a uniform system of numbering stamps. Compensation of Secretary was increased, also an allowance made for clerical assistance.

The local entertainment comprised a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank, sightseeing tour, starting from the Terminal Tower and ending with the Museum of Art, a bridge party for the ladies, and theatre tickets for everybody, closing with a banquet Wednesday evening, where President McGay acted as toastmaster, and he and Mrs. McGay received the visitors. Mrs. X. Veneskey rendered several piano selections, and an orchestra supplied other music. The speakers were: Howard W. Codding, who introduced Toastmaster McGay, and he in turn the other speakers: R. C. Bach, W. W. MacLaren, D. W. Martin, and Pres. M. Lloyd, of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; Secretary Lycett, Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, chairman of the Ladies' Committee; Life Member Roscoe B. Martin, and Cecil J. Dale, the member who had traveled so far to attend.

Previous to adjournment President McGay was installed by Maj. G. W. A. Camp, announced some appointments, and declared his policy of harmony and good fellowship and his intention to do his utmost to carry on the upbuilding of the society.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

n August 1, 1925, the newly formed au of Internal Revenue took over actual administration of all internal e. The collectors of customs in the al districts act also as collectors of nal revenue.

ternal revenue and postage stamps placed on sale in the rural com-es (83) for the first time during -26, and the total receipts from this ce amounted to only G.10,438.50. The nificant sales made in the majority he communes reflect the primitive of the rural population. Unfortuy, the treaty of Sept. 16, 1915, and equent agreements, have not provided American assistance in solving the ational problems of Haiti, one of the difficult with which the country is d, and toward the solution of which tisfactory progress has been made.

t the close of the fiscal year (Sept. 1926), there were 19 Americans and Haitians in the organisation of the ncial Adviser-General Receiver, and merican and 13 Haitians in the inal revenue service. The activities of Receivership are supported by a fixed ge of 5% on all customs revenue, and of the Internal Revenue on a 15% ge. In both cases the Banque Nale de la Republique d'Haiti is given of this as commission for its services eceiving the collections.

he value of postage stamps sold dur- the year in the 11 districts was 7,485.43, as compared with G.195,-00 in the preceding year.

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es,	12641.06	1015.00
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t Goave,	3566.80	95.00
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t de Paix,	6439.15	331.65
nt Marc,	4556.85	565.00
	G.197485.43	G.12129.25

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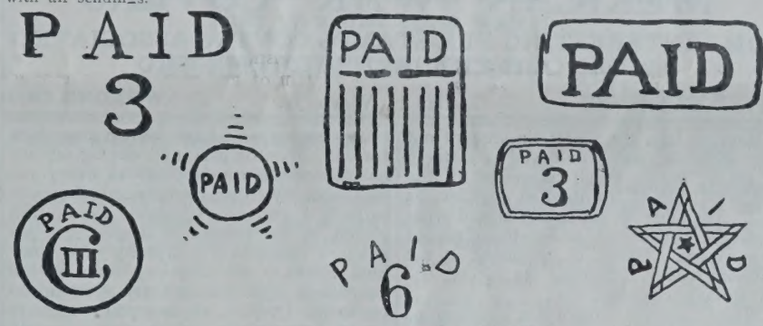

ODD "PAID" CANCELLATIONS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1851	Leominster, Mass.	Black	Dr. Carroll Chase
2.	3c 1851	Bucksport, Me.	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
3.	3c 1851	Alexandria, La.	Red	Dr. Carroll Chase
4.	3c 1851	?	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
5.	3c 1851	?	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
6.	3c '51-'57	Watertown, N. Y.	Black	John W. Glaze
7.	3c 1851	Bennington, Vt.	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
8.	3c '57 T. II	Bond's Village, Mass.	Red	Dr. Carroll Chase

The above lot of interesting cancellations were drawn from Dr. Carroll Chase's collection, with a single exception, the No. 6. They were made under ideal conditions at his summer place on Lake Winnipesaukee, where all went happily except that his dog, Copain, had a very unsuccessful encounter with a "Wood Pussy", which caused a bit of confusion for a time.

In going through his collection of odd cancellations, over one hundred were drawn, and they are all appearing in the Forum from time to time.

From the philatelic standpoint, the most striking recent acquisition is the long awaited book on 3c 1851-57 stamps by Dr. Carroll Chase. Perhaps 50% of all of the questions asked me in the past year could have been answered, had the questioners owned this book. The text is handled in some fifty chapters, and over 350 pages.

While many of these chapters have to do entirely with these two 3c stamps of 1851 and 1857, several of the chapters might well apply to any of the other denominations of this period. For example, the chapters on Plate Arrangement, Paper, Gum, Impression, Perforation, Demonetization, Rates, several chapters on Postmarks and Obliterations, and then the Covers,—all these, together with the data in the remaining chapters give the student of these issues a ready reference which is invaluable.

Plate Varieties are shown in enlarged sections, the Cracked Plates and Plate Flaws need never bother you longer after seeing them pictured in the book. The double Transfers are shown in an unmistakable way, and you see the "Line Thro Three Cents" and others, so that you may go through your holdings and pick out your own Cracked Plates, Flaws and Shifts.

Collectors interested in locating stamps from the various Plates will find these taken up serially in chapters. The much liked Plate No. 3 shows picture of each and every item in the "Three Rows", being the last three vertical rows of the left pane, and these 30 stamps are so carefully described as to detail, that you can slip them into your own plating if you so desire.

Chapter 25 on perforation is a most interesting chapter to me. It begins with the invention of the perforating machine by Henry Archer in Ireland. The British Government, impressed with the invention, paid Archer 4,000 pounds for his machine, patent rights, and expenses. In February the British Government placed the machine in use.

Cancellations are prolific and representative of what to look for in 1851-57. Various shapes of postmarks, odd types of lettering, oddly shaped numerals—all are here. Then there are Check Lists of Railroad postmarks, Inland Steamboats, Mississippi River Packets, also Way marks, and the types of "Steam" are pictured so far as seen to date.

The above brief and partial synopsis of what may be found in this exceptional work on Early U. S. Stamps is available to the many who wish to gain knowledge of these issues. The cancellations shown, frequently date back into the same ones used in the 1847 period, and many shown date along into the issues of the Civil War, some even later. Likewise the data given may antedate 1851 in several instances, while other data extends well into the subsequent issues.

On hurriedly glancing through what I have written above, it sounds as though it should terminate here, as so many radio programs do—"This program is sponsored and paid for by ———." In the preface Dr. Chase says "——— I take much pleasure in giving credit to Lyman J. Seeley for his generosity in both the time and money spent in obtaining the necessary advance subscriptions which made publication possible." The work appeared in many installments in the *American Philatelist*, and the present book is the consolidation of all those chapters, together with the added information, cancellations, history, and allied data uncovered by the former serial publication.

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When you see a note quoting the price realized at auction on a 4c 1908 on bluish paper do you save it? Have you a record showing the approximate quantities of 5c errors perf. 10, as compared to the perf. 11s?

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MEXICAN WAR COVERS

SOME INTERESTING PRE-STAMPS COVERS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR TROUBLE WITH MEXICO

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Here of late, the philatelic student not only seeks the stamp or cover as a stamp or cover, but is much interested in the historical side of the item in question, as well. He adds to his stamp album what might be considered under the class of "Americana", hence, is interested in the Patriotic cover indicating its special use for special occasions.

While several important collections have been built up around the Civil War Period, including patriotic covers, franked covers and other items of interest to the occasion, it is only recently that I have had an opportunity of seeing a small lot of pre-stamp covers built around our war with Mexico.

In the little lot, covers are first found from New Orleans, from Fort Jessup, La., and from Fort Gibson, Ark., all near the Texas border, regarding movement of troops. The boys are writing home, telling us about camp conditions, and those from the Forts bear circular cancellations in black, with the month, the year and amount paid, usually ten or twelve cents, indicated either in manuscript or by means of a postmark. Those from New Orleans, as the letters are coming east, are marked "SHIP", in addition.

As war is declared and the troops move into Mexico, the letters, while bearing headlines of points in the southern republic, nevertheless, are usually carried to points in the United States from which they are postmarked and sent on to destination. One such cover bears an elliptical postmark in brown, reading—"Victoria, Tex.," in addition to "July 10" in manuscript. A most interesting communication dated "City of Mexico" has a Mexican postmark in manuscript dated Christmas Day. This was then carried to New Orleans, and a straight line postmark in blue reads—"Forwarded by the N. O. 'DELTA' Courier." There is also the black town cancellation of New Orleans with "10" in manuscript. There is a second identical letter. As the communication was written in duplicate, the writer evidently believed that the first letter might not reach its destination safely.

One letter dated "Camp Comargo, Mex., Nov. 10, 1846", shows a straight line postmark in black reading—"Pt. Isabel", in addition to the figure "10" in the same color ink. This is addressed to the father of one of the soldiers in Louden County, Va., and as the letter is most interesting, it is being quoted in part.

"You may think me rather presumptuous in addressing you a short letter, but it alone being for the entire benefit of your Son, you will therefore conceive it as my apology. I have known your Son for some months past, and during my acquaintance his conduct has in every respect met my entire confidence and approbation. I confess I regret seeing him placed in his present & disgraceful position, I mean in the capacity of a common Soldier, for a young man of his youth and vigor immediately upon enlisting in the U. S. A. at once places himself in a School of vice, depravity, degradation, and confirmed dissipation. I have been an old Soldier, and have fully realized with heartfelt sorrow, the error & certain absurdity of a Soldier's career. I have taken a strong interest in your Son and have accordingly proffered him my services as far as they will extend with cheerfulness, desiring at the same time they may be of salutary benefit to him. He regrets most deeply and sorely ever having acted in contradiction to your feelings and wishes and hopes the day may not be far distant when he may have it in his power to make you all the recompense in his power, since his arrival in Mexico he has not enjoyed one days health, and I consider his constitution, altho young as he is—is much impaired, the climate to which he is constantly exposed is of itself enough to prostrate and destroy the energy of the most hardy Soldier. Your son's spirits are exceedingly depressed and broken down, so much so that he is the object of sympathy & consideration. It would be an act of justice & charity for his friends to use their utmost exertions in endeavoring means & measures to effect his discharge from the service of the United States Army, & these things can be easily accomplished by adopting certain & legal measures. . . ."

Several other letters from the same point, in addition to one from Monterey, dated Oct. 27, '46, also show the "Pt. Isabel" postmark. Evidently mail from different points carried different numbers, for some show simply "Pt. Isabel", some "Pt. Isabel—No. 12", and one "Pt. Isabel—No. 2", the latter being from Monterey. Mail from points in Mexico also bear postmarks reading—"Brazos" in one line, and immediately underneath, either the date in full including the year or simply the month and the day. The earlier covers dated in April to June of 1847 show year dates, while those of the latter part of the year have the year dates missing. In several cases, the postmark reads — "Brasos" as well as "Brazos."

One soldier writes from Buena Vista on May 8, 1848, and addresses his communication to the *National Intelligencer* —a newspaper in Washington. He wr that the Government contemplates s page of the pay of the Privates in Virginia regiment. It seems that States were paid for raising regim within their borders, and that the partment is now considering this as ment for the services of the soldiers. Private in the Army asks that the ne papers take up the subject as he con ers it an outrage. This letter, along a further communication from Monte dated August 20, 1848, bears a concen postmark in blue reading—"Brazos— go, Tex.," with the month and day d

Some of the mail went through port of Vera Cruz and bear postmark black of this city. I note a two- postmark used in January to February 1848 reading—"Vera Cruz, Mex., 14." A cover used on May 11, of same year, shows a rectangular postm with two-line inscription reading—"V Cruz, Mexico, May 11." This is stam in black, along with the figure "10." second cover dated "July 1" of the sa year and addressed to England, bear similar postmark with the word "M ico" omitted. From the postmarks on back, we find that the cover pas through New Orleans on July reached London on August 20, and delivered at its final destination, Wor tershire, on August 22.

Another unusual cover from the tlefield bears two very unusual postma of Vera Cruz, different from anyth noted on the several other letters pre ously mentioned. They both are sim in character to English postmarks, and doubt the cancellers were made in E land. One cover with the postmark black shows a crown at the top, and mediately underneath in three line "Paid at Vera Cruz." The second p mark on the same cover, circular in sign, in which the lettering forms p of the circle, reads—"Vera Cruz 1 Ap. 16." The cover also shows a N Orleans postmark of April 22, in addit to the word "SHIP." There is indica on the cover that a two shilling fee h been paid, leading me to believe that may have been posted upon a Brit ship. The communication is addressed Washington.

Such a historical little collection pro an interesting addition to a stamp coll tion, for it shows how the mails w carried in the early days, when the like hood of loss was great. No doubt, similar collection of pre-stamp covers revolutionary interest could be found hunted for, although no doubt, those co munications would mainly bear ma script postmarks, rather than print marks, as are found in the Mexic series.

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By LEONARD A. GIBBENS.

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The other day I met a collector who does not like "new stuff"—as he puts it—and will not collect it. He is not a rich man, but nevertheless is a collector of early colonials. Owing to pecuniary, and other reasons, he does not collect in a general way. His collection is composed of groups of stamps and one of these I want to refer to here, because it is beautiful in appearance and none of the stamps are too expensive for the average collector to acquire and, unlike many "group" collections, this is in all ways well worth while.

The stamps I have in mind are the issues of New South Wales for the period 1860-72 (Gibbons' Nos. 131 to 170 inclusive) and I refer only to stamps in the finest possible *used* condition, for reasons which I shall mention later on. These handsome stamps, of which there are two main designs in the series, were printed in the colony from engraved steel plates obtained from Perkins, Bacon & Co., London. The dies were engraved by William Humphrys, from water colour drawings by Edward Henry Corbould, after the original designs of T. W. Levinge of the N.S.W. Post Office. It is not necessary for me to take up space with lists of stamps, etc., because if you will refer to Gibbons' catalogue you will see the number of stamps in this group, together with their respective prices; also you will observe that the first set is headed "Perf. 12." Previous to 1860, stamps were issued in New South Wales imperforate, but, doubtless to move with the times as well as for the sake of convenience, the Government were desirous of having them perforated and it is on record that they approached Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., with a view to acquiring a suitable perforating machine. Several difficulties occurred and in the meantime it appears that a machine was purchased from a local source (for the sum of £45), and there is hardly any doubt that this was the machine first used to perforate the stamps of New South Wales. Stamps perforated by this machine—referred to as Hannington's, since this was the name of the man who sold it to the Government—gauge 11½-12.

If you will refer to your catalogue again you will see another set under the heading "As last Perf. 13." Now, in reference to this, the machine acquired from Hannington was regarded as a temporary affair since the Government had again approached Perkins, Bacon & Co. with a view to securing a more practical and serviceable machine and this firm eventually forwarded two machines which reached Sydney sometime in March, 1861. These machines were satisfactory, but there seems no definite information available as to the gauge of them, although the general opinion is that one, if not both of them, must have gauged 12½-13.

You will see a note in the catalogue after No. 153, referring to the 2d stamps from Plate 1. According to the Royal Philatelic Society's work, impressions from the repaired plate, which superseded Plate II in March, 1861, are mostly heavily printed in a chalky blue, approaching a cobalt. Specimens dated late in 1861 and subsequently, often show signs of wear of the plate on some of the stamps.—*West-End Philatelist.*

ODDS AND ENDS—

A VERY fine photograph was taken of the S. P. A. convention attendants at Cleveland, and we have been favored with a specimen by Sec. Wm. Lycett. It is, however, a yard wide, and we would reproduce it in the WEEKLY were it not for the fact that the results would not be very satisfactory. There are some 90 in the group, which is arranged in three rows.

WE have received from the Marks Stamp Co., a wholesale price list of stamps priced per ten and hundred. It is the firm's number 115, and will be sent to any dealer upon request.

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Friday morning, soon after the convention had convened, a painful impression was made by the reading of a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. Charles J. Phillips, the wife of one of our best-known members. Mr. Phillips expected to attend the convention and inquiries had been made by his friends who had counted upon meeting him. Mrs. Phillips was known to many members through her participation in philatelic conventions, and the sad message shocked them in particular. Mr. Severn paid a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Phillips, and was asked to send a telegram conveying the sincere expressions of condolence that had been voiced. The philatelic world feels a throb of sympathy for Mr. Phillips in his bereavement.

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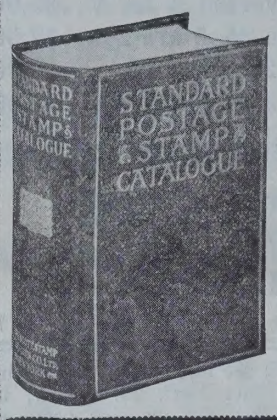

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PART VII.

During several years I travelled the country quite largely, having a good deal of luck, but most of it bad. For instance. Up in a Michigan town I ran across an old house set in the middle of a half block of grounds. It was a square, three story brick with a cupola, and that cupola looked like trunks full of old letters to me. After passing it two or three times I got up my courage and rang the bell.

A dear old lady with white hair and blue glasses came to the door. I told my story and asked if she had any stamps. She shook her head slowly and said "I knew I shouldn't have done it; I knew I shouldn't have done it." I asked what, and she said that a year before she had been up in that cupola and the contents of three trunks of letters and old papers had been destroyed. Did I suppose they were of much value? Of course I said no; there was no use in telling her what they *might* have been worth.

And down in central Illinois I got into an old town that had been founded about 1830, but to my surprise all the houses seemed to be of brick and modern. I asked the local editor and he said that when the coal mines were opened near there everyone made money, tore down their old houses and rebuilt. There seemed to be no place to dig, but finally I struck one old and rather tumbledown two-story frame house. There was another old lady out in the yard feeding chickens, so in I went.

Talked to her of the value of stamps, and she interrupted to ask if stamps from India were any good. Being told they were if old enough, she said her two sisters had been there as missionaries many years before and that she had their letters, as well as some old family correspondence. Did she know where they were? Oh, yes; she had them upstairs in some shoe boxes. Rainbows!!

We went in; she went upstairs and promptly came down with two shoe boxes crammed tight with letters. I went at them eagerly; struck several covers before stamps came into use, and my hopes ran high. Then found some 1861's and 1870's and then, to my horror, a folded cover with the stamp cut off. Then another and another. I called them to her attention and she was utterly unable to account for the fact. I asked for the letters from India and she said they were all there.

Through both boxes I went carefully. There was not a letter from India and not an 1847—nothing of any value but a few Civil War patriotics. The old lady was bewildered. After a little thought she accounted for the facts. Two nieces had visited her some years before. While there they asked to see the correspondence from India—and not only took every letter, but took every valuable U. S. stamp. The old lady was quite heart-broken over it. "If they had asked for them they could have had them without question, but to pretend to want to read the letters and then steal them! Well, it just shows how few people you can trust!"

However, not all the luck can be bad if you keep plugging. Up in Minneapolis I picked up a wonderful double transfer sheet of the 3c purple, and around in Illinois by persistent tackling of old people whom I saw on the street or in their yards or windows I gathered up a good many pretty fair stamps and covers. Any collector can do as well or better, with persistence and courtesy. Stamps like gold are where you find them, and you sometimes hit them in the most unlikely places.

Here in Chicago a year ago I had an odd experience. A friend was saving for me the stamps that came to his office and one day among them I found a 13c of 1917. It had a blurred postmark ending in KIN. I went to see Voorhees and asked him if he could use some of them. Yes. How many? All you can get. Fine; have about a thousand dollars on tap when I get back in a day or two. I got a postal guide and went through every town in Illinois, the only one ending with KIN being Pekin. Hopped the train and went down there, asked for the Postmaster, poked the stamp at him and asked if he had any of them. He glanced at it and said yes, plenty of them. Got as many as ten sheets? Oh, yes. "All right," said I, "give them to me. Here is $130." He stared at me, took a closer look at the stamp and said "Oh, thunder; I thought that was a 1c stamp. We haven't any of those."

I insisted the stamp had come from there but a very few days ago. He said it didn't. Well, how did he account for it? Perhaps it came from South Pekin, he replied. Had never thought of that, but off to So. Pekin I went. Put the matter up to the Asst. Postmaster and he also denied having any, altho it was their postmark. After puzzling over it a bit he suddenly said, "I know; there is an old lady here who has been using a lot of queer stamps on packages and papers for some time. Her husband died a while ago and must have left them." Did he know her name? He did, and gave it to me with her address. I beat it for the house and found her raking the yard. Yes, her husband had left a lot of unused stamps; she never knew he had them. She had sold off a lot of them to a local concern to use on mail and was usin the rest as opportunity offered.

She took me in the house and I g beautiful lot of blocks of ten of va commemorative issues and other th The 13c ones that started me on the were all gone, but Voorhees got a p nice lot of stamps after all, and I do my money after paying her a pren for what she had left.

Remember that in the first of t stories I spoke of my lifelong chum that altho he had not collected in 30 y he still can't resist picking up odd stan He came in to see me last week f Omaha. A druggist friend was se out his business and my chum went d cellar with him looking around. Ther found some cans with 6c black and g Proprietaries on them. Got a sponge hot water and took off 25 beautiful co Not so bad, was it?

Auction Sale No. 305

has been postponed till October, exact date later. The August vacation period prevented my finishing the sale intended for September. Keep your eye on this space for important announcements of coming auctions. "All work and no play makes John a dull boy," so I just relaxed in August.

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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

Official Flights

Don't believe I have mentioned the elaborate cachet applied by the N. A. T. at Ft. Worth for the first daylight flight July 1. Big purple picture, covering about half the envelope.***Joseph Goldberg, 5002 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, says that if you got Aug. 1st night flight covers from Chicago without cachet, to send them in to him and he'll see that it is supplied.***St. Paul P. M. says 864 pieces went from there on this flight.***1st night flying on CAM 20: Pittsburgh, 1,400; Cleveland, 800; Cleveland Airport, 600.

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Postmaster B. D. Chilson, Hilo, Hawaii, writes a personal note of regret that he is compelled, by departmental orders, to return all covers sent him for first air mail service. Says air mail is still very indefinite, but indicates something may happen a bit later. Suggests covers be sent to individuals or organizations who could hold them in the meantime.***Robert Dexheimer reports another wreck cover. Mailed at Togandale, Nev., Dec. 15, 1922, it has a 4-line cachet, "Delayed by forced landing Air Mail, Porcupine Ridge, Utah, Dec. 15, 1922, Recovered Dec. 27, 1922."

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C. M. Beugless shows me an official letter stating that there was a round trip of a plane carrying several hundred pounds of mail between dates of Jan. 24 and 31, Fairbanks to Nome. Outbound trip required 4 days, while return trip was made in one day, the 31st. Guess that settles that argument!***Mail back from 1st trip to Chile shows Miami postmark of July 8, Cristobal the 11th and 16th, and Chanaral the 22nd. First northbound trip, previously mentioned, shows both a black and purple cachet from Santiago, with purple appearing much the scarcer.***Western Canada Airways first contract flight Prince Albert-Lac La Ronge took place June 21st, blue cachet.

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Williams and Yancey signed 9 covers with the special "Aeroporto Littorio" postmark previously recorded.***First air mail from the Vatican State was carried Aug. 2nd, 221 pieces, mostly to Genoa. Was stamped with ordinary Vatican stamps.

Unofficial Flights, Dedications, etc.

Air mail pickup from Leviathan on its Boston-New York trip, recently mentioned has not produced any covers so far, and Boston P. O. says they had no official knowledge of the event. Must have loaded the sacks with a few bricks or old tires I guess.***Reported K. C., Kansas, Airport Celebration cachet June 12 only in yellow. Now shows up in black, also. Likewise, dedication Aug. 3 and 4, used black or green interchangably both days.

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Dunkirk and Fredonia, N. Y., joint airport dedicated Aug. 17, two cachets by the respective Chambers of Commerce. All letters flown via CAM 20 to Buffalo, and there postmarked Aug. 17, 10.30 P. M.***Trans-Missouri Valley Air Meet covers sent to Beatrice, Neb., returned by P. M., who said he knew of no cachet, and no dedication was planned. An unknown coöperator sends me a printed envelope for this event, however.***Yakima, Wash., Legion Air Circus Aug. 16, 17, with the apple as central picture in the cachet—as was the bunch of grapes in the Dunkirk cover just listed.

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San Diego American Legion Air Review cachet was different, utilizing stars to outline the cachet design—Aug. 17, purple, black, or red.***Ogden, Utah, First Anniversary air mail, private cachet Aug. 1st—blue.***Salem, Ore., dedication and Legion convention Aug. 8, 9, 10—2 different cachets, and lots of colors. Dedication cachet appears in 2 sizes, same wording.***McCleary, Wash., dedicated Aug. 10th, magenta cachet.***Coleraine, Minn., Water Carnival and Air Meet cachet Aug. 11, red—similar to dedication cachet, but substitutes a buffalo for the steam shovel.***Wagner, S. D., Aug. 8-9, no cachet.***Alliance, Ohio, covers also reported postmarked Youngstown.

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Several earlier items I've missed up till now. Wallingford, Conn., dedication June 1, 2, 3—red map cachet. Frankfort, Ind., July 5, embossed seal of Giro Club. ***Long Beach, Calif., Pacific Coast Glider Contest—3 lines purple—May 4. St. Louis May 28, cachet "Carried on Fargo-St. Louis preliminary to Gardner Annual Trophy Races." Anybody know what happened at Breckenridge, Tex., Aug. 3rd?***Montpelier, Vt., says nothing doing.***Charleston, S. C., dedicated Aug. 10, but had no cachet and mailed

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Arranging a Stamp Collection

PAUL H. GINTHER, New Holland, Ill.

Every individual has at some time or another come into contact with certain experiences which have enabled him to improve his work. Stamp collecting is no exception to the rule, and, as a stamp collector, I have discovered some facts which have been of great help to me, and which I want to pass on to others of the great philatelic fraternity.

I started to collect stamps in my high school days and managed to gather together quite a fair sized collection in a Scott's International Junior album. I soon outgrew this album, as it were, because it did not provide spaces for the higher values and more rarer varieties of stamps. I also did not like the idea of mounting the stamps on both sides of the pages.

I next investigated the International albums and found that they provided spaces for all of the major varieties of stamps issued. But I preferred to use a linen-hinged loose-leaf blank album and to fill the pages with stamps as my collection grew. But I felt that I lacked the necessary skill to lay out the pages of the blank album for the stamps that I had to mount. I did not know just how much space to leave between certain issues that I wished to mount, as later I would probably acquire the issues to fill in between. So I hit upon the idea of laying out the blank pages similar to those of the International albums. I would combine the system of arrangement of the International album plus the loose-leaf plan.

I purchased the several sections of the International album, also a loose-leaf blank album with pages the same size as the International album. For the certain issues of stamps that I wished to mount, I laid off pages in most cases in the same order of arrangement as the International album. I bought a quantity of the cheaper grade of thin unruled paper and would place a sheet of it over the page that I wished to reproduce and mark on it the necessary outlines of the spaces and guide lines of the International page. On another small table I arranged a piece of plate glass about twelve by twenty-one inches in size on two boxes about six inches high. These supported the piece of glass at the ends, and under the center of it was placed a twenty-five watt electric lamp. The piece of glass was secured for a small sum at an automobile wrecking yard.

After having outlined on the sheet of paper the spaces for the stamps, etc., I next lay it on the glass and place a blank album page over it, carefully reproducing the spaces on the blank page lightly in pencil. After printing in the necessary titles and dates with pencil, I reproduce them with India drawing ink. I use a ruling pen to make lines and borders, and a lettering pen for the printing of titles and dates. After the ink is thoroughly dry I erase the traces of the pencil marks and clean the page of dirty spots with a soft eraser suitable for this kind of work. The page is now ready for mounting the stamps and placing it in the album.

In this way all of the pages in my album have stamps on them, and as I get new stamps I make new pages for them. A person with artistic ability can make a beautiful job of it. If any of the readers of this article wish to offer any criticism of my method and any suggestions for its improvement, I will certainly appreciate it.

Servicio Postal. — An inscription found on many of the stamps of Honduras which means "Postal service."

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

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"But I collect stamps."
"Thunder! I pay cash."
—R. E. Dunlop.

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The stick in Gen. Sullivan's hand has been called a mortar-mixing stick, a spear, a hop pole, and the handle of a hod. Old Gen. Public, however, is interested only in the "stick" on the back of the stamp.

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—CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

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—Joseph B. Mays.

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For the mail going south,
That his tongue stuck tight
To the roof of his mouth.

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Ches. W. Hodgson, who recently through this column set the world right on the 24c airmail with inverted border, now comes to the front with the contention that the so-called "inverted surcharges" are but a sad misnomer. "T plate that prints the surcharges is rig side up, but the stamps are fed into t press feet first. Therefore it's the stam that are wrong," he says.

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Major Leaguer: "I got a triple yeste day."
Philatelic Clubber: "That's nothing. got a double strike today."

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 531)

no covers. C. of C. will hold for CAM flight expected soon.

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Camden, N. J., dedication about 23, probable cachet by C. of C.***K Neb., nothing doing; Pomona, N. no such P. O. in state—2 bad ones or part.***Kenton, Ohio, dedication Sep No cachet announced, but may b Utica, N. Y., C. of C. announces ca for their's Sept. 28.***Savannah, Ga about 6 weeks—to Jr. C. of C.***P delphia Air Race cachet didn't terialize.

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And now some more figures. Lan ter Air Meet, July 27—2,000, 28—1, by Lancaster Stamp Club.***Burling Iowa, dedication—400—by C. of C. Hartford, Conn., Lindbergh Day—1, Brainard Field Anniversary—1,106 Hartford Air Mail Anniversary—f 545 to 809 each of the 6 days—total 4, ***Belleville, Kans., Jenson Homecon —300.***Rochester, Minn., Jubilee— to 576 for the 4 days, total 1,576 Boise Western States Air Conf.—4 by C. of C.***Dryden, N. Y.—Old H Week — 22.***Saginaw Anniversary 1,200—by Jr. Bd. of Commerce.***So Bend Anniv.—2,300—by Northern Phil. Soc.***Red Bank, N. J., Air M —3,500 for the 4 days—by C. of C.** Petersburg, Fla., Lindbergh Day—1, —by P. M.

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Detroit—Airplane Model Leagu 2,450—by American Boy.***Ripon publican Anniv.—1,400—by C. of C. Los Angeles First Air-Rail hookup only, due to a misunderstanding in P. O.***Toledo Lindbergh Day—5,0 6,000—by Toledo Aviation Club.***Ha mondsport, N. Y., Curtis Anniversa July 4, 1929—200—privately applied. Ames, Iowa, Aeronautical Conf.—4, for the 3 days.***Cheyenne, Wyo.—Fr tier Days—500 each day.***Bridgep Conn.—5,000—by C. of C.***Lundb Day, McKeesport—700, Pittsburg—7 ***Balloon Races at Pittsburgh—1,0 700, 700 the 3 days, and 150 on each b loon.***McKeesport Lindbergh Visit niv. — 1,400 — Pittsburgh ditto—2,000. Homestead Standard Steel Propello 1,000.***1st Cleveland-Washington fli —each way—50.

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ie well-known Berlin dealer, J. Roerg, will arrive in New York Sept. d will be located at the Hotel Woodc, 43rd St. It is his intention to visit e cities, and he will be very glad to from dealers who would like to see Mr. Rosenberg has been a frequent rtiser in American stamp papers, and member of the A. P. S., A. S. D. A., various European organizations. We eak a cordial welcome for him.

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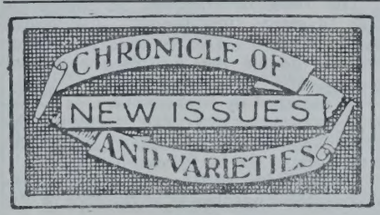

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New Revenue Variety

Mr. David H. Burr has submitted for inspection a copy of the 10-cent Documentary issue of 1917-1929, Scott's No. 4231, with compound perforations 11x10. Not so far back, we discovered the current revenues coming perforated 10 instead of the original perforation 11, and now with the compound perforation at hand, I am led to believe that the perforating machines used at the Bureau for perforating revenues have at least one that perforates 10 and that a further machine perforates 11. Otherwise, how could we possibly account for the fact that most of the current stock is perforated 11, with new varieties perforated 10 turning up here and there? The one machine which was inspected a few weeks back, perforated 10 and we were informed that there had been no changes in the perforating machines which are used for perforating revenues, for a number of years. We are now investigating to learn as to whether they have two types of machines being used at the same time. If this is so, we can readily account for the compound perforated variety. Otherwise, this variety was made at the time the perforating wheels were changed over from one gauge to the other. We do not have the facilities for following the revenue stamps as carefully as we do the postage stamps, for the Treasury Department is not as accommodating and helpful in giving out information, as is the Post Office. Under the circumstances, if collectors will follow their collections carefully, no doubt, many new varieties will be discovered, for if one value exists, there is every likelihood of other denominations being in existence.

New Edison Coil

We announced in this column a number of months back that the Department had prepared special coils of three thousand stamps, coiled in such a manner that the gum is outward, for use in connection with special mailing machines. It was this type of coil which made it unnecessary for the Department to issue further imperforate stamps, in order to be cut up for special machines.

The Department now announces that the Edison coil consisting of 3,000 stamps is available. The individual stamp or strip from such a coil cannot be distinguished from those from the smaller coils, so that it does not make a new variety for the collector. The official announcement of the Department is as follows:

"Postmasters are notified that in addition to the issuance of the Edison commemorative stamps in coils of 500, sidewise perforated, as stated in the original notice, which appears on page 15 of the June guide, provision has now been made for the furnishing of a limited quantity of this stamp in coils of 3,000 as needed by patrons for use in special affixing machines.

Postmasters at direct and central accounting post offices who receive requests from local patrons for 2-cent Edison commemorative stamps in coils of 3,000 may submit requisition to the department for the quantity required, using Form 3201-a suitably indorsed.

In this connection postmasters are reminded that all requisitions for coils of 3,000 stamps should, if possible, be drawn for full boxes containing eight coils each to conform to stock packing. When there is good reason for it, a half box containing four coils can be furnished. Requisitions calling for an odd number of 3,000 stamp coils will be changed in the department to the nearest even amount to conform to standard packing."

Philadelphia Loses Air Mail Terminal

It is to be regretted that a city of the size of Philadelphia has not seen fit to set aside sufficient money to prepare a proper air mail terminal for the Department. As a result, Washington has granted the Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., permission to land the air mail at the central airport located near Camden, N. J. This new arrangement becomes effective September 15th.

During the last year, the condition of the Philadelphia terminal was such that planes could only land with difficulty and in certain weather landing was actually dangerous. Little towns with only a fraction of our size and population have first-class fields.

Mr. Glover gives the announcement of the change under date of August 15.

The following new issues have been received from our London correspondent, Mr. R. Roberts:

Brazil. — 5000 reis purple, head of Ruy Barbosa, type A85, but with different framework. The watermark is large star and CASA DA MOEDA. The paper is thin and the issue is line engraved.

Czechoslovakia. — The Kr.2.50 blue has appeared in a new type, a view of the city of Prague being the central view and perforated 9½, with no watermark.

Dutch Indies.—New colors have been issued on unwatermarked paper, perf. 12½. They are the 3c green, numeral type, 15c blue and 35c red-brown, design as Scott's A12.

Egypt.—The 15mm in a shade of very deep blue has made its appearance with watermark and perforation as before.

French Alexandria. — The 3mm orange and 20mm magenta have been placed on sale, the former being type A2 and the latter of A3, but with the figures smaller than previously and with "Mm" beneath.

Grenada. — The 2sh 6p value mentioned in our issue No. 2012 as having been despatched to the Colony has been

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UNITED STATES STAMPS

The used stamps in the following list are in good condition, have no straight edges and are not heavily cancelled. The unused stamps are perforated all around and have full o. g.

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Scott No.		Price
28	1847, 5c brown	$ 5.00
29	10c black	22.50
31	1851, 1c blue, type II	3.25
35b	10c green	3.75
42f	1857, 1c blue	.75
50	10c green, type V	1.25
51	12c black	3.00
52	24c lilac	8.50
63	1861, 1c blue	.45
63b	1c dark blue	2.50
68	10c yellow green	.45
69	12c black	1.50
70	24c red lilac	5.75
71	30c orange	1.75
72	90c blue	8.50
73	1862, 2c black	.25
76	5c brown	1.50
76a	5c black brown	2.25
77	15c black	2.25
78	24c lilac or gray lilac	1.50
92	1867, 1c blue	2.00
95	5c brown	6.75
96	10c yellow green	1.60
97	12c black	1.50
98	15c black	1.85
99	24c gray lilac	10.75
100	30c orange	4.75
112	1869, 1c buff	1.75
113	2c brown	.50
115	6c blue	2.25
116	10c yellow	2.00
117	12c green	2.60
118	15c brown and blue, type I	5.40
119	15c brown and blue, type II	2.20
120	24c green and violet	6.00
121	30c blue and carmine	2.60
134	1870-1, 1c ultramarine	.50
149	7c vermilion	1.50
150	10c brown	.45
151	12c dull violet	.90
152	15c bright orange	1.15
153	24c purple	3.50
154	30c full black	3.50
155	90c carmine	4.25
160	1873, 7c vermilion	1.50
162	12c blackish violet	1.25
163	15c yellow orange	1.25
165	30c grey black	.60
166	90c rose carmine	4.25
186	1879, 6c pink	.45
189	15c red orange	.50
190	30c full black	.90
191	90c carmine	3.50
208	1882, 6c re-engraved	1.00
*213	1887, 3c vermilion, used or *	.90
*217	1888, 30c orange brown	2.50
217	Same used	1.40
218	90c purple	5.00
228	1890, 30c black	.65
*229	90c orange, perfectly cent., full o. g.	4.50
229	Same, used	2.00
*230-7	1893, 1c to 10c	1.25
230-7	Same set used	.65
238	15c dark green, used or *..	1.00
*239	30c orange brown	1.90
239	1893, 30c orange brown, used ...	$ 1.25
*240	50c slate blue	2.10
240	Same, used	1.50
241	$1 salmon	5.20
*245	$5 black	16.00
245	Same, used	15.00
275a	1895, 50c red orange	.45
276	$1 black, type I	1.00
*284	1898-9, 15c olive green	1.30
*285-90	1898, 1c to 10c, set	4.25
285-90	Same set used	1.60
*291	50c sage green	4.75
291	Same used	3.00
*294-9	1901, Pan-American issue	2.20
294-9	Same set used	1.40
311	1902, $1 black	.60
312	$2 dark blue	4.50
*314	1c blue green, block of 4	1.35
314	Same, used pair	.60
*320	1903, 2c carmine, block of 4	1.35
*323-7	1904, 1c to 10c, complete	3.60
323-7	Same set used	1.60
*328-30	1907, Jamestown, complete	.65
*368	1909, Lincoln imperf. block	1.00
*371	Alaska-Yukon, block	1.00
*373	Hudson-Fulton, block	1.00
*397-400	1912-13, Panama-Pacific 1-10c	1.35
401-4	1915, Same issue, perf. 10, used set	.70
408-9	1912-15, 1c and 2c, used block of each	.50
*464	1916, 3c violet	5.00
479	$2 dark blue	.60
480	$5 light green	1.10
*517	1917-19, 50c red violet	.90
524	1918, $5 deep green and black	2.00
*538a	1919-21, 1c, imperf. horiz. pair	1.20
*538a	Same, block of 4	2.40
*539b	2c, imperf. horiz. pair	1.20
*539b	Same, block of 4	2.40
*541	3c violet, block of 4	2.50
547	1920, $2 carm. and black	.40
572	1922, $2 deep blue	.30
573	$5 carm. and dark blue	1.35
*581-91	1926, 1c to 10c, perf. 10	1.35
*614-16	1924, 1-5c, Huguenot-Walloon	.30
*617-19	1925, 1-5c, Lexington-Concord	.25
*620-1	2c, 5c, Norse, used or *	.40
620-1	2c, 5c, fine blocks of 4	1.60
621	5c Norse, center line blk. 4	2.00
629	1926, White Plains, 2c, block of 4, used	.12
1450-61	1912-13, Parcel Post, complete	2.00
1463-6	1925-6, Special Handling, cmpl.	.25
1514-23	Interior Dept., complete	4.75
1546-55	Post Office Dept., complete	6.90
1571-81	Treasury Dept., complete	6.50
1582-92	War Dept., complete	5.20
*1890	1885, Sp. Delivery 10c blue	1.10
*1898	1914, Sp. Del. 10c, perf. 10	.75
4105	1914, Revenue, $30 vermilion, lightly cut	1.00
4108	Revenue, $100 green, lightly cut	1.75
4243-6	1917, Revenue, $30, $60, $100, lightly cut	2.25

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placed on sale and copies are to hand. The colors are black and carmine on blue and the watermark is the script type.

Jamaica.—The current 4p has been printed in green and grey instead of the central part of the stamp being brown as formerly.

Norway.—The old types have been revived in two instances. The 7 ore green, type A10, watermarked Posthorn, perf. 14x13½ and the 2st orange, type A4, surcharged "14 ore 14" in black at the base of the stamp, no watermark, perf. 14x13½. Also the 5 ore magenta Official stamp, overprinted for use as 2 ore. Two sans serif figure "2" obliterate the original value.

Patiala. — The 1a brown and 2a purple, Nasik printing, with the small type of surcharge.

Trengganu.—The $1 blue and purple, on script watermarked paper, has been received.

Our Ipswich, England, correspondent, Whitfield King & Co., submit the following items for chronicle:

Czechoslovakia.—A 2k stamp in green has appeared.

Cuba.—The 8c red-brown of the current series has been issued on the new Star watermarked paper.

Egypt.—The 4m postage due stamp is now in dark green.

France.—A 10frs—ultramarine, with a view of Port De La Rochelle in oblong format, has been received. It is a most attractive stamp with "Postes" in the lower left corner and "10Fr." in the lower right and "Republique Francaise" between. Below the frame line beneath the name of the country is "Port De La Rochelle."

Lithuania. — In design A31, the 5c green and 15c red are now on paper watermarked honeycomb.

Netherlands.—A new set of Air Mail stamps has been issued in three values. The stamps are line engraved, perf. 11½ on unwatermarked paper and of the following values: 1½Gl sepia, 4½Gl carmine, and 7½Gl blue-green.

Mexico. — Copies of the Carranza commemorative issue of Air post stamps are at hand. All of the same type, there are six values, perf. 12, watermarked Correos Mexico. Denominations and colors are 5c olive-green and black, 10c black and brown-red, 15c violet and dark green, 20c brown and blue-black, 50c brown-red and blue-black, and 1p blue-black and brown.

Denmark.—The new Cancer set has been issued in three values, 10 ore green, 15 ore red, and 25 ore blue. Mr. A. E. Pade kindly sends the set and gives the following information: Each value is sold at a 5 ore premium which goes to the Danish Cancer committee. The number printed are 750,000 10 ore, 850,000 15 ore, 250,000 25 ore, of which 6,000 booklets will be made, each to contain 4 of the 10 ore, 4 of the 15 ore, and 2 of the 25 ore. The booklet sells for 2 kroner

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Stop Press News

2c FALLEN TIMBERS ON SALE SEPT. 14

PHILA., Aug. 27.

Under date of August 26, the Postmaster General announced that the new 2-cent stamp commemorating the Battle of Fallen Timbers, will be placed on sale on Saturday, Sept. 14, at Toledo, Maumee, Perrysburg, Waterville, Ohio, in addition to Erie, Pennsylvania. It will not be available at the Agency until Monday, Sept. 16. Full details will be given in next Chronicle.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

NEW NEWFOUNDLAND PRINTS

I enclose copies of the new printings of the 2c and 3c present issue. These are from the presses of John Dickins & Co., London. The gum is much thicker, also the paper, and the colors are brighter than those on the Whitehead Morris printings.

FRANK F. WILLS.

SWISS 1929 PRO JUVENTUTE

The *Philatelic Magazine* announces the Pro Juventute 1929 designs. The annual series to be issued at the end of this year will be double the size of the normal stamps, and will be as under:

5c, designed by Francois Gos, of Geneva, representing in a violet surround, the setting sun on Lake Lugano, with San Salvatore in the background.

10c, by Edouard Boss, of Berne, representing the Engshlenese at the foot of the Titlis, in a green frame.

20c, by the same artist, showing Lyskamm as seen from Riffelberg, in a red frame.

30c, by Antoine Stockmann, of Stans. Figure of Nicolas de Flue. Color not stated.

A LITHUANIAN ERROR

A variety of the 15c carmine current issue double cross design has been found tete-beche, and it is a very interesting error. The stamps are printed in four panes of one hundred. The lower left pane in the left hand corner contains ten stamps inverted, providing either five horizontal and four vertical, or four horizontal and two vertical tete-beche pairs. The inverted stamps were nearly all removed before issue, but not before one hundred sheets had been sold.

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BAY STATE TER-CENTENA

Congressman John W. McCormac been informed by Postmaster-Ge Brown that it will not be necessar Congress to enact legislation autho the post office department to issue a commemorating the 300th anniversa the settlement of Boston and the f ing of the Massachusetts Bay colon his letter to Congressman McCor Postmaster-General Brown states:

"The department has full auth under the existing statute to prov commemorative postage stamp fo 300th anniversary of the founding o Massachusetts Bay colony.

"The program for commemor stamps for 1930 has not yet been pre and it is not known at this time final decision can be made on the st for next year.

"You may be assured, however, in of the recognized historical impor of the Massachusetts anniversary, the department will give the matte having a stamp for the event most ca consideration, and you will be fu advised."

SPECIAL MARKINGS

Louis Proctor Jubilee, Vanco Wash., Aug. 18. Courtesy of F. E. ton, Cachet.

A special exhibition postmark wa plied to Minneapolis mail sent fro exhibition station. One cover is Aug. 19. Courtesy of Raymond V. For good measure the marking was also on the regular exhibition label, a third was applied on the reverse A second cover from Herbert A. Fe is dated Aug. 22.

COLOGNE TO U. S. IN SEVEN D

By courtesy of Arns & Schrott have received a cover that made re time in crossing the Atlantic. S days from Cologne to Beverly instea ten is the record time made by this le From Cologne the letter was carrie plane on the morning of Aug. 15 to Bremen at Cherbourg and catapulte the Bremen 50 miles outside of York at 7.50 A. M., August 20. It received in Beverly the following The Bremen did not dock until 2.3 M., and the ordinary mail brought not delivered in New York until the lowing day. The envelope bears "K pultflug" markings.

A. P. S. STAMP SHOW AND AWARD

FORTUNE IN RARE STAMPS AND COLLECTIONS E HIBITED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION

(Clipping from the Minneapolis *Journal*, Aug. 22)

Minneapolis stamp collectors continued Wednesday to win honors as judging continued in the National Philatelic exhibition in the Hodgson building, Second Avenue south and Fourth Street, being held in conjunction with the forty-fourth annual convention of the American Philatelic society.

Gerald H. Burgess, president of the Twin Cities Philatelic society, took all prizes in the section devoted to United States nineteenth century used stamps; Mrs. William Dalrymple and Russell V. Carr shared all honors in group 4 of the foreign stamp exhibit, and B. D. Hedding took first place in the open and novice classes of the precancellation section.

Trading Lively

Trading on the stamp bourse was spirited all during Wednesday and at midnight the buying was unabated and indications were that more than 100 enthusiasts would continue to dicker for prized stamps all night.

Another celebrity of the stamp collecting world is scheduled to arrive at the convention and show late Thursday. He is Alfred Lichtenstein of New York City, who had previously shipped a collection valued at $250,000 to the exhibition. Lichtenstein is hurrying to Minneap from San Francisco.

He will join Arthur Hind, wea philatelic collector of Utica, N. Y., has been here all during the session. Hind has a collection valued at $550 up for sale at the exhibit, but he ref to break up the collection. So far, taker has appeared. He is also ow of the most valuable stamp in the wo and an envelope on which are pasted rare Mauritius post office stamps.

Another prized possession he brou to Minneapolis with him is a cover stamp with the inscription by K George of Great Britain—"This 9d, p 5, Great Britain stamp was taken fr my collection and given to the Natio Philatelic war funds auction in Sept ber, 1915—George R. I."

No Childhood Hobby

Mr. Hind Wednesday explained t stamp collecting was not, in his c childhood hobby, but one acquired in m dle age.

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A meeting of collectors of precancelled stamps was held late Wednesday afternoon.

Prize Awards

The following were awarded prizes for exhibits Wednesday night:

Section A, group 2, United States nineteenth century unused stamps:

Open class—Won by Gerald H. Burgess of Minneapolis, president of the Twin Cities Philatelic society. He also won second prize.

Novice class—First and second prizes won by Mr. Burgess.

Section A, group 7, New York and Brooklyn locals on covers:

Open class—Won by Lawrence B. Mason, Cranford, N. J.

Novice class—Won by Mr. Mason.

Section A, group 10—Stamps of United States possessions:

Open class—Won by C. Steinmetz, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.; L. A. Burmeister, Milwaukee, second.

Novice class—Won by Mr. Steinmetz; Mr. Burmeister second.

Section A, group 13—Overprinted stamps and United States ship cancellations:

Open class—Won by Clarence Wilson Brazer, Lansdowne, Pa.; William Hornbeck, Los Angeles, Calif., second.

Novice class—Won by William Hornbeck, Los Angeles; Dr. N. P. McGay, Cleveland, Ohio, second; Alfred B. Cassell, Minneapolis, third.

Junior class—Won by Harrison Thole, Minneapolis.

Section A, group 14—United States collections:

Juvenile class—Won by Dennings J. Peaslee, Star Lake, Wis.; James Lawson, Minneapolis, second.

Section F, group 6—Papers on philately:

Winners class—Won by Bertram W. H. Poole, Los Angeles.

Open class—Won by W. Herbert Dole, West Orange, N. J.

Novice class—Won by Delf Norona, Wheeling, W. Va.

Section F, group 7—Precancellations:

Open class—Won by B. D. Hedding, Minneapolis; Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J., second.

Novice class—Won by B. D. Hedding, Minneapolis; Stephen G. Rich, Verona, N. J., second.

Junior class—Won by Leigh Rae Wilson, New York City.

Section F, group S—Miscellaneous:

Open class—Won by Harry M. Konwiser, New York City; Herman Toaspern, New York City, second; William R. Anderson, St. Paul, third; Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York City, fourth.

Novice class—Won by L. A. Burmeister, Milwaukee; R. C. Bach, New York City, second; Miss Fay Jordan, New York City, third; L. J. Rader, Minneapolis, fourth.

Juvenile class—Won by Edward Dvorak, Cleveland, Ohio.

Section C, group 2—Foreign stamps:

Open class—Won by Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.; Hans Lagerloef, New York City, second.

Novice class—Won by Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.

Section C, group 3—Foreign:

Open class—Won by W. D. Preston, East Cleveland, Ohio.

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Open class—Won by Mrs. William Dalrymple, Minneapolis; Russell V. Carr, Minneapolis, second.

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Section C, group 5—Foreign:

Open class—Won by Gustav Larson, Worcester, Mass.; Harry M. Konwiser, New York City, second; A. J. Mottlau, Pittsburgh, Pa., third; L. A. Burmeister, Milwaukee, fourth.

Novice class—Won by Gustav Larson, Worcester, Mass.; A. J. Mottlau, Pittsburgh, second; L. A. Burmeister, Milwaukee, third.

Section C, group 6—Foreign:

Open class—Won by Karl Koslowski, Detroit, Mich.

Novice class—Won by Mr. Koslowski; A. Savine, Long Lake, N. Y., second; Anton Kusv, Jr., Anslem, N. D., third.

Section C, group 7—Foreign:

Open class—Won by Theodore E. Steinway, New York City; Charles S. Thompson, Los Angeles, second; Hans Lagerloef, New York City, third; Harry M. Konwiser, New York City, fourth.

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The catapult equipment was furnished by the firm of Ernst Heinkel of Warnemunde, who also furnishes the aeroplane. This firm has for the past two years been experimenting with the building of catapults for marine purposes, and the feasibility of the project was tested by many successful starts before the building of the one in use upon the Bremen. The Bremen catapult was set up on the 25 metre high sun-deck between the two large chimneys. The plane is mounted on rails and is tossed forward by means of an hydraulic press. The speed, which at first is slow, is increased sufficiently to keep the airplane in the air after a 20 metres start and to fly at a space of 110 kilometers. Airplanes up to 6,000 pounds can be catapulted from the deck of the Bremen. The present plane "New York" can carry 600 pounds of mail in addition to the two pilots. The first flight was piloted by von Studnitz of the Deutsche Lufthansa.

To shorten the time on the second trip an arrangement was made to forward air mail by an aeroplane from Cologne to Cherbourg. By this means 24 hours were gained on the trip to the United States. This is a first flight and of much interest as Cherbourg is a fortified city and the French Government has for the first time permitted a German airplane to enter the city.

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Guatemala.—Only 50,000 of the 3c value of the recent air provisional set were printed, whereas there were 300,000 of the 5c, and 200,000 of each of the 15c and 20c.

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India.—A Nasik printing of the 2½a in a peculiar shade of pale orange bistre has been received from several of our correspondents.

Latvia.—A new set of five commemorative stamps has been issued bearing the picture of S. A. Meijerowitzs. This information reaches us through Geo. H. Jaeger, who states that they are issued in behalf of a monument fund. The values are 2+2, 6+6, 15+25, 20+35, 30+40 santimu, with a face value of 1.11 lats. 40,000 sets were printed.

Monaco.—*Die Postmarke* reports the appearance of the current 15 centimes stamp in violet instead of yellow-green.

Mozambique.—A new Charity stamp in aid of widows and orphans, the use of which upon letters for Portugal and its Colonies only was obligatory for a period of eight days from July 24, is illustrated by *Die Postmarke*. The vignette shows a group of two women and a child and the inscription reads: "Assistancia Publica—Mozambique—Correos". Fifty thousand copies were printed in two colors at the State Printing Works, Berlin. The value is 40 centavos, and the color blue and violet-brown.

Nicaragua. — Champion's *Bulletin Mensuel* reports the following changes in the types of 1914, ½c vermilion, 1c orange-yellow, 3c violet, 4c brown, 5c yellow, 6c bright blue, 15c carmine and 25c violet-brown.

Paraguay. — Writing in the *Daily Telegraph,* Mr. Fred J. Melville states that "Paraguay is preparing another set of air mail stamps, on which will appear the portraits of Pettirossi, the Paraguayian aviator, and of Captain Almonacid, Director of Aeroposta Argentina (Latecoere) in recognition of his services in establishing the local air mail service."

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Rhodes. — *Scott's Monthly Jou* chronicles a set of nine stamps issue Commemoration of the visit of the K and Queen of Italy to Rhodes. Th are five designs and the stamps are watermarked, perf. 11. Values shades are 5c magenta, 10c olive-bro 20c rose-red, 25c green, 30c dark b 50c dark brown, 1.25L dark blue, 5L genta, 10L olive-green. The WEE acknowledges a clipping in reference this set from B. R. Whitaker, Jr.

Tunis.—The A11 design stamp the 30c light violet has been surchar for use as 10c, according to *Sc Monthly Journal.* This stamp only ex in precancelled condition.

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The Minneapolis Philatelic Exhibition, the first to be held under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society, was open to the public, complete, on August 19th, strictly in accordance with schedule. To one who has attended other exhibitions, it will be appreciated that this is unusual—in fact the whole exhibition was unusual and of outstanding merit.

As a result of civic coöperation and good feeling, publicity of the highest order was obtained generally. Each newspaper carried notices of the coming exhibition almost daily, and told stories to interest the non-collector. During the exhibition these stories related the daily happenings—stories about stamps—lists of awards—little news items about visiting collectors and their hobbies—a story of Mr. Hind's wonderful rarities being shown—philatelic notes about local collectors, and the like.

Streamers were to be found stretching across two of the main streets announcing the exhibition of stamps valued in excess of a million dollars. Several large windows throughout the city displayed stamps, and endeavored to arouse interest in the collecting of the little pieces of paper. Mr. Preston H. Thorp addressed the Rotary and Kiwanis, and spoke over the radio. Mr. Laurence Clark, in charge of publicity, is certainly to be congratulated on doing a difficult piece of work well.

The show itself, laid out similar to those held in New York and Cleveland, occupied an entire well lighted floor of one of Minneapolis' modern office buildings—the Hodgson Building, donated through the courtesy of the owner, another local collector, Mr. Welles G. Hodgson. The cases for display, made originally for Cleveland, housed some of our most interesting collections. The frames that attracted the most attention, especially the non-collector, were those exhibiting a few rarities from the collection of Mr. Arthur Hind, of Utica, New York. The unique one pence British Guiana, the world's best known stamp was to be seen. One of the finest items known to Philately—a cover showing a single of each of the one penny and two pence Post Office Mauritius tied together, two types of the two cent Hawaiian Missionary, rare early Spain, Switzerland, and New South Wales—all to be seen in two frames.

The wonderful collections of Cape of Good Hope, Mauritius, and Nova Scotia, belonging to Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein were on display, not for competition. These are so well known, and have been written up so many times that there is little new to be said. Each collection is an outstanding display containing most of the world's finest pieces in the country shown. Among the Capes is to be found the most magnificent item of all of the Lichtenstein holdings, namely, the wonderful block of four of the Woodblock one penny red showing the four pence error on entire cover. A further cover with two singles of the one pence post office Mauritius, and an additional cover with a two pence were among the outstanding Mauritius items. The Nova Scotia lot included several pairs of the scarce one shilling, including a pair of the cold violet on cover.

Among the United States, Mr. Lawrence B. Mason and Edward N. Knapp showed outstanding exhibits of early issues. Mr. Mason's lot included a number of superb New York postmasters showing numerous cancellations and signatures. Several St. Louis tied with red cancellations, New York carriers, Charleston Carriers, as well as several Eagle carriers used from different cities. Four additional frames were divided to New York carrier cancellations, including an outstanding cover used to Nova Scotia with an 1857 ten cent, in addition to a one cent paying a carrier's fee. The one and three cent in combination are quite common, but the one cent with ten cent is rather scarce.

A further exhibit of Mr. Mason's included one of the choicest lots of locals on entire covers now in the hands of any collector. There were several to be seen that are possibly unique, and throughout the condition was superb.

Mr. Knapp exhibited early western express covers, United States rates, combinations and cancellations, the issues of 1869 and an interesting lot of air mail covers signed by Colonel Lindbergh. In fact, in the entire frame, I failed to note a cover that did not bear his autograph. The 1869 covers, as happened to be the case with the other Knapp exhibits, were of outstanding importance. I particularly noticed three unusually fine twenty-four cent used on covers, one being in combination with a pair of two cent. Five of the thirty cent were present on covers, one being in combination with two fifteen cents, one with the twelve cents, and one was nicely tied to the cover with a red New York postmark. Single copies off covers with unusual cancellations added greatly to the collection.

Mr. John J. O'Donohue showed his pet favorites, the 1851 three cent issues. There were too many items to mention, but one piece which especially caught my eye was a wonderful copy nicely tied to the cover with green circular Randolph Macon College, Virginia, postmark. Mr. Olaf J. Olson exhibited what is perhaps the largest collection of mint United States held in Minneapolis. This included some very choice singles as well as blocks of both the 19th and 20th centuries.

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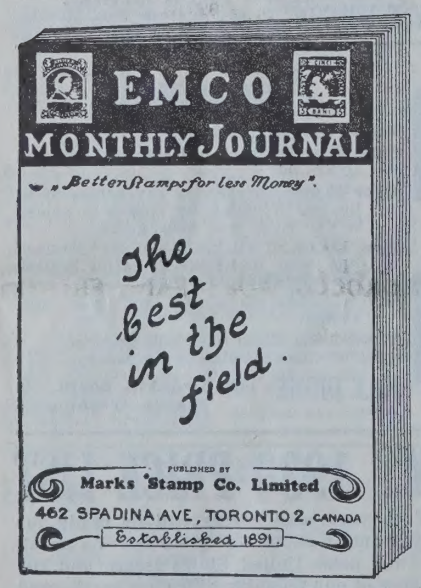

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The finest exhibition of revenues was made by Mr. Philip Little, Jr., also of Minneapolis. This included a number of choice pieces, such as a strip of three of the $20.00 third issue, a pair of the fifty cent proprietary, and one piece that I have never seen before, namely, an 1898 fifty cent, vertical pair imperforate. Throughout the collection Mr. Little has endeavored to obtain stamped cancellations and has succeeded wonderfully well. Mr. Frank L. Applegate showed a nice lot of State revenues.

The outstanding collection of United States proofs now in existence, belonging to Mr. Clarence W. Brazer, needs no comment as it covers everything from the earliest to the latest issues, and is not surpassed anywhere.

The Confederates were well represented by the general issues belonging to Mr. Thos. H. Pratt, and as these have been shown on numerous occasions before, no comment is necessary. The Scott Company showed several frames of choice reconstructed plates.

Mr. Alfred B. Cassell of Minneapolis had an attractive collection of the six cent bank note issues, and I particularly noted a copy with bright red cancellation. Mr. Beverly S. King devoted two frames to the postage due and special delivery stamps, showing the development of the issues from the original sketches through the proofs and down to the finished stamp.

Dr. N. P. McGay showed private coils, Mr. O. J. Olson departmental blocks and singles, and Mr. Thole Harrison unused blocks and covers, the latter being in the junior class.

Among the foreign, Mr. O. J. Olson was represented by an unusual lot taken from his general collection, and these included the German states, Sweden, Norway, and German colonies. A superb block of four and a strip of three of Norway number one were particularly attractive, and ten or twelve copies of the three skilling of the first issue of Sweden were in evidence, including the reprints. Mr. Paul MacGuffin showed Great Britain and German states, and he has been fortunate in picking up quite a few of the Saxony number one, represented by several singles and a pair. The exhibits of Mr. Theo. E. Steinway were important, and included New South Wales, Hamburg and Great Britain.

All of the fine things by no means belonged to the masculine end of philately, for the ladies were well represented. Mrs. Caroline Dayton Hayden showed one of the choicest small specialized collections in the exhibit, namely, a wonderful lot of St. Vincent. Each stamp is represented by several copies showing either odd shades or unusual cancellations. The 1866 one shilling slate gray compound perforated was present in addition to two choice copies of the 1880 five shillings, one showing sheet margins. All of the surcharges were on hand, including a mint copy of the four pence on one shilling. An outstanding cancellation item particularly noted was an 1871 small star four pence with red postmark. This is quite often found on the one pence and six pence, but I do not recall seeing it before on this denomination.

Mrs. Wm. Dalrymple of Minneapolis, showed an attractive collection of Hungary, including mint and used copies of the two first issues in magnificent condition, as well as a substantial representation of the later issues. Mrs. H. A. Diamant showed one frame of Cape triangles. Mrs. E. B. Wittmer exhibited fine collections of United States revenues, cancellations as well as patriotic and miscellaneous covers.

The Scott Company helped to make the exhibition a success by entering exhibits in no less than twenty-two classes, and these included the outstanding collection of Mr. Clark of patriotic covers. The frame of Lincoln items was particularly attractive, and is possibly one of the finest of its kind in existence.

The Nassau Stamp Company showed several collections, including an interesting one of Siam. This collection is possibly the finest specialized lot now in existence, starting with the first issue and coming forward to date, and includes blocks and singles, as well as reconstructed plates of possibly every variety known. Mr. Gustaf Mosler showed his pet Austrians, including what is without doubt the finest lot of early cancellations in the hands of an American collector. Mr. Mosler has been after these stamps for many years, and as a result, has gotten together a collection of real importance.

Mr. John S. Pillsbury of Minneapolis showed one frame of Cape of Good Hope, including several rare blocks. Mr. Stephen G. Rich exhibited Union of South Africa. Mr. E. S. Stebbins of Minneapolis, Georgian issues on script watermarked paper. Mr. Hans Lagerloef, Roman States and Heligoland. Mr. H. Konwiser, Denmark of 1851 to 1896. Mr. Karl Koslowski, Latvia. Mr. L. J. Rader, Crete and Argentine. Dr. Clarence Hennan, Suriname. Richard Hollinbeck, Chile. C. F. Heyerman, Hejaz.

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Mr. V. W. Rotnem was in charg the show and deserves congratulatio it is doubtful if an exhibition has before run smoother and more efficie Everyone in attendance, and there great numbers, constantly on hand, oughly enjoyed themselves. Attra catalogs listed the exhibits, and were pared by Mr. Alfred B. Cassell, 5,00 ing published and practically all However, if there are any remaining will be available to out of town colle at fifteen cents each.

The exhibition would not have be success without the able leadership of Philip Little, Jr., President of the hibition Company, who looked out everything in an able way. Mr. G H. Burgess was in constant attendan both the exhibition and convention, seemed to do everything within his er to make out of town visitors thorou at home. It is doubtful if there

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e ladies' committees were ably han- le by Mrs. Alfred F. Cassell, who ed to be a wonderful hostess. Mrs. r W. Rotnem, Mrs. G. H. Burgess, Mrs. E. C. Brown were constantly and and made the exhibition and ention socially attractive for those tendance.
e exhibit will be closed with a feel- f satisfaction on the part of all in dance, and the American Philatelic ty will know that the Twin City ty has given a good account of selves, and has done much for the ncement of Philately. This first nal exhibition, under the auspices of American Philatelic Society is with- loubt one of the most constructive that the Society has ever taken.
ring the week of the Exhibition Mr. . Olson entertained the Judges at eon at the Hotel Curtis. We all ed ourselves and later on our good d Gus Mosler took our photograph the rogue's gallery. Outstanding of the week—Bill Kennett's chair way at the auction.
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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

5c Air Mail Notes.—Since the announcement of the "blue moon" discovery as reported exclusively in our column by our West Coast correspondent, we have, through the further kindness of Mr. Hopkinson, had the pleasure of inspecting three specimens of this interesting oddity which occurs on No. 6 of the right pane from plate 19618. So far but three combinations are known, which show the "blue moon": center plates 19612-633-671 with the above border. Concerning these we quote our correspondent in part: ". . . and you will note 19618-671 is a deeper blue than 618-612, which is the common variety. 618-633 is almost a crescent moon, of which not one other has been seen. We are of the impression that the early printings do not show the moon, but have no block of ten available to substantiate this statement." All three specimens have been examined by our plate specialist, H. M. Southgate, who renders the following opinion: "It is undoubtedly due to a slight dent in the plate—possibly a scratch or defect has been removed, leaving a depression which catches the ink if not very carefully removed."

The moon or blot is very pronounced in all specimens and readily detected with the naked eye. It is quite possible that other combinations with this border plate exist showing the same characteristic, especially so when we consider that 34 center plates are known to have been used in conjunction with it to date. Readers are requested to observe closely nd report all plates number combinations they have with border 19618, with or without the "blue moon", and I am especially anxious to inspect copies for chronicle and also want copies for my own collection.

From George Wehlau, Jr., we have another note of interest pertaining to this issue. Mr. Wehlau sends for inspection two plate number strips 19666-626 and 675-626 on which the last "6" of the red center number is surrounded with a perfect oval of a reddish tint. Here again, we have evidence of a correction being made in the plate itself, due perhaps to a defect or possibly a wrong numeral. Please examine your copies and report findings. Center plate 19626 has been used with eighteen border plates to date.

Thanks to our Washington correspondent, H. M. Southgate, who is chairman of the Plate Number Committee of the P.P.N.A. we were able to present the advance information in the "Stop Press" coloumn of the WEEKLY for August 12, on the Wayne-Fallen Timbers plates. Mr. Southgate very kindly drew up a chart showing specifications of this issue and listing the twelve plates, numbered from 19824 to 19831 inclusive. The stamp is of standard size and printed in sheets of 400 subjects—standard makeup. Our correspondent also includes some interesting data and comment on the recent Edison specifications, which we will present at a later date.

We acknowledge with thanks a clipping from L. O. Dutcher pertaining to the late Sullivan issue and showing the subject used for the vignette; and for two covers sent during the two day celebration of the 150th anniversary of Sullivan's troops at Cooperstown, N. Y., August 9 and 10. Letters are also acknowledged from K. Wilcox and W. W. Hopkinson (air mail combinations), A. W. Wagner, George S. Chapman, Theodore H. Ames, Thomas Fitch Roach, Harry Wagner, George Wehlau, Joseph J. Brann, and Harold H. Shephard, with items on various topics.

The following note sent to a column reader may prove of interest to others. Subject: 170 subj. panes with straight edges. "These doubtless are from coil waste perforated 11x10. They may have had some 11x11, but I don't think so. There were a considerable number of sheets cut to save waste in the 1c, 2c and 3c denominations. They don't often, if ever, patch a coil, so if a defect occurs after 100 stamps in the strip show up they have to sacrifice, say 100 stamps. So they are cut into sheets of 170 and perforated horizontally." The above information was furnished by Mr. Southgate from his records.

Eight more combinations added to our list, making a grand total of 792 known combinations on the 5c air mail! I hope to be able to induce Mr. Hopkinson, who not only has the largest collection of this issue, but has devoted considerable time and study to the subject, to give us the benefit of his work in the form of a special article for our readers. Thanks to column readers, our list is very complete. Those desiring information concerning plates of this issue are welcome to send in their requests. If it isn't on file, I know where to get it!

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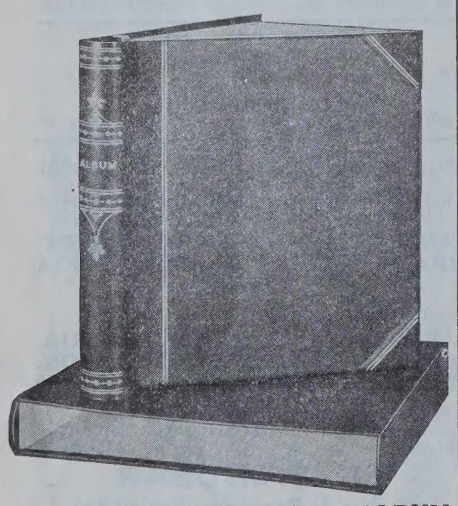

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(Continued.)

Sessions were held on the mornings of Tuesday to Friday, inclusive, and in the aggregate, many questions of policy as affecting philately and the society were discussed. In fact, the ground that was covered was extensive and all were animated by a desire to render constructive service, even though opinions as to the course to be taken differed. At the first session, routine matters and the reports of officers and committees were in order, and in the afternoon the meeting of the Revenue Unit was held. On the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, respectively, meetings of the Precancel, Air Mail and Stampless Cover Units were attended by interested members. Among the measures that received attention at the various sessions of the convention were some that were particularly deserving of consideration. The idea of a traveling stamp Bourse was suggested but no action was taken on it, but the plan to provide rotation of exhibits for cities on special occasions was submitted as one that was to be regulated on practical lines. The attention of the members was called to the work so well done by the Exhibition Committee and the members, Messrs. Mosler, Clark and Lichtenstein had to take two "bows." It was advised that a committee be appointed to select a date for the convention that will not conflict with other philatelic conventions, as far as possible, and with due consideration for local conditions. Mr. Lichtenstein suggested that the month of October be chosen for the time of the convention, and the discussion showed that August still had its partizans. No definite decision was reached, but it was evident that the innovation would be welcomed by many members.

The Publicity Committee is to be given sinews of war to the extent of $500, the amount that it is estimated will be saved by the publication of the convention report in abridged form as a supplement to the *American Philatelist*. One gathered that this sum would be provided for in the budget by lopping off the same amount for publishing purposes. At any rate, the action was a gesture favoring the idea of publicity, but the committee in prospect will have to submit any plans for expense to the Board of Directors, we assume, and receive its sanction for operation. The publicity question arises at each convention and is the subject of much argument. Theoretically, all of the members are in favor of the advancement of the pursuit by proper appeal to the public, but the lack of a definite plan to show just how the work will be done gives a vagueness to the subject. When some practical and specific proposal is submitted, we think that the society will react to it favorably, but as it now is, the difficulty is to originate such a plan. The American Philatelic Society is an old organization with fine traditions and a substantial financial foundation and its bookkeeping methods are hard and fast and allow of little elasticity in money-spending. The budget of "estimated receipts and authorized expenditures for the year" keeps the expenses in check and the special or emergency fund for the Board of Directors of five hundred dollars does not encourage prodigality.

The able editor of the *American Philatelist* was voted an increase in salary, and now has a stipend of $750 a year, plus the regular commission of 15% on all paid advertising, and here we want to say that Mr. Fennel is making a record for himself in an editorial capacity. We have no doubt but that his work for the society makes many an incursion into his time, which ordinarily would be devoted to more profitable enterprises.

In the report of the president, the suggestion was made that a Stamp Week be advertised throughout the country, but as we remember, nothing was done to further the plan, due to a misunderstanding, we believe, as to what committee it was assigned. At least, the question was not brought up on the floor. However, in an "aside" discussion, the remark was made that with the exhibition week, each year, effort could be made to give the stamp display national advertising.

Dr. N. P. McGay, Cleveland, the newly elected president of the Philatelic Sons of America addressed the convention upon invitation and he told of his desire to work shoulder to shoulder for the betterment of philately with the older organization. Further, he said that his society had an accepted place in philately of the day and indicated that in some respects it served as a preparatory school for not a few coming members of the A. P. S.

Captain B. B. Lipsner, Chicago, the first air mail superintendent complied with the request that he speak to the members, and he made an address that was of much interest although he disclaimed any standing as a philatelist. However, his interest in flown covers latterly has become marked and it is predicted that soon he will have a wider knowledge of stamp affairs. Captain Lipsner exhibited his famous Kitty Hawk frame that is both beautiful and historically significant.

The remarkable volume of publicity that the exhibition and the convention received in the newspapers of Minneapolis and St. Paul was made the subject of a resolution of praise for the telling activities of the local committee. This important feature of the meetings was one of the most gratifying of the many that made the week so satisfactory. In moving that the convention adjourn, Mr. MacLaren substituted for Mr. W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., whose presence was missed, and Mr. MacLaren remarked also that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia was absent, else the c would fall on him. In an effective l address, MacLaren sounded the knell one of the best conventions ever held.

The social program was adhered with a capable corps of men and wo in charge, and no ordinary phrases w do justice to the tact and cheer which they discharged their duties. convention picture was made of one the largest groups ever assembled for purpose, although there were some were not in it because of their attenda at the exhibition. The sight-seeing t of St. Paul and Minneapolis on two the afternoons were enjoyed as the pa ramas of the two cities were unrol Those who saw these thriving cities the first time have memory pictures will endure for many a day. Spe trips were taken on Friday afternoon, some of the delegates will well remem the courtesy of those local men who m them possible. A fitting climax to week of festivity was the Conventi Exhibition banquet on Friday when prizes were awarded under inspiring s roundings. Dr. C. W. Hennan presi and he curbed the fractious speakers w ready wit. Many of the members w asked to rise, after a brief introduct and speak their little piece, the sho the better. The name of the T Cities hereafter will be recognized those who attended the meeting th with a thrill of pleasure.

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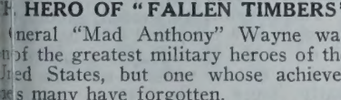
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133	1c greenish blue	.02	.02
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My August 19th article on precancelled envelopes inspired Mr. P. R. Crooker, one of the foremost envelope collectors of the country, to send me several specimens that had never come my way before. With two exceptions, they are all recent, evidently inspired by the government contractors' type. I did not feel at liberty to keep Mr. Crooker's envelopes long enough to have cuts made for illustrations, so we'll try to get by without them. Besides, some of them could not be reproduced very well.

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin: three thin lines 63mm long and 8mm apart, town and city name squarely over Franklin's face in two lines of small serifed lower case type. In black ink, with no break in the middle line over the face.

Bluffton, Indiana, two types: type I, three thin lines 63mm long, 6mm apart, no break in middle line across the face. City and state name in serifed caps 1¾mm high at the extreme left end of the three lines. In blue ink. Type II: Bluffton, Ind., in two lines of plain caps 2¼mm high, no lines or bars, the two words 3mm apart. In blue.

Carrollton, Ohio, did stock and precancel the 1½c envelope, size 8, as I quoted Reverend Markham recently. The type is the same as that illustrated in the August 19th article, and the return card is the same.

Troy, Ohio: Three heavy lines 80mm long, 7mm apart, break across the face in middle line. Two lines of large serifed caps 3½mm high, each letter of OHIO exactly under a letter of TROY, and both to left of the impression. A very, very striking envelope, in black ink.

Glendora, Calif.: Glendora, Calif., in two lines of plain caps 2mm high, no lines or bars, words 2½mm apart. Bright black ink.

Boonville, N. Y.: This is an old one, but it will bear repeating, it's a handsome one. Two lines of serifed caps 4mm high between bars 19½mm apart and 20mm long. In black ink.

All the above are circular dies, of course.

Anyone who can supply additional information as to other typeset envelopes is urged to do so. The precancelling done by the contractors seems to have led several local postmasters to have similar jobs done at their local printeries. Probably in each case the one ordering envelopes was in a hurry for them, there was not time to have the work done by the contractors. Well, whatever the cause, we are lucky it happened as it did, as we're better off by several neat typeset types. And no doubt the future will bring forth several more. By the way, I just happened to think—Joplin, Mo., is said to have produced one of these locals, when, as and if I see it, it will be duly reported.

Send in samples of any locals seen by you and not yet reported here. Being typeset, they're always interesting. And this mandamus applies likewise to late precancelled stamps in new or extraordinary types. This is your department, the editor can't do it all, especially since he writes for so many other papers.

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OUR REVIEW

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IN our opinion, the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society would not suffer by comparison with the annual meeting of almost any other organization devoted to the furtherance of study of a special object. In fact, if certain instances of rather pointless argument are ignored, the convention stands as a good example of mannerly and effective procedure. The time is coming when an improvement will be made on the present respectable showing since it is planned to publish an *agenda* of subjects that are slated for discussion before the convention is held. With due notice of what business is to come before the body, so that those who send in their proxies may instruct the holders as to their preferences, more definite and clearer expression of opinion will be made; and the debate is not so apt to become involved as it is when no preliminary announcement is made. In a legislative sense, the convention was a decided success and the members kept at their tasks until the close of the convention's meetings of four days.

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THE first annual exhibition was a satisfactory one, gauged by any reasonable standard. The display was favored by many who liked the idea of being able to examine all the stamps and not be distracted by the thought that there was so much to see. While the volume was compact, yet there were variety and quality enough to satisfy all tastes. A touch of distinction was given to the occasion by the branch of the Postal Agency and the special cancellation. The management of the show was good and all of the booths had occupants. The attendance was not disappointing and that is saying much in view of the fact that any anticipations on this score are valueless. The advertising of the exhibit was well handled and streamers, placards and other means were used to bring it before the public mind. Coöperation was given by large stores and small ones that made displays as side-shows to the exhibition in the big tent. The second floor of the Hodgson Building was well adapted to the purpose, and Mr. Hodgson's generosity in placing the space at the disposal of the exhibitors was appreciated. At the banquet he was given several cards containing selected specimens of United States stamps that represented a free-will offering by those who recognized his kindness. He was greatly pleased to receive the unexpected testimonial and said that he would keep the stamps as a souvenir of a pleasant and interesting occasion.

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THE old question of publicity to be sponsored by the American Philatelic Society had its inning, and Mr. H. A. Diamant was the chief exponent of the movement to commit the society to an undertaking under this head. At a previous convention an appropriation of one thousand dollars was made for the uses of a Publicity Committee and thereafter the committee had been appointed and started to work, it was found that the action of the convention was nullified by the by-laws since there was no fund available to provide the money. The problem in this instance was solved by a departure that seemed to meet with general approval. By resolution, the sum of five hundred dollars was voted for publicity purposes, all expenditures to be made under proper direction, after it was shown that at least this amount could be saved by curtailing the convention report, which is now given verbatim with its lengthy periods and irrevelant remarks at times. The intention is to give full attention to all the material text and dispense with only that which careful editing would reject. The estimate was that the saving as a consequence of this measure would be a fund for philatelic advertising. The convention report is to be published as a supplement to the Year Book, and the result of the experiment will be watched closely both by those who favor the plan as well as by those who opposed it. It is safe to say that this year, no money will be spent by the Publicity Committee until the amount is in hand. The debate on the question was spirited and the question was carried only after much argument.

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ANOTHER subject on which there was a difference of opinion concerned the plan for renumbering the members every ten years. Sentimental and solid considerations were advanced against the proposal but it was countered by the proponents of it by citing the discrepancy that existed between the actual membership and that indicated by the present numbers, showing gaps that equalled the number of members. The decision was made to adopt the plan, even though it will entail some confusion. This motion, however, did not call for a proxy vote and it is not to be gainsaid that the avoidance of the demand for a vote by proxies on this occasion as well as on all others saved time that was put to much better uses. Speaking of proxies, there was a discussion that showed that some of the members were perturbed over the proxy power that could be wielded under present circumstances, and while the question was threshed out to some extent, no action of constructive kind was taken.

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THE results of the election were a foregone conclusion and the new president, Mr. G. M. Mosler of Cincinnati made a splendid impression as he followed the progress of the sessions with an interest that was sincere, interposing views and opinions that showed that the society was close to his heart. He is intelligent, aggressive and alert, and the business of the corporation will be carried on with an inherent ability that by no means is common. However, it is of the retiring president, A. H. Wilhelm, that we have a word to say. As a speaker said, in presenting a resolution thanking Mr. Wilhelm in the name of the society for his four years of faithful service, he has accomplished his task in a manner to command the highest commendation. He has not sacrificed himself in building up the organization without a recognition on the part of the members of his labors long into the night to keep his desk clean of society correspondence. Problems confronted Mr. Wilhelm, who was comparatively unknown when he took the reins of leadership at Los Angeles in 1925, some of which involved a reluctance of some of the members to engage in society work. His home was far from the center of population, and he did not have close contact with a good many of the working members. Soon, no one could doubt the integrity of his intentions, and slowly the old ship began to go up-stream and he won the confidence of those who may have seemed aloof, at first. Real and unremitting work brought results and the man was made to feel at the 1929 convention that his name is imperishable in the annals of the A. P. S.

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BOSTON was chosen as the seat of the 1930 convention, and the selection was anticipated in view of the added attractions of the great celebration that is to be held there next year, and again, history repeats itself as in 1905, Boston was voted for at Minneapolis as the place of the 1906 convention. Springfield, Illinois, made a name for itself by requesting the honor, but having entered the lists too late, it could not be expected that the current could be changed and Mr. Bahr graciously withdrew the nomination of Springfield, Illinois, and said that his city would keep 1931 in mind, the earning the applause of his fellows. Bloss entered his bid for Los Ang when the Olympic games are held t in 1932, and Chicago is the logical for the 1933 meeting. The competi for the privilege of entertaining the vention is a good augury and we pr that as the years increase and the m of our A. P. S. are better recogn the contests for preferment will be br ly fought.

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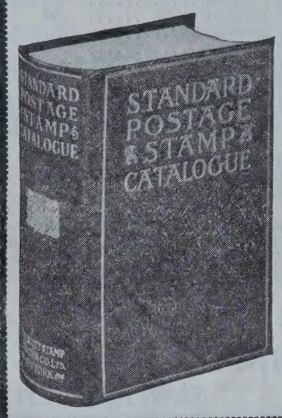

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On August 13, 1929, Mr. Max man sold at Cleveland the auction gotten together in connection with S. P. A. Convention. Mr. Ohlman w that there were forty-two room bu who made purchases running from a dollars up to $525.00 per person and half of the sale was sold on the floor.

The early lots were mostly proofs w brought as a rule, well over half cat A set of the Omaha, two color mou sold at $33.75, while a selection of early issues from 1845 to 1861, loguing $118.75, sold at $75.00. The "Specimen" series brought $16.25, Omaha in similar condition $30.50, Pan-American $14.25, the 1902 s $20.50, while the Guam issue with same overprint changed hands at $1

Among the Air Mail covers, a Steamer to Shore, carried by Chambe sold at $10.25. The same price was for a Glen H. Curtiss, Hammonds N. Y., dedication, autographed by flyer. A Wilkins' Polar Expedition er dated April 20, 1927, of which one dred were carried and autographed, at $27.50. A Mears "Around the W card reached $16.00, while $16.75 paid for the Panama Air Mail on with inverted center.

Among the off cover stamps, a bloc the 3-cent August with straight edge at $54.00, showing that straight e certainly make a difference. A pai the 1895 8c showing the revenue w mark reached $10.25. A repaired of the 1901 4c invert, found a new o at $46.00, while a probably regum copy of the famous 1916 50-cent watermarked brought $33.50. Qui profit on a regummed copy of a s which could have been purchased a post office for fifty cents about ten back.

Among the revenues, a 25c Insur with a clear double impression sol $25.25. The "Molly Pitcher" wide ing variety which was reserved at $7

Auction Sale No. 305

has been postponed till October, exact date later. The August vacation period prevented my finishing the sale intended for September. Keep your eye on this space for important announcements of coming auctions. "All work and no play makes John a dull boy," so I just relaxed in August.

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ld no purchaser. This is, no doubt, o the fact that the reserve was high blocks have been changing hands at less, as quite a few have been ld since the first sheet was broken. Among the foreign, the British Guiana o. 7 sold at $55.25, while a further red copy of the same variety sold at 5, each going at twenty-five cents the reserve. A Gibraltar 1903 £1, b, mint, No. 47 reached $39.50, while uccessor of 1904, No. 57 brought 0. A fine copy of Great Britain 2 shilling brown, found a new own- $18.25, while a 10 shilling Malta of in mint condition, Scott's No. 76, ght $27.00. It was described as ered a trifle to the left."
ese first sales of the new season con- what we have previously mentioned nnection with auction, and that is he demand seems to be almost en- for United States issues, British America and scarce early Foreign. h twentieth century, along with the e issues, as well as general foreign, not come forward as had been

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College reopens here Sept. 16, and my campus book store business will keep me on the run for some days thereafter. I mention this simply because the correspondence will probably be more than usually delayed, and I shall need your patience till things come back to normal.***A. J. Steinhardt and Charles de Lagneau have sent me other letters in German and French respectively. If those now published don't give results, we'll try these.***A list of prices realized at Edgar C. Cantrell's July 25th auction gives further encouragement as to the financial stability of our hobby. Prices were somewhat uneven, but the general results must have been highly pleasing to the lot owners. A fine lot of pilot signed C. A. M.'s brought prices ranging from $1.10 to $7.60, with the average seeming to run between $3 and $4.

OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Ile de France - Bremen - Graf-Zeppelin — these are the big noise this week. I have seen covers bearing Ile de France ship postmark of Aug. 19, and a 4 line rather crudely devised cachet in black; no backstamp. Only 847 letters, balance of mail being movie films, etc. Naturally, these covers are in demand at good prices.***Bremen flight to Germany covers show a red box cachet similar to that used on the first westward trip, dated Aug. 2.***Zeppelin round the world cachet is very fine indeed, and does credit to the designer. Mail from New York was postmarked Aug. 7, backstamped Friedrichshafen Aug. 10. Mail reaching Los Angeles was to be backstamped with a special cachet in red, and mail leaving Los Angeles will have a special steel die cancellation in green, in addition to the special cachet. Lakehurst will backstamp in green. Service!

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Mr. F. Hambrock, Jr., shows me some interesting pieces from the last Germany-U. S. flights. He has various covers autographed by Dr. Eckener, his son Knut, and by Navigator Von Schiller. In addition, these covers are accompanied by pieces of the fabric from the torn fin of the first flight, and these in turn are signed by the officer in charge of the repair work. Not so bad! ***German ship Karlsruhe was to try a new variety of air service Aug. 26. Mail was to be taken from the ship at Galway in the regular way, but flown across Ireland and England in a special plane, arriving at London 2 days ahead of the steamer.*** Capt. Ahrenberg has decided not to complete his journey from Greenland, but mail is being sent on by steamer in charge of the radio operator of the damaged plane. Lot includes 1200 pieces from Sweden, and 50 from Iceland.

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Newspaper reports state that the West Indian route extensions, mentioned several times here, will open Sept. 20, and that Lindbergh will fly the mail first trip. Still no official list of stops, but if you cover that given a week or so ago in the Stop Press section, you'll be fairly safe.***The transcontinental non-stop mail flight by the Boeing Co. with coöperation of the P. O. Dept. has been postponed till early Sept. Newspaper reports will doubtless tell you whether it has yet taken place. If not, covers to P. M. at San Francisco or Oakland.*** Brownsville, Tex., began to use an Air Mail Field cancellation first on Aug. 12th.

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Chicago - Evansville night service tentatively scheduled for Sept. 28.***Varney Air Lines got the contract for the Seattle-Pasco, Portland-Pasco, and Spokane-Pasco extension at only 9c a lb. Operations will be twice daily and will start soon. First night service Portland-Seattle at the same time. C. A. M. 28 1st night flight soon. D. E. McPherson, 4111 Troost Ave., offers to care for covers from Kansas City, Mo. Cachet by contractors.***Contractor's cachet from Ft. Worth for 1st daylight service Jul. 1, reported recently, was applied to but 150 letters.***Charles de Lagneau sends me a cover sent on the last flight of the Miami-Nassau service Aug. 10, but says that very little collectors' mail made this flight due to the short notice. This answers my earlier question.

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Two more Mexican flights. I have received covers from the Mexico-Tijuana flight July 29th, also from Hermosillo, Guadalajara, Guaymas, and Mexicali, in addition to the two above mentioned. Guaymas and Mexicali covers bear also cachet of Tejeria-Tapachula route May 15, but postmarks are all for the later flight. The Mexico-Jaurez service opened Aug. 17, and I have received covers from Mexico, Chihuahua, Nieves, Torreon, and Zacatecas. Three different cachets used, that from Torreon being a direct steal of the Oakland first night flight design.***Service between Cusumel and Merida, Yucatan, is due to start anytime.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, UNOFFICIAL FLIGHTS AND CACHETS, ETC.

Some weeks ago I copied from an aeronautical weekly a list of cities which were getting ready to open new airports. Somebody seems to have been mistaken, for a number of you have reported several of the "No such P. O. in state named" variety. Sorry.

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Coming dedications—Steubenville, Ohio, Sept. 14, 15, municipal; Placerville, Calif.—some time in Sept.—cachet by C. of C.; Big Springs, Tex.—Sept. 11, 12—cachet by C. of C.; Selma, Ala., ditto for Nov. 11; Carroll, Iowa, also, Sept. 10; Belleville, Kans., soon —C. of C.; Florence, Ariz.—Sept.—to C. of C.; Excelsior Springs, Mo.—all covers to be signed by the Mayor—to John N. McKenzie; Camden, N. J.—Sept. 21—cachet by C. of C. ***Oneida Airway and 10th Infantry Air Meet, Oneida, N. Y., Sept. 14—cachet, and covers to Leland C. Lewis, 132 Lenox Ave. In addition to cachet, there will be a special cancellation applied at the airport.***Oklahoma City, Okla. Air Show some time this month. No word as to cachet.***Austin, Tex., C. of C. will hold letters for first airmail from there.

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It develops that the first flight Apr. 6, 1926, from Pasco, Wash., was also an airport dedication, as the city's first port was opened on that date.***Graham, Tex., dedicated July 14—no cachet.***Red Creek, N. Y., 1st anniversary, Aug. 19, green cachet similar to that of dedication, but without date. ***New London, Ohio, Aug. 17—no cachet—about 14 mailed, so far as I have heard. ***Big surprise the other day when covers from the Douglas, Ariz.—Agua Prieta, Mexico, international dedication finally rolled in, dated Aug. 20. Dedication was in connection with National Women's Air Derby. ***Marengo, Iowa, did it Aug. 19, and flew all mail to Cedar Rapids, where it is post-

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Junior Dictionary

Hrzgl. Post Frm. — An inscription shown on the 1¼sch stamp of Holstein issued in 1864. It is an abbreviation for "Herzogliche Post Freimarke," which means "Ducal Postage Stamp." In the 1¼sch stamp of the succeeding series the last word was expressed as "FRMRK."

Huacho.—A port in the department of Lima, Peru, at which special 5c and 10c stamps were issued in the eighties during one of the many revolutions that periodically afflict this country.

Sheet.—A sheet of stamps is a term applied to a piece of paper upon which an impression has been printed from a stamp plate. Naturally, they vary greatly in size and in some cases—the stamps of the United States, for example—the large sheets are cut up into two or more portions before issue. These smaller sheets are sometimes known as post office sheets.

Sheet Numbers.—These are consecutive numbers struck on the margins of some sheets of stamps—usually in the upper right-hand corner. They refer to the number of sheets printed and included in a specific consignment, and therefore act as a check or control on the stamps despatched from the printers.

Shilling.—The value in which many of the stamps of the British Empire are expressed. A shilling is worth 24c in United States currency.

Ayacucho

By A. C. LeDuc.

In 1539 the explorer Pizarro founded the town of San Juan de la Victoria de Guamanga. Little did he suspect that many years later, on this same spot, would his fellow countrymen be decisively beaten in battle by Peruvians and other South American patriots. On Dec. 9, 1824, the Spaniards were defeated so badly that Peruvian independence was then assured and the backbone of Spanish domination in South America broken. Since 1825 the town has been called "Ayacucho" from the Indian term meaning "corner of death".

In 1924 Peru commemorated this battle by issuing eight varieties of stamps, all of which bear the dates 1824-1924 and inscription "Ayacucho" as well as pictures of the great South American leader General Bolivar.

During the same year Venezuela recognized the value of that battle of one hundred years previous by issuing a very attractive stamp showing pictures of General Sucre and General Bolivar, with dates 1824-1924 and inscription "Centenario de la Batalla de Ayacucho".

Bits of Information

Masaryk Issue.—The three high values issued in Czecho-Slovakia in 1920, bear a portrait of Pres. Thomas G. Masaryk, who was elected the first president on Nov. 13, 1918.

Ma Slask 2M. — This inscription on stamps of Central Lithuania means "For Silesia 2 marks." Its purpose was to obtain money to help finance the Upper Silesia plebiscite.

Re-Issue. — The resumption of the issue of a stamp or stamps that has gone out of use. The term is usually applied to fresh printings of such stamps, which can be distinguished in some way from those of the original issue. In other words, they are re-impressions intended for or admitted to regular issue and use.

Peru, 1907

By A. C. LeDuc.

The 1907 issue of Peru consists of nine stamps made up of values from one centavo to two soles. These stamps are all pictorial. The 1 centavo shows a picture of the Bolognesi monument. It is made very attractive by the colors which are black and green. The 2 centavos, printed in red and violet, shows a picture of Rear-Admiral Miguel L. Grau in a circle at the top of the stamp. The 4 centavos shows a picture of a llama, an animal which compares somewhat with a sheep. This stamp is printed in one color, that of olive-green. The 5 centavos shows a picture of an equestrian statue of San Martin. This is printed in two colors, black and blue. This picture reminds one of the many monuments scattered throughout the battlefield at Gettysburg.

The 10 centavos shows the exhibition buildings. This stamp is printed in black and brown. Next we come to the 20 centavos which shows the medical school located at Lima. This stamp is printed in black and green. The 50 centavos stamp is in black and shows a picture of the government's postal and telegraph office in Lima. On the 1 sol, printed in purple and green, is found a picture of another beautiful building, this one being the Hippodrome at Lima. We now come to the last member of this series, the 2 soles. It is printed in two colors, blue and black, and shows a picture of a monument. Who is it? It is none other than Columbus in whose memory monuments have been erected all over the world.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

The Kid Next Door doesn't mind wearing his pa's pants trimmed down to fit him, but he does object to having trimmed stamps foisted on him.

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That professional treasure hunter, Capt. A. C. Townsend, who with his golf clubs has been stuck in a Wisconsin snowdrift for the past few weeks, writes in that he has located another buried strong-box of three hundred envelopes. "Three should have had the 10c of 1847 and didn't," he tells us, "and there was a beautiful pair of 5c chocolate 1861 that some kid had taken a fancy to and torn all to pieces! ! ! Going to keep that to grit my teeth over occasionally."

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COMMEMORATIVES

Ashes to ashes,
And dust to dust;
If the U. S. don't issue 'em,
Who the mischief must?
—Bug (San Diego).

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Guatemala No. 174 has got me all het up. I wonder when that durn thing's gonner fall over.

—R. E. Dunlop.

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From Minneapolis

The Official Convention Program of the A. P. S. had this interesting item on its schedule, "Aug. 21—Tour of the Stores for the Ladies." We'll bet that didn't intrigue the old man whose extra smackers were due to go into something besides a department store cash register.

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HOW TO KILL HUBBY

Wife: "Isn't it a rare beauty?"
Hubby: "What, another dress?"
Wife: "No, dear, just a stamp I bought."
Hubby: "That's all right. Stamps are cheap."
Wife: "That's exactly what I thought. This one only cost $150."

—Max Smith.

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Dumb: "Who said they cut off Washington's head?"

Bell: "Well, didn't they put it on a two-cent stamp?"

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Stamp collecting is becoming so popular generally that we are looking to see that old question revised thus: If you had to spend the remainder of your life on a desert isle, what ten stamps would you choose to have with you?

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You may have heard of the dealer's assistant who licked so many hinges that he could speak gum Arabic. Well, 'tis said the knowledge stuck to him until he accidentally fell into a dipping vat.

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Typically American

A complaint from Ches. Hodgson states that the P. M. G. won't listen to Ches.' suggestions for designs on the proposed regular issue. Quite properly Ches. sends them to us, and here they are: A hot dog stand, the Yankee stadium, Wrigley's factory, and the new Ford in high.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 543)

marked 9.30 P. M. Oval red cachet.* Mich., dedication and centennial was 22, 23, 24—black printed cachet.***Jus a Salinas, Cal., cover dated July 24, but a dedication cachet reading Nov. 11, Anybody know this one?**

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Louis Proctor Jubilee and Air cachet from Vancouver Aug. 18, gree C. of C., who would accept but one co any one address. Other Air Derby National Air Race events included Monica, Cal., start of Women's Derby 18, 3 line magenta cachet, with some so marked sent out on 19th and 20th; M Fla., Derby Aug. 24, but no cachet; land, Ore., Derby Aug. 23, 3 lines in El Paso, Tex., Welcome to Santa M fliers Aug. 21, in green; Akron, Ohio,— Good Will Tour Aug. 22—the tire cach blue with proper wording; and of c Cleveland itself with the official design in the cachet in different colors each and a supplementary cachet identifyin sponsorship of each special day.

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Yakima, Wash., Legion Air Circus 16 and 17—green and black; Iowa City 21-24—the same map cachet as used f 5c rate, but celebrating what this ti don't know; Marietta, Ohio, Regatta 23, 24—purple and red; Hartford, Legion Air Meet Aug. 23, blue and red Richmond, Ind., Legion Convention 25-27—different colors daily.

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The C. D. Reimers Co. tell me that 500 covers were mailed out of Ft. each day of the Robbins and Kelly cel tion. On May 26th, the day they down, 300 were mailed with an appro cachet, half blue and half green, a each color signed by both fliers. All by C. of C.*Salida, Colo., mailed 401 ters July 5—Ford plane to Colo. Sprin St. Petersburg, Fla., dedication—3703, bergh Day-1088, March 1st new servi 1340.***Faribault, Minn., did NOT de Aug. 9. Newspapers said they would covers went in, were mailed on the 9 per instructions, with the rubber stan "Faribault, Wis."—but they evidently mean a thing.***Wallingford, Conn.— 150—by C. of C.***Des Moines, Iowa Expo.—300 for all 3 days—by C. of C.**

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Dunkirk, N. Y.—2000-2500, by C. of Fredonia, N. Y., same dedication—2 both lots carried by famous Canadian "Little" Jack Little, via C.A.M. 20 to falo.*Same cities welcome to Lady July 6—Dunkirk—1000, Fredonia—390, a few signed.***Ely, Nev.—back in about 1000, by C. of C.***Newport, Vt other old one—100, flown over the a but despatched by train.***Rapid Cit Huron covers May 2 carried via Rapi Lines to opposite city and there put in ***Monte Vista, Colo. — 1400.***Col dedication mail from P. O. went by that from airport by plane to Minnea where it was postmarked.***DeKalb mail not flown to Chicago, after Fargo-St. Louis Gardner Trophy Race was so cacheted by Fargo C. of C. M carried from there by famous pilot Holman, who later won the Gardner t to St. Louis, and there placed in the P 300 carried.**

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out a month back, there was found in South Pasadena post office, the 20-cent en Gate, flat plate variety, of the cur- issue, imperforate vertically. I have the pleasure of acquiring the half t of this stamp which has been broken blocks and pairs and distributed to regular clients interested in such vari- . There is one or two blocks left for collector of U. S. issues, who is endeav- g to obtain the rarities of the 20th ury issues.

an also supply most of the other rare oration varieties, including such inter- g pieces as the 5-cent and 10-cent flat imperforate and the like.

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y I take this opportunity of again ating what I have mentioned on numer- occasions before, and that is that I am he market to purchase at substantial s really choice and rare early rev- s. Imperforate strips and blocks are icularly wanted, in addition to the in- d centers from the commonest to the t, if fine. Cash to any amount is able for really choice individual items properties which may be resold at just r margin of profit.

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S, THAT AND THE OTHER—

SUBSCRIBER wishes to know how he can prevent stamps with original from sticking to the pages of his n. This is especially the case with se air mail stamps. He is using a leaf album interleaved with glassine s, and his stamps, of course, are d.

have received from the secretary of the Postage Stamp Club of Chi- the record of the monthly meeting Aug. 21. Routine business was acted. We appreciate the courtesy e secretary in thus favoring us, and t that our space is so limited that real news can be used.

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ur issue of Aug. 19, we stated that Vatican stamps were issued on 2, the first day that the papal offices usiness. Albert W. Claflin advises t he has an envelope pmkd. Aug. 1, ed through a new issue service.

Oregon Stamp Society of Port- d, Ore., is considering the holding stamp exhibit, and definite action e taken at the September meeting.

OLD MARBLEHEAD

Marblehead, Mass., is celebrating the anniversary of its settlement Au- 7th to Sept. 2nd; and Aug. 27 has designated as Air Mail Day and a was to be used on all Air Mail mailed on that date.

old town, settled in 1629 and in- ated in 1640 is an historic one, for ted as the birthplace of the Amer- avy in 1776. Capt. John Manley, arblehead commanded the first vessel used to capture British and it was to Capt. Manley and his f Marbleheaders that the first ship her colors.

as Col. Glover's regiment of Mar- fishermen who piloted Washing- ross the Delaware on Christmas and the same regiment rowed gton's army across to New York he battle of Long Island.

town has been honored, and the o, by having a warship carry the of Marblehead to many parts of orld. This ship will take part in ebration.

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United States

2-Cent Battle of Fallen Timbers

Under date of August 26th, the Postmaster General announced there would be issued on September 14, the new 2-cent red postage stamp issued as a memorial to General Anthony Wayne and to commemorate the one hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers. We are told that this resulted in peace with the Indians in Northwestern Ohio, evacuation of the last traces of British Soldiery in this section and put the young American nation in a position to expand westward. The official description and announcement taken from the *Postal Bulletin* of August 27, is as follows:

"Third Assistant Postmaster Gen.
WASHINGTON, August 26, 1929.

Postmasters and postal employees are notified that the department is preparing to issue a special 2-cent postage stamp as a memorial to General Anthony Wayne and to commemorate the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers. The new stamp is of the same size as the regular issue, 75/100 by 87/100 inch, and is printed in red ink.

The central design of the stamp represents the memorial group containing the statue of General Wayne in the center with the figure of an Indian on the left and a frontiersman on the right, printed in white on a dark background. A tablet below contains the legend, 'Gen. Anthony Wayne Memorial.' On the extreme upper edge of the stamp in a dark panel with white roman lettering appear the words, 'United States Postage.' Below in a semicircular panel with white edges and white roman lettering on a dark background are the words 'Battle of Fallen Timbers.' The ends of this panel are supported by uprights in the form of acanthus scrolls which end at the two lower corners in ovals having white edges and dark background. Within these ovals is the numeral '2.' The ovals are connected by a base panel in dark color with the word 'Cents' in white roman letters. Between the upper horizontal and semicircular panels are white ribbons with the dates '1794' at the left and '1929' at the right in dark lettering.

The new General Anthony Wayne Battle of Fallen Timbers stamp will first be placed on sale September 14, 1929, at the post offices of Maumee, Perrysburg, Toledo, and Waterville, Ohio, and Erie, Pa. Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the new stamp may send a limited number, not to exceed 25, of addressed covers to the postmasters at the above post offices with a remittance to cover the value of the stamps required for affixing to the covers. Covers will be accepted from bona fide subscribers only.

The stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., on September 16, 1929. The Philatelic Agency, however, will not accept first-day covers.

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices may obtain a limited supply of the new commemorative stamp by requisition on the department, using Form 3201, indorsed 'Fallen Timbers.' Postmasters at third and fourth class offices desiring a small supply may obtain same on requisition to the central-accounting postmaster.

F. A. TILTON,
Third Assistant Postmaster General."

I am officially informed that the supply of stamps, namely—thirty million has been practically completed and that most of the larger cities will have a good supply immediately following their appearance on the first day, so that those wanting supplies will not find it necessary to write to the Agency, but in most cases will be able to obtain them from their own post office. This especially applies to cities such as Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and the like.

2-Cent Molly Pitcher

The sale of the 2-cent Molly Pitcher stamp at the Minneapolis Philatelic Convention caused quite a little commotion as it was discovered that on many sheets a complete horizontal row shows the surcharge elongated. It seems that in curving the plate for overprinting that in some way one row was stretched, so that the surcharge is possibly one millimeter or more taller. It is doubtful if the variety will be of any real importance, nevertheless, it was noted and mention is, therefore, made of the subject.

2-Cent Ohio Canalization

We had the pleasure of recently describing the 2-cent Ohio Canalization variety which was authorized by the Postmaster General during the summer. We learn from the committee in charge of this activity in Ohio, that they are endeavoring to have President Hoover present at part of the ceremony which will take place in October, so that there is every likelihood of the stamps being available early in that month. The com-

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* 91	20m on black brown	2.75
*136-52	1919, 3pf to 20m	.75
* 6-21	**Belg. East Afr.** 1924-5, 5c-10fr.	1.95
* 22-32	1925-7, 20c to 1.75fr (11 var.)	1.15
* 92-102	**Belgium** 1912, 1c to 5fr	2.75
108-22	1915, 1c to 10fr, complete	5.00
*123-36	1919-20, Helmet, complete	29.00
*156-61	1921-3, 50c to 10fr	5.00
*163	1924, 5fr red brown	1.00
163	Same, used	.65
*163	Same, original block of 4	3.00
*166-78	1925, 10c to 10fr, complete	3.50
*179-88	1926-7, 2c to 10fr	1.15
*395-9	1926, 5+5c to 5fr+1fr	1.00
*400-4	1927, 25c+10c to 5fr+1fr	.60
*405-13	1928, Orval, complete	1.50
109	**Bolivia** 1913, 1b slate blue	1.25
110	1913, 2b black	2.25
*119	1919-20, 2c dark violet	.75
*137	1923, 2b black brown	2.00
137	Same stamp used	1.25
* 30-45	**Bosnia** 1906, 1h to 5k, cpl.	1.75
* 46-61	1910, 1h to 5k, compl.	3.50
* 62-4	1912, 12h to 72h, 3 var.	3.20
* 65-85	1912-14, 1h to 10k, complete	12.50
* 86-104	1916-17, 3h to 10k, complete	3.00
*105-22	1917, 3h to 10k, complete	2.50
*217	**Brazil** 1918, 5000r violet, o. g.	2.50
288	1927, 2000r on 200r blue	.25
289	5000r on 50r green	.45
74-6	**Bulgaria** 1907, 5s to 25s, compl.	.90
*130-46	**Cameroons** 1916, 1c to 5fr, cpl.	3.25
*147-63	1921, 1c to 5fr, complete	2.40
*164-8	1924-5, 5 surcharges	.65
*170-89	1925, 1c to 5fr, complete	1.85
*190-204	1926-7, 15c to 20 francs, cpl.	2.90
*301-13	1925-7, Dues, complete	.75
* 56	**Canal Zone** 1920, 1b viol. & blk.	7.50
56	The same stamp cancelled	3.00
52-4	1917, 12c, 15c, 24c, the 3	.80
* 66-80	1924-6, ½c to $1, complete	4.20
*313	Dues 1920, 4c on 4c	1.25
*318-20	1925, 1c to 10c	8.00
318-20	Same set used	2.85
* 78	**Chile** 1905, 1p gold, grn. & gray	1.40
* 83-97	1910, 1c to 10pes, complete	15.00
112	1911, 10pes or. yellow & blk.	1.00
146-53	1923, 2c to 5pes, complete	.65
*149-58	**China** 1912, 1c to $1, incl.	4.50
*176-92	1913-18, ½c to $2, mint	5.00
*193	$5 scarlet and black	6.00
193	Same stamp used	.40
*232-48	1926, ½c to 50c	1.40
*723-6	1921, 1c to 10c, complete, rare	3.00
*901-20	1927, ½c to $5, complete	7.20
*921-4	1928, 1c to $1, complete	1.30
64-73	**Congo** 1921, 5c to 10fr, compl.	2.40
* 64-73	Same set unused	2.75
* 88-103	1923-5, 5c to 10fr, complete	2.80
99	1923, 10fr gray black, used	.75
*201-6	1918 Charity, 5c+10c-50c+50c	.80
*129-35	**Costa Rica** 1924, 1c to 25c, cpl.	1.75
*136-9	1926, 3c to 45c, compl.	1.00
*147	1928 Lindbergh, 10c on 12c	2.75
*552-4 & 555-7	1924, Olympics, either set	.70
*246	**Cuba** 1910, 1pes slate and blk.	1.10
*252	1911-13, 1pes black	2.20
252	Same stamp used	1.60
*288-97	1928, 1c-1p, compl., well ctrd.	6.00
*298-302	1929, Capitolio set, complete	2.50
* 57-9	**Curacao** 1915, 50c to 2½gld	3.50
* 60	1918, 1c buff	.45
* 95-102	1928, 7½ to 35c	1.10
* 42-58	**Dahomey** 1913, 1c to 5fr compl.	2.65
* 64-7	1922-5, 4 surcharges	.65
* 68-75	1925-6, 10c to 1fr, complete	.60
* 76-81	1926-7, 1.25f to 20 francs	2.80
*301-8	1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr	1.60
* 31-9	**Dan. W. Ind.** 1905, 5b-5fr, cpl.	6.00
* 40-2	1905, 5 on 4c to 8 on 5c	1.50
* 43-50	1908, 5b to 50b	2.30
* 51-8	1915-17, 5b to 50b	1.75
* 1-18	**Danzig** 1920, 5pf-5m, used or mint	1.85
* 25-30	1920, 1m to 10m, compl.	1.50
49-58	1921, 5pf to 10m	1.75
63-76	5pf to 3m, complete	1.60
* 93-5	1922, 9m to 100m, rare	2.15
*156-67	1923, 5pf to 5gld, complete	7.50
*177-8	1924, 1 and 2gld	1.75
179-81	3gld, 5gld, 10gld, fine used	2.00
*840	1928, Dues, 3gld blue & carm.	1.20
*105-8	**Denmark** 1918, 27 on 1-27 on 10ö	6.75
*110-12	1918, 27 on 68 to 27 on 10k	1.00
*140	1920, 5kr purple	2.20
*226	**Dom. Rep.** 1920-7, 50c grn. & blk.	1.50
226	Same used	1.25
237	1924-7, 1p orange & blk.	1.10
100	**Dutch Indies** 1912, 2½gld blue on blue	1.10
142-6	1923, 5c to 1gld	.50
147	2½gld gray black	2.00
*174-80	**Ecuador** 1908, 1c to 1s, compl.	.90
*504	1920, 20c deep blue	1.10
*505	20c olive green	1.00
* 50-9	**Egypt** 1914, 1m to 200m, compl.	7.50
* 61-7	1921-2, 1m to 20m	2.00
71-6	2m to 15m	3.00
* 78-83	1922, 1m to 10m	1.00
90	100m black	2.50
* 92-102	1923, 1m to 200m	4.80
92-102	Same set used	.75
*104	£1 ultr. and dark viol.	7.50
104	Same stamp used	2.50
*105-7	1925, 5m to 15m	2.20
*108-13	1926, 5m to 200m, complete	5.90
*114	50pi Birthday stamp	5.00
114	Same stamp cancelled	2.00
*115-17	5m to 15m	.55
*118-20	Navigation issue	.65
*125-7	Cotton Congress issue	.55
*128-38	1927-8, 1m to 200m	3.00
*139	500m chocolate and blue	3.20
*140	£1 green and brown	6.40
*320-2	1921 Dues, 2m to 10m	1.50
*326	1922 Dues, 2pi orange	1.60
*327-9	Dues, 2m to 10m	.60
*418-21	Official, 1m to 5m	11.00
*422-8	1m to 15m	1.65
* 39-54	**Elobey**, Annobon, etc., 1907, 1c to 10p	5.00
* 68-73	**Eritrea** 1924, 10c to 5l, compl.	6.00
*367-70	1927, 40c to 5l	1.50
*259-62	**Estonia** 1923, 2½ and 5m, both sets	4.20
*152-67	**Fernando Po** 1907, 1c-10p, cpl.	6.50
*168-9	1908, 05 on 10c, both	.80
*172-83	**Fiume** 1923, 5c to 5l, rare	7.50
*184-95	1924, 5c to 5l, compl.	3.50
*196-207	5c to 5l, compl.	2.50
*404-16	1919 Charity, 5c to 10cor	4.60
*168-71	**France** 1924-5, Olympics	.35
*175-82	1924, 15c to 85c, 8 var.	.90
*191	1925, 5fr carmine	.75
191	5fr, used block of 4	3.00
*194-207	1925-6, 15c to 3fr, 10 var.	1.50
*208-23	1926-7, 7½c to 20fr, 15 var.	3.10
*224-30 & 232-3	25 on 30c to 1.10 on 1.40fr, 9 var.	1.00
*234-5	1927, 5fr and 10fr, the two	2.75
*249	1929, 20fr red brown	1.30
*250	Havre Exhibition	1.00
*251	10fr gray blue	.65
*403-9	1917-19 Orphans, 2c to 1fr	5.50
403-9	Same set used	4.75
*410	Orphans, 5fr+5fr	12.50
*412-19	1922, 2c+1c to 5fr+1fr	1.50
*428-31	1927-8, 40c to 1.50fr, 4 var.	1.00
*655-8	1926 Dues, 50c to 2fr	.60
* 80	**Canton**, 2pi on 5frs	2.75
* 81	4pi on 10frs	4.50
* 54-74	**Kouang Tcheou** 1923, 1/10c to 2pi	4.75
* 75-98	1927, 1/10c to $2	4.50
* 68	**Packhoi** 1918, 2pi on 5fr	2.75
* 69	1918, 4pi on 10fr	6 25
* 66	**Tchongking** 1918, 2pi on 5fr	2.75
* 67	1918, 4pi on 10fr	4.00
16-30	**Alexandria** 1902-3, 1c to 5fr	2.60
* 63-73	1925, 1m to 150m	3.50
301-5	Dues 1922, 2m to 30m	1.60
* 70-80	**Port Said** 1925, 1m to 150m	4.50
26-37	**Morocco** 1c to 1pes	.85
72-81	1918, 1c to 40c	1.10
65	1917, 1fr slate	.45
* 91	1923, 2fr orange and blue	5.00
* 92	5fr blue and buff	6.50
* 93-110	1c to 10fr	3.10
*111-19	1927, 20c to 3fr	.75
287-93	1918 Dues, 1c to 50c	.75
34-5	**Turkey** 1902, 8pia and 20pia	2.00
15	**Cavalle** 1902, 8pia on 2fr	.75
* 51-67	**Fr. Guiana** 1905, 1c to 5fr	3.35
* 75-80	1922, 5c to 50c	.90
* 85	1923, 10fr on 1fr	3.00
* 86	20fr on 5fr	5.50
* 88-9	1924, 10fr and 20fr	3.50
* 90-105	1925-7, 10c to 3fr, 16 var.	1.60
*109-32	1929, 1c to 20fr, complete	3.00
*401-12	1925, Dues, complete	.85
* 63-79	**Fr. Guinea** 1913-17, 1c to 5fr	6.75
70	1913-17, 25c ultr. and blue	.40
75-7	50c, 75c, 1fr	1.40
* 80-5	1922, 5c to 5fr	1.10
* 86-90	1922-5, 5 surcharges	.60
* 91-100	1925-6, 10c to 1fr25	.65
*101-5	1927, 90c to 20fr	2.65
*407	1905 Dues, 1fr violet, rare	1.50
*408-15	1906-8 Dues, 5c to 1fr	3.00
* 23	**Fr. India** 1906, 35c yellow	.50
* 25-42	1914, 1c to 5fr	8.35
43-9	1922, 2c to 5fr	3.45
20	**Fr. Oceanica** 1906, 45c gray grn.	1.50
* 21-37	1913-15, 1c to 5fr, complete	4.50
29	30c gray and brown	.65
* 40-2	1921, 5c to 25c, 3 provis.	2.50
* 43-7	1922, 5c to 50c	.50
* 48-53	1923-5, 6 provisionals	1.10
* 54-64	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, complete	3.75
* 65-73	1927-9, 20c to 20fr	2.65
*301-9	1926-7, Dues, 5c to 3fr, compl.	.65
* 21-37	**Fr. Soudan** 1921, 1c to 5fr	1.75
* 38-42	1922-25, 5 provisionals	.75
* 43-53	1925-27, 10c to 20fr	3.00
* 49-64	**Gabon** 1911, 1c to 5fr, complete	5.80
* 79-84	1922, 5c to 50c	1.15
* 85-101	1924, 1c to 5fr, complete	1.60
*102-12	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, 11 var.	3.20
* 31-41	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1906-15, 2½h to 3 rupies	4.15
* 32	**Germ. N. Guinea** 1915, 5m slate and carmine	.75
* 26-38	**Germ. S. W. Afr.** 1906-15, 3pf-5m	2.75
65a	**Germany** 1900, 5m slate & carm.	5.50
76	1902, 2m grey blue	1.60
* 80-94	1906-11, 2pf to 5m, complete	2.75
*111-17	1920, 1m-2.50m, 7 var.	.95
*264a	1923, 800th m on 300m	1.25
*266a	800th m on 500m	1.25
*339-41 & 350	1923-5, 1m, 2m, 3m, 5m	3.85
*482-5	1924, 5pf to 50pf, rare set, used or *	2.75
*839	1920 Eupen, 10fr brown	2.75
*863	Malmedy, 10fr brown	2.75
* 47-56	**China** 1906-13, 1c to $2.50	2.20
* 45-57	**Morocco** 1911, 3c to 6p25c	2.50
*175-8	**Greece** 1901, 1dr to 5dr	1.10
184-95	1906, 1l to 2dr	2.75
*259	1918-23, 25dr indigo	.65
*335-7	1927, 1d to 6d Favier, compl.	.75
335-7	Same set used	.65
*338-43	1927-8 Navarino, complete	.75
* 54-70	**Guadeloupe** 1905-7, 1c to 5fr	3.60
* 74-8	1922, 5c to 50c	1.15
* 79-81 & 88-9	1924-6, 5 provisionals	.55
* 82-7 & 90-4	1925-7, 10c to 20fr, compl.	2.85
* 67-77	**Haiti** 1902, 1c to 10c, 11 var.	3.30
*171-3	1913, 15c de p to 1pia	2.50
*219-28	1915-16, 1c to 20c	1 10
*230-2	2c to 7c	.85
*179-81	**Honduras** 1915-16, 20c, 50c, 1 peso	1.25
*205	1923, 1p on 5c lilac rose	1.00
*208	10c on 1c brown	.60
*239	1927, 6c deep purple	2.80
415-17	**Hungary** 1926, 1p to 5p	.65
*311-30 } *838-43 }	1920, 2f to 10k and dues	1.00
653-61	1920-4, Airpost. 3k to 10,000k	.80

BRITISH COLONIES

* 17	**Aitutaki** 1916-17, 6p carm. rose	1.10
* 1-5	**Ascension** 1922, ½p to 3p	1.20
* 6	1922, 8p br. viol. and blk.	1.10
* 7	2sh ultr. and blk.	3 20
* 8	3sh viol. & blk.	5.00
* 9	1sh gray green	2.50
* 48	**Australia** 1915-20, 5sh yel. & gray	1.80
* 49	1915-20, 10sh pink and gray	3.60
* 35	**Bahamas** 1902, 2½p ultramarine	.50
* 37	1902, 6p bistre brown	1.25
* 38	1sh black and carmine	1.10
55	1912-18, 5sh viol. & ultram.	1.60
* 65-9	1920, Peace set	1.00
* 79	1921-6, 5sh viol. & ultram.	1.70
*101	Sp. Deliv. 1916, 5p	3.00
*102	1917, 5p	.50
*306	1918, 1p carm. and black	.45
*313-16	1919, ½p to 1sh	.55
*100-4	**Barbados** 1905, 1f to 2½p	1.15
103-4	1905, 2p and 2½p, used	1.30
134	1916, 6p claret	.50
140-7	1920, ¼p to 6p	2.25
*148-50	1sh, 2sh, 3sh	5.00
148-50	Same, used	5.00
*160	1921-4, 2sh dark viol. on blue	2.00
*161	3sh dark violet	2.70
*165-75	1925, ¼p to 3sh	2.45
*201	1907, 1p on 2p, reg. or inverted	.45
* 5	**Barbuda** 1922, 6p viol. & red viol.	.75
* 6	1922, 2sh viol. & ultram.	1.75
* 9	3p viol. on yellow	.45
* 10	1sh emerald green	1.10
*26-8	**Bermuda** 1902, ½p, 1p, 3p	.95
* 29	1903, 6p violet	.75
* 30	1904, 4p brown orange	1.10
* 33	1906, 2p orange and gray	.75
* 34	2½p blue and brown	1.00
38	1908, 2½p ultramarine	.40
* 40-8	1910-19, ¾p to 1sh	2.00
* 49	1917, 2sh6p red and black	1.25
* 50	5sh red and green	2.10
* 53	1920, 2sh ultr. and dull viol.	.90
* 54	4sh carm. and black	1.60
* 61	1sh gray green	.75
* 85-6	1922, 2½p and 3p, the two	.70
*185	**Br. Guiana** 1913-15, 48c blk. & viol. brown	1.00
*58-61	**Br. Honduras** 1902-4, 1c to 20c	2.00
64-5	1904-6, 5c, 10c, both	.80
* 80a	1913, 25c emerald green	.90
* 85-7	1915, 1c, 2c, 5c, the 3	.65
* 91-8	1921-5, 1c to 50c	1.50
* 99	$1 scarlet and black	1.40
*100	$2 red viol. and green	2.80
*102	25c emerald green	1.25
*12-14	**Br. Sol. Isl.** 1908, 4, 5, 6p	1.00
* 16	1908, 2sh viol. on blue	1.75
* 19-24	1913, ½p, 1p, 3p, the 3	.70
* 37	1914, 2sh 6p blk. and red	1.60
* 38	5sh green and red, used or *	3.00
* 40	£1 violet and black, used or *	6.40
* 41	1921, 3p violet on yellow	3.75
* 47-58	1924-8, 1p to 10sh	7.10
95	**Canada** 1903, 50c purple	
*139-40	1926, 2 on 3c, both types	
62	**Cape of G. Hope** 1902, 3p red viol	
* 63-9	1902-4, ½p to 6p	
* 71	5sh brown orange	
* 9	**Cayman Isl.** 1905, 1p carm. rose.	
* 10	1905, 2½p ultramarine	
* 21-4	1907, ½p, 1p, 2½p, 3p	
25	4p black and red, v. rare	
* 26-7	6p and 1sh	
* 32-9	1912, ¼p to 6p	
* 44	1913, 1sh on green	
* 59-62	1921, 3p, 4p, 1sh	
101	1917, 1½ on 2½p ultram.	
*102	1½ on 2½p ultram.	
*168	**Ceylon** 1903, 4c yellow and blue	
*193-4	1916, 25c and 50c, the two	
*41-7	**Cook Isl.** 1916-19, 1½p to 1sh	
* 48-60	1919, ½p to 1sh	
* 69	1921, 5sh green	
69	**Cyprus** 1912, 12pi or'ge br. & blk	
70	1912, 18pi black and brown	
71	45pi dull viol. and ultr.	
76-7	1921, 2pi and 4pi, the two	
85	1922, 9pi brown and carm.	
91	18pi black and brown	
* 93-105	1924, ¼pi to 18pi	
*106	45pia	
*107	90pi green and red	
*108	£1 violet and blk.	
*114-21	1928, ¾pi to 18pi	
*122	45pi deep blue and viol.	
*123	£1 olive br. and deep blue	
*35-9	**Dominica** 1907, ½p to 3p	
* 46-51	1908, ½p to 6p	
* 59-63	1921, ½p to 2½p	
* 68	2½h 6p red and black	
* 69-77	1923, ½p to 1sh	
* 82	5sh green and blk.	
*151-5	1916-19, ½p to 3p, complete	
* 1-5	**E. Africa & Ug.** 1903, ½a to 3 (Cat. 5.75)	
* 17-23	1904-7, ½a to 5a (Cat. 4.60)	
* 31-39	1907-8, 1c to 75c, complete	
* 40-8	1912, 1c to 75c	
*30-5	**Falkland Isl.** 1912-14, ½p to 1sh.	
*101-3	1918, ½p, 1p, 1sh	
*59-62	**Fiji** 1903, ½p to 2½p	
64	1903, 4p viol. and blk.	
* 67	1sh green and carm. rose	
* 76	1906, 1sh green	
*28-34	**Gambia** 1902-5, ½p to 6p	
* 35	1902-5, 1sh bluish viol. & gree	
* 70-81	1912, ½p to 1sh	
* 84	2sh 6p black and red	
* 86-90	1921, ½p to 2½p	
*201-2	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1916, ½p and 1r the two	
*211-19	1917, 1c to 75c	
*219a	75c emerald green	
* 42	**Gibraltar** 1903, 6p viol. & purple	
* 52	1904-8, 6p viol. and purple	
* 62	1907, 1sh green	
* 66-71	1912, ½p to 1sh	
* 71a	1sh emerald green	
72	2sh viol. & ultram.	
* 73	4sh blk. and scarlet	
* 84	1921-7, 2sh vio. & ultr., used or	
* 86	4sh blk. and scarlet	
*85, 87, 89	2sh 6p, 5sh, 10sh	
* 79	**Gold Coast** 1913, 10sh green & re	
80	1913, £1 violet and black	
* 83-90	1921-5, ½p to 1sh	
* 91	2sh viol. and blue	
* 92	2sh 6p black and red	
* 93	5sh green and red	
106-7	1928, 2sh and 5sh, the two	
*301-4	Dues 1923, ½p to 3p	
*127-38	**Gt. Britain** 1901, ½p to 1sh	
139-40	1901, 2sh 6p and 5sh	
141	10sh ultramarine	
*159-72	1912-13, ½p to 1sh	
*203-4	1925, 1p and 1½p, the two	
* 12	**China** 1916, $1 blue and viol.	
11-12	1916, 50c and $1, the two	
* 18-25	1922, 1c to 25c	
*62-3	**Grenada** 1904, 3p and 6p, the tw	
* 74	1906, 1sh green	
* 79-85	1913, ½p to 1sh	
* 89-90	1914, 3p and 1sh, the two	
*308-10	1906-11, Dues, 1p to 3p	
84-5	**Hong Kong** 1904, 50c and $1, the	
86	1904, $2 scarlet and blk.	
87	$3 deep blue and black	
* 96	1907, 50c green	
*110	1912, 50c green	
112	1912, $2 black and red	
113	$3 violet and green	
*286-90	**India** 1925, 1r on 15 to 1r on 2 (5 var.)	

AIRMAILS

	Alaouites 1929, 4 values, comp	
*501-19	**Argentine Rep.** 1928, 5c-3.60pes	
	Chile 1929, 10pes black overprin	
*701-4	**Guatemala** 1929, 4 var. complet	
	Mexico, Carranza, 1929 6 va., cp	
	Nicaragua 1929, 2 var., complet	
*400-2	**Paraguay** 1929, 2.85 to 11.30, cp	
*403-5	1929, 3.40 to 17.00, compl.	
*406-8	2.85 to 11.30 compl.	
*409-11	3.40 to 17.00 compl.	
*328-38	**Philippines** 1928, 2c-1pes, cpl.	
	Syria 1929, 4 values, complete	
*301-4	**Union of So. Afr.** 1925, 1p to 9 compl.	

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enator Moses Believes That They Are Necessary for Accounting

Senator Moses' statement is in part as llows:—"I am strongly in favor of a okkeeping system which would show e actual cost of every mail service. or instance, we started to find out what e receipts would be from the parcel st by requiring a special parcel post mp. But this stamp was abolished by stmaster General Burleson, so that the esent time there is no way to show at returns come from the parcel post item.

'I think there should be individual mps for every classification as far as sible and this would show the receipts, l a system could easily be devised to ermine the cost of transportation of h class."

enator Moses added that in his opinion Post Office ought to be paid in some y for everything it does, if the gov- ment seeks to "balance its budget." Congress and the departments ought ave special stamps, which they would for the same as others. In other rds, the stamps used by members of ngress would be charged up to the ex- ses of the legislative branch and cutive stamps would be paid for out ppropriations for the respective execu- departments. This would help to rcome the deficit."

MEXICAN AIR MAIL

erewith please find two more copies Mexico's new air mails, the 10c and values. You will note that the design e same as the 35c, but the colors are ht violet and brown respectively. It ars now that the 35c is to be a part his new issue which I am advised will the following values: 10c, 20c, 35c, 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p as well as a p of either 5c or 25c. This has not decided upon according to my agent lexico. The design on all the stamps be the same, but the last two high es, it is said, will be bicolored.

THERON E. PARSONS.

O RIVER CANALIZATION ON SALE OCT. 12

September 3, 1929.

e new 2c red Ohio River Canaliza- commemorative stamp described re- y in our chronicle will be placed on n October 12th at Cairo, Ill., Evans- Ind., Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Homestead, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Wheeling, West Va. They will not ailable at the Philatelic Agency un- ctober 14th.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

GRAF MAIL

WASH., D. C., Aug. 27.

e Graf Zeppelin, which left Los les at 12.15 a. m. this morning, ac- ng to advices received by W. Irving r, Assistant Postmaster General in e of the Air Mail Service, carried 36,000 pieces of "round-the-world" nd was unloaded at Lakehurst, New y. This mail was carried in 13 es weighing about 540 pounds. In ion, the Graf had on board 2 un- l pouches of "round-the-world" mail spatch at Friedrichshafen, the home of the Zeppelin.

ides this, the Graf carried 2,522 s of mail for Los Angeles from richshafen; 443 pieces for Los les from Lakehurst, and 1,813 pieces os Angeles from Tokio.

REVISED UPWARD

il rates for the Graf Zeppelin's ward flight to Friedrichshafen have increased to $1.20 per letter not ding one ounce. The postcard rate cents was raised to 60 cents, the urg-American line, general agents e Zeppelin, announced today.

COLONIAL STAMP CHANGES

Collectors who acted upon our hint given some time ago as to the impending discarding of the 3/- stamp of the current Grenada set may congratulate themselves, for it has now been definitely replaced by a 2/6 denomination. We have received this from Mr. R. Roberts, printed in black and red on blue in the existing King's Head type, with Script CA watermark.

From the same source we have received a new printing of the 1 dollar stamp of Trengganu, which appears for the first time upon Script CA watermarked paper, but otherwise unchanged.

Kenya has discarded the 75c value of its present postage stamp series, as it is no longer required to meet any existing postal rate.—*Bazaar.*

A SECOND VATICAN ISSUE

It is reported on good authority that a second set of Papal stamps will be issued within a few months picturing Vatican history. They will be printed in the Vatican City by the Pontifical Press. The recent issue was gotten out at the Italian Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

NEW ISSUE ITEMS

—The parcel post stamps of Belgium, Scott's 872 to 875, with overprint of winged wheel, are to be replaced by the same values of the new type Scott's A63 as soon as the present overprints are used up.

—The French "Joan of Arc" stamp is to be retired.

—On Sept. 16, an entirely new set of stamps, 20 values, will be issued for French India. Also a set of dues, 7 values. The old set, 1914 type, with overprints in caches, fanons and roupies will become obsolete.

—Liechtenstein will immediately issue a new set of four values with design showing the new Prince. Values 10, 20, 30 and 70r.

RAOUL LESGOR.

CACHETS AND AIR MAIL

—Cachet, Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 27, Tercentenary, courtesy of Wm. H. Gilley. Cachet, Richmond, Ind., Aug. 25, Am. Legion Convention, courtesy of J. S. Boyle and Floyd Shockley.

—Air mail service soon on CAM 8 from Portland, Oregon, to Salem, Eugene, and Grants Pass. Word later.

—Erwin Strasser sends us a "Barrow, Alaska," Clark cover dated July 14. It has the purple fourth class cancellation.

—26 different cachets possible on air mail from Ft. McMurray, Can., in early November. Write P. O. Dept., Ottawa, Can., for circular letter describing same.

AIR MAIL ITEMS

—First day sale of the Battle of Fallen Timbers stamp Sept. 14, at Toledo, Maumee, Harrisburg, and Waterville, Ohio; Erie, Pa. Up to 25 covers per person, to Postmasters, accompanied by money orders. Philatelic Agency sale 16th—no covers.

—Beverly Hills Airport, Steubenville, Ohio, dedication Sept. 14, 15. Covers to Legion.***Boston, Mass., soon—covers to C. of C.***Bethlehem, Pa., dedication Sept. 28—covers to C. of C.***Butler, Mo., Sept. 11—covers to C. of C.

—CAM 32 starts service Sept. 15. Two legs to the route. Pasco-Portland-Tacoma-Seattle; and Pasco-Spokane. Cachets from all cities. Two eastbound trips Portland to Pasco; 6.15 A. M. and 5.20 P. M.

—First Flight, Camden, N. J., Route 19, Sept. 15.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

CHRONICLE

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mittee is making suggestions as to what cities should be designated as first-day points of issue and this information will no doubt be available in short order. A congressional committee will also be in attendance with President Hoover, and a gala occasion will be made of the affair. We are told that the stamp will be most attractive and it is only to be regretted that it cannot be printed in two colors.

11-Cent Green

Much interest has been taken here of late in the 11-cent current issue printed in green, which was recently listed as a main variety by the Scott people. Since making further investigations, I am led to believe that from the numbers being found here and there, that if two printings were not made, that the number printed far exceeded the 500 sheets which was originally mentioned by one of the papers. So far, I have seen three distinct shades that can be classified as green, none of which show any traces whatsoever of the bluish tinge. Upward of seven to eight outstanding shades of this variety are now known.

New Revenues

In examining the very interesting collection belonging to Mr. Philip Little, Jr., exhibited at the Minneapolis Exhibition, two unlisted, and as far as I am concerned, heretofore unknown varieties were noted. Mr. Little showed a vertical pair of the 1898 50-cent slate Documentary in imperforate condition, and also a copy of the $1 gray of 1900 Scott's No. 4048, without surcharge. Mr. Little informs me that possibly twenty-five or thirty of these were found, all cancelled in March of 1921 by the Cargill Elevator Company of Minneapolis. It is seldom that a new variety of the older issues other than plate varieties are found at this late date.

Philippines

Mr. Walter Bruggmann has submitted for inspection copies of the 2-cent Madrid-Manila Air Mail variety, one showing a rose-red overprint and the other what appears to be a vermilion. A close examination of the varieties leads me to believe that the difference is possibly due to an overinking of the plate.

We have received from our London correspondent, Mr. R. Roberts, the following new issues:

Brazil.—400 reis, orange, type A76, watermarked "EU BRASIL" in block capitals, all over.

Chile.—The bicolored typographed stamps of 1915-17 on this paper, watermarked with chain device and shield, etc., centres engraved in black, have appeared in the following values and colors: 15c violet, 20c orange, 25c blue, 30c brown, and 50c blue-green. Also the 20c orange-red, 40c violet, 2p orange, 5p olive, and 10p orange of the 1915-17 issue have been surcharged "CORREO AEREO" and flying eagle design for air mail use. The overprint on the 20c and 10p is in black, that of the 40c red, while the other two surcharges are in blue.

Czechoslovakia. — The 2kor blue-green, engraved, design A13, perf. 9½, has been placed on sale.

France.—Two surcharges on the D4 design postage due stamp have been received. The 1fr violet has been overprinted "5 f." in black, and the 2fr blue bears the new value "1 F. 20" in red. Two short parallel bars obliterate the original value.

Hungary.—Copies of a new issue of Air Mail stamps line-engraved, perf. 14, design as the 1927 issue, are at hand in the following values and colors: 12f green, 16f brown, 20f carmine, 32f brown-violet, 40f deep ultramarine, 50f claret, 72f olive, and 80f violet. The watermark is Double Cross on Pyramid.

Italy.—A set of six values issued to commemorate the fourteenth centenary of the foundation by St. Benedette of the Monastery at Monte Cassino has appeared. The stamps are oblong format, historical designs in photogravure process on chalky paper. They are watermarked

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Jind State.—Nasik print, multiple star watermark 2a purple Indian stamp with ordinary surcharge for use in this territory.

Vatican State.—The new series of stamps so long expected has arrived and is a very attractive set. The values and colors are 5c black on rose, 10c deep green on green, 20c purple on lilac, 25c deep blue and pale blue, 30c black on yellow, 50c black on flesh, 75c carmine on grey, 80c carmine lake, L1.25 blue, L2 sepia, L2.50 orange, L5 green and L10 slate-green. The cent values 5c-15c are similar in design to the old Roman State stamps, though lacking in their simplicity, the frame being a little more ornate and the colored background is covered in a minute repetition printing in white with words "Vatican Poste", similar to the background of a cheque. Between the keys, the year date in Roman figures is a prominent feature which also appears in the other designs. All these are of small long oblong shape. The 80c-L10 are small upright oblong, about the usual size bearing an excellent portrait of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. There are also two Express stamps, L2 carmine lake and L2.50 blue, large oblong format with portrait of the Pope in a circle to the left and the words "Poste Vaticane Expresso 2 Lire" (or Lire 2.50) and the date on the other side, at the right. The whole set is very attractive and beautiful and will no doubt have a wide appeal to collectors and philatelists generally throughout the world, as no doubt it is intended to do. The stamps are on unwatermarked paper, with white gum, which has a peculiar vertical grain on it, as if applied to the paper by some unusual method. The grain is vertical in all of the values, except the key pattern stamps, which are printed the other way of the paper. Perf. 14, comb machine.

Several new items have been received from Whitfield King & Co. which we list below:

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A LIST OF EARLY UNITED STATES STAMPS THAT EXIST PRECANCELLED

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This list will be of use to the collector of nineteenth century United States as well as to the precancel collector. It originated as a card-index of early precancels, made in order to have the information needed when sorting through a batch of several thousand stamps, mostly of the Bank Note issues and those up to the Columbian. Mrs. Rich collects precancels and I did not wish to pass over by accident any that might be in the bunch. The original card-index was made from the 1928 precancel catalogue and included only such precancels as were not easily recognized. The present list has been made by going carefully through the 1929 precancel catalogue and entering every early precancel.

As it now stands, the list is a record of what stamps exist precancelled through the 1894-95 issue and the 1898 Trans-Mississippi issue. As the 1898 stamps (regular issue) come with the same precancellations as their immediate predecessors or else with ones that are easily recognizable as being similar to these or to later types, it was not deemed necessary to list the extensive precancels of this issue. While making this list, it proved convenient to list dues, envelopes, etc. Certain other material was not listed, but record was kept in a general way of what was noted: this information is also given here.

For the collector who is not familiar with the precancel catalogue, it must here be said that watermarks are entirely omitted in the classification of stamps therein. Accordingly, the 1894 and 1895 issues are treated as a unit; and likewise all the dues stamps perforated 12, from 1894 to 1913, form another unit without separation according to watermark. Likewise, color-varieties such as the claret, carmine and rose-red dues, are not considered. Strangely enough, the paper varieties of the Bank Note series are differentiated.

A few items not in the catalogue, but known to the writer from mention in philatelic journals, are included.

1847—5c. Wheeling, Va. (West Virginia was then still a part of Virginia). Red grid, oval, without border, on center of block of 4 stamps, with part grid showing on each stamp. (Not yet catalogued, but mentioned in Scott's Specialized Catalogue.)

1857—1c. Cumberland, Me. Type I. Precancelled with place-name and date printed across stamp after it was affixed to envelope. Illustrated in Precancel Catalogue.

1869—3c. Glastonbury, Conn., Type I. Large G printed on stamp.

1870—1c. (Catalogue does not say whether with or without grill.) Jefferson, Ohio, Type II. A typeset precancellation, with place-name and date in 1873.

1873—1c. Galesburg, Ill., Type I. 3 bars. Mohonk Lake, N. Y., Type I. 1 line. Glen Allen, Va., Type I. Large printed star, printed on stamp after it was affixed to envelope.

1875—2c, vermilion, hard paper. Milwaukee, Wis., Type I. 3 bars, more or less smudgy.

1879—1c. Glastonbury, Conn., Type I. Large G printed on stamp.

1879—2c, soft paper. Jefferson, Ohio, Type I. Printed precancellation, town and state.

1882—1c re-engraved. Yonkers, N. Y., Type I. Two rows of large squares. Hiram, Ohio, Type I. 1 line. Burlington, Vt., Type I. A precancellation of more or less ordinary type, usually poorly printed.

1883—2c brown. Glastonbury, Conn., Type I. Large G printed on stamp.

1887—1c. Burlington, Vt., Type I (described just above for 1c 1882). Yonkers, N. Y., Type I. Two rows of large squares. Lines and bars, without place-name, up to 5 lines and 3 bars, from: Bridgeport, Conn., Northford, Conn., Galesburg, Ill., Rochester, N. Y. Lancaster, N. Y., Type I. Printed; 2 quads or oblongs.

1890 issue.—With this issue the precancelling localities become fairly numerous. 1 to 5 bars or lines, horizontally or vertically are found. These precancellations without place-name may be located by the index in the front of the precancel catalogue. A number of places begin to use precancels recognizable by their likeness to precancels of today. Yonkers, N. Y., Type I, 2 rows of squares, continues in use. Types not described are to be taken as being recognized easily by likeness to ordinary precancels.

The following stamps of the 1890 issue are known precancelled: 1c, 2c (catalogue does not say which color), 3c. Only Akron, Ohio, Type I. 2 lines handstamped. 4c. 5c. St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., Type I, only case. 10c. Salem, Mass., Type I, only case.

1893 Columbian Issue.—A fair number of offices precancelled this issue. Except those specifically mentioned below, they all used lines or bars without name of the office. The following stamps were precancelled:

1c. Paris, Ill., Type I. Place-name in circle. Lancaster, N. Y., Type I. 2 quads or oblongs. Yonkers, N. Y., Type I. 2 rows of squares. Bars and lines, never more than 2, from 4 offices. 2c. Yonkers, N. Y., Type I. 2 rows of squares. 1 or 5 bars or lines, 3 bars, from 4 other offices. 3c. Milwaukee, Wis., Type I. No place-name; 3 vertical

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1894-95 issue.—As the precancel catalogue does not differentiate the unwatermarked stamps of 1894 from the watermarked ones of 1895, it is advisable to watch lots of both issues for the precancels. In the case of the 3c stamp and probably also the 8c stamp, the precancels are listed with the 1898 issue, since these stamps were not altered in color in 1898. Few if any of these values are likely to be 1894 unwatermarked copies.

Many varieties of bars and lines, ranging from 1 to 8 of either and placed either vertically or horizontally, are listed. There are many precancels of more ordinary appearance. The following stamps of this issue exist precancelled:

1c. Special oddities are Yonkers, N. Y., Type I, 2 rows of squares; Hibernia, N. Y., Type I, vertical and diagonal lines forming N's; Manlius, N. Y., Type I, vertical and diagonal lines forming V's. 2c. Yonkers, N. Y., Type I, 2 rows of squares, is the only oddity. 3c. Marshall, Mich., Type I, a smudge, is the only oddity. 4c. Nearly all bars or lines without place-name. 5c. 6c. 8c. Mostly precancellations much like ordinary types, with place-names. Marshall, Mich., Type I, smudge, is the only oddity. 10c. 1 bar or 1 line only. (Orange, Conn., Type I, and Mohonk Lake, N. Y., Type I.) 50c. All with place-names and like ordinary types. Two offices only: Chicago, Ill., Cleveland, Ohio.

1898 Trans-Mississippi Issue.—1c. All with place-name. Lowell, Mass., Type I. No bars above and below place-name. Minneapolis, Minn., Type I, diagonal, printed, without name of state. Lincoln, Nebr., Type I. 2c. All with place-name. Des Moines, Iowa, Type I. Handstamped, no bars above and below place-name. Pittsburgh, Pa., Type II. Providence, R. I., Type I. 5c. St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., Type I. Handstamped, with bars above and below place-name. 10c. St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., Type II. Handstamped, without bars above and below place-name.

1898 Regular Issue.—All stamps of this issue were precancelled.

1901 Pan-American Issue.—The 1 cent and 2 cent of this issue were precancelled at many offices. I have not seen any record of higher values as precancels.

Postage Due Stamps, 1879-1893 issue. The precancel catalogue does not separate out the various colors of these. Thus far, all that I have seen as precancels have been brown. A monogram of the letters N and Y in a circle of dots was used at New York, N. Y., for precancelling these dues. This is New York, N. Y., Type I. The following values were precancelled with it; other precancel users are noted after each stamp.

1c. Also Akron, Ohio, Type V; St. Paul, Minn., Type I, bars only; St. Louis, Mo., Type I, bars only. 2c. Also Yonkers, N. Y., Type I, 2 rows of squares; bars alone from 4 other offices. 3c. Also Wichita, Kans., Type II; St. Louis, Mo., Type I, 3 vertical bars. 5c. 10c. 30c. 50c.

1894-1913 issue, perforated 12. All values come precancelled, with bars alone, lines alone, and precancellations of the more usual types. Menominee, Mich., has a large M on the 2c (Type II precancel).

In addition to what has been given in the list, I add various odds and ends of presumably interesting or useful information that cropped up in the making of this list:—

1. **Revenues.** I do not find any record of any postal precancelling of revenues prior to the 1917 documentary issue. That is the only issue mentioned at all in the precancel catalogue. It is known, however, that private precancelling of revenues was done as far back as the '60's, and that some revenues of nearly every issue exist thus precancelled. Furthermore, the current playing-card stamps are precancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and hence are collected by some as part of a collection of Bureau Prints. This is not postal precancelling, however.

2. **Envelopes.** Prior to the recent general precancelling of envelopes, there had been a few cases. The earliest on record is the 1c 1874 on buff (die not stated in the catalogue) precancelled at Decatur, Ill., with Type I, place-name in an oval, during 1880. The next case is the 1907 oval die 1c on white, precancelled at 5 offices. This envelope exists with a curious precancelling of an oblong of curlicues, without place-name, done at Willmar, Minn., and known as Type IV of that place. The 1916 circular die 1c on white comes precancelled from two offices. Possibly it comes from a third also, as the description for a 1c circular die from Milwaukee, Wis., under Types XIII and XIV leaves it indeterminate as to whether the white or the manila envelope of this issue was used. At Carrollton, Ohio, the revalued envelope, 1½c on 1c, round die, was precancelled with Type V. The paper of the envelope is not stated.

3. **Wrappers.** Three wrappers have been precancelled. The 1c oval die of 1907 was precancelled at Tacoma, Wash., with Type V; the 1c oval die of 1916 on manila at Milwaukee, Wis., with Type IX; and the revalued 1½c on 1c oval die at Milwaukee, Wis., with Type IX.

4. **Postcards.** A postcard is recorded as precancelled with one line, no place-name, at Delavan, N. Y.; but the catalogue does not state what card.

5. **Later Commemoratives.** Apparently every commemorative issue o hesives has been precancelled. The lumbian, Trans-Mississippi, and American series have been ment above. The Louisiana Purchase has been precancelled fairly extensi the Jamestown, Seward, Lincoln Hudson-Fulton stamps are repres among precancels; and the Panam cific series, in both perforations, i uncommon in the lists. Post-war memoratives have been such a bar precancel collectors that I merely tion their existence.

6. **Special Service Stamps.** earliest special delivery stamp th find recorded as a precancel is the cle type, perforated 12. This ma course be either the 1902 or the stamp, since watermarks are not sidered. The green special delivery s of 1908 comes precancelled from a s number of places. The registration s of 1911 was precancelled at a small ber of offices. Strangely enough, of the old newspaper stamps were cancelled, though this procedure have been expected to be convenient the use made of these stamps. I only mention, for the sake of comp ness, that the whole parcel post serie 1912 and all the recent special deli and special handling stamps have precancelled.

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An official notice, speaking of late mailings at air mail fields, says that "it is permissible for the pilot to accept such letter or package (after the mails have been closed at the post office or air mail transfer office) and turn it in at the office of address, or at the proper stop along with the regular pouches, where it should be canceled."

The Oakland Philatelic Society, California, will hold its second annual stamp exhibition, October 25, 26 and 27, 1929, at the Hotel Oakland, 13th and Alice Street. Well over a hundred frames have been subscribed for at an early date and there is a possibility that 300 frames will be needed. There are 25 classifications, including juvenile and some prominent exhibitors will be represented. Rules may be had from the secretary, Harry E. Gray, 1711 Webster St., Oakland, California.

Mr. Geo. R. McNeil, Huntington, Va., says that the local papers have been giving generous space to philately and that the Dam stamps particularly are objects of attention, as Dams No. 27 and No. 28 are located at Huntington. The Fallen Timbers issue is the subject of a long story in the *Herald-Advertiser*, in which interesting details are given of the career of General Wayne.

Mr. A. Hippchen, Chicago, has returned home after an extensive trip through the east and the south, and is again boosting philately at home through the organization that he heads and which boasts of its own club-room.

Cards have been received from Mr. T. R. Hungerford, Washington, from Stresa, Italy; Father Phillip N. McCabe, Stamboul; Captain B. H. Berth, Liverpool; Mr. Hugo Edelstein, Port Limon, Costa Rica; Mrs. G. Farringdon, Habana; Mr. L. K. Johnson, Copenhagen; and Mr. Darius G. Wise, Madrid.

The *National Observer*, Minneapolis, published as its leading article some time ago, a very able article on "Good Citizenship" by Mr. Harry S. Swensen, who has grown up with philately in Minneapolis. As early as 1896, he enjoyed fame as the most brilliant boy philatelic editor as the old *News-Letter* will testify.

Prof. Lowell Joseph Ragatz, Washington, D. C., one of our star contributors, is spending some weeks in Prince Edward Island. He sends a philatelic personal from the famous Agony Column of the London *Times* in which a Miss wants ordinary used Colonial stamps in exchange for magazines and papers.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. lists "krona" as the currency of Denmark and Norway, says Mr. R. S. Rynning, La-Crosse, Wis. He says: "Krone is singular of kroner in Denmark and Norway. Krona is singular of Kronor in Sweden." This elucidation is helpful now that we have got beyond the "shilling" for skilling stage in the first issue of Sweden.

Some months ago, Mr. Lawrence Souder, Norristown, Pa., sent a copy of *Popular Science* for July that pictures a Chinese artist at work "painting" with postage stamps. He lives in Formosa and is said to have evolved the art whereby fragments of stamps are used for colorful pictures, as may be seen on picture postal cards.

The Vatican stamps and Zepp covers have the call for newspaper illustration, and literally scores of cuts of them have been used in papers recently throughout the country.

Mr. E. M. Knauer, Pittsburgh, Pa., wants to know if there were other weekly stamp papers published in 1902, and our answer is that there were two others issued in that year. At the time, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* was appearing in England.

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Boy, did you ever feel that you were simply surrounded with all the wisdom that *is,* on any one given subject, till it gives you that awesome feeling and a creeping up and down the spine, to say nothing of goose-pimples? Well, just imagine yourself in one room, like I was, with Mr. Severn, Mr. Ward, Elliott Perry, *Himself,* Mr. Bartels, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hind, etc., etc., etc. (those etc's. stand for so many more of them, whose names I do not even know), then try to recollect what little, what *very* little you and I know about stamps, and then tell me that you wouldn't shrink to your proper size! Yea, bo, we may be *some* philatelists to the boys at home, but in Minneapolis we would have stacked up about the size of my 5-year-old son, Jim. And that's that.

About the exhibition, Phil—where to begin—where to begin? I might tell you, first of all, about the pleasure and gratification it was to view the world's most valuable stamp—yes, you've guessed it—Arthur Hind's famous British Guiana, price $32,500.00, I believe; also his famous Mauritius cover, for which one dealer told me he'd pay spot-cash to the tune of $45,000.00 if he could get it; also his famous 9d British stamp, with inscription by the King of England: "Taken from my collection and given to the National Philatelic war funds auction." Yes, brother, they were all on display in little old Minneapolis.

Or I might tell you about the other marvelous displays — the remarkable blocks of U. S., and especially the surface-prints in every imaginable shade and smear displayed by Burgess of Minneapolis; or the wonderful exhibit of revenues by Phil. Little, Jr.; or the fine U. S. Battleship cancellations shown by Hornbeck; or the myriads of cancellations on the 3c of 1851-57 displayed by John J. O'Donohue; or the beautiful air mail covers, all autographed by the greatest of them all, our own Lindbergh, exhibited by Knapp of New York; or the famous 25th anniversary air mail cover owned by Capt. Lipsner and autographed by Orville Wright; or the clever display of Good Hope triangles by Mrs. Diamant and Alfred Lichtenstein; or, most interesting to me, the finest display of U. S. proofs and essays, property of C. W. Brazer.

Yes, Phil, I might tell you about all these remarkable collections, but I *don't* believe I will. You know me, I'm sort of a back-to-nature guy, and I always see the human and humane side of things, rather than the practical or material. I love to watch *people* rather than the thing they stand for or the article that they sell.

Take Mrs. Shaughnessy, for instance. Who hasn't heard of her?—why, she *is* the Philatelic Agency to most of us, isn't she? And boy, she's the sweetest little lady you ever saw—kinda reminds you of home and mother, somehow. And there she was, on the job every minute, dishing out Molly Pitchers and 8-cent air mails and green 11-centers to suit each customer, with the everlasting patience of Job himself—and believe me, she didn't hand out any straight-edges either. I'm for *her,* buddy, strong.

And then there's Charlie Severn. Officially he's Editor of the greatest Stamp Weekly in the country, but personally he's just a great big, good-natured gentleman, who has *all* the time in the world to listen to your troubles, to offer kindly advice, to help you, to guide you in this highway and byway of philatelism—you know, one of those old-fashioned *gentlemen* who would give you the shirt off his back anytime. You should have seen him, the night of the Bourse, sitting there till the wee small hours, lovingly handling and discussing old wartime patriotic covers—I do believe they're his weakness now.

Let's take a look at Gerald H. Burgess, President of the Twin City Philatelic Society, and undoubtedly greatly responsible for the eminent success of the show. He's a hustling, wide-awake young chap on his toes every minute, a philatelist to his finger-tips, just as happy in making a 25c sale at the Bourse as one for that many dollars; with a wonderful collection of his own on display, and trying to be in two places at once in his endeavor to serve the guests of the convention. He sure was on the job, brother.

And Arthur Hind was there—personally, himself. Yessir, he's the man, you know, Phil, that has that famous collection which is now up and for sale at something like a half-million dollars; I believe it contains more rarities and errors and inverts, and that class of misprints and misfits than any other collection in the world and it must therefore be absolutely unique. As to the man himself—he appealed to me as a kindly, benevolent gentleman who is living in all happiness in the bosom of his family—he certainly doesn't appeal to one as the man who owns one of the greatest stamp-collections in the world. All of which goes to show that you never can tell.

To get back to the exhibition, Phil—a good many dealers had booths there, where they conducted their business and sold stamps and albums and tongs and whatnot to the budding philatelists. It was hot in the exhibition rooms most of the time, boy; darn hot—and I couldn't help but admire the courtesy and patience of those that were on the job there. I heard one fond mother ask a clerk to show her just how a hinge should be properly applied to a stamp, so that she might explain it to her young son, who was just starting in to collect stamps and Mr. Clerk very obligingly demonstrated the operation, with the person rolling down the inside of his cuff. Yea, verily, philately teaches patience in more ways than one!

Well, Phil, I've just bought "The Philatelist", which I simply must read before I go to bed so I think I'll sign off now. You can see from the foregoing that the convention and the exhibition were absolutely a success, and that all we have to do now is lay away a few shekels monthly, so as to have funds on hand to travel when another year and another convention roll around. With all best wishes to yourself, and kindest regards to the Mrs. and the kiddies, I am.

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WE are indebted to many subscri for newspaper clippings giving particulars of letters carried on the Zeppelin. Many of these covers wer lustrated and it is needless to say the regulations of the U. S. Trea Department have been broken in m instances in illustrating U. S. stamps

WE are informed of the death of C C. Harrington, A. P. S. 963, Geo. C. Rheinfrank of Pasadena, C Mr. Harrington resided at Pasadena was a general collector. His A. P number is an indication of the length time that he has been interested in ph ely. The immediate cause of his d was heart failure.

IN this general line of Charity la or poster stamps, I am quite anx to get data including number of va issued, size of sheet, by whom prin &c., &c., of a series of poster stamps titled "Presidential Honor Stamp" issued by the Ohio War Savings C mittee. These stamps bear portraits

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various presidents starting with shington. I think that perhaps you l be willing to ask your Ohio subbers for information along the lines icated. Incidentally I may say that collaboration with Dick Green and W. Allen I am gathering data for a ck-list of all Charity Labels—both nestic and foreign. It is a big task, I hope to put it over.—A. W. DUNG, Wilton, N. H.

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M. BREHM is no doubt responsible for the rather unique cover ring the marking "Appleton, Wis., pt. 2." One of the ordinary 1c stamps canceled with the familiar arm and mmer, and the face of the cover bears inscription "and labor hath its day."

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By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

After an interval of fifty-nine years the Vatican post office was reopened on August 1st under the provisions of the Lateran Treaty with the Italian Government. This Treaty restores to the Pope his temporal kingdom, and the Papacy once more takes its place amongst the stamp issuing nations of the world.

It is already embraced in the membership of the Universal Postal Union, to which it was admitted just a month previously.

The public demand for the new stamps proved phenomenal. Huge crowds besieged the post office long before it was open for business, so that the Pontifical Guards had to be called out to control them.

Out of a total face value of little more than £600,000 one purchaser alone is credited with having taken up stamps to the equivalent of £32,000, whilst several other advance orders ran into thousands of pounds each.

A Temporary Issue

These stamps will find their way quickly into the albums of collectors in every part of the globe, and, as they are merely a temporary issue, pending the preparation of some stamps printed in the Vatican State itself, may in course of time be expected to appreciate in value.

Besides those purchased in complete series, unused, numbers of people sought to secure the postmark of the first day of issue upon letters despatched by both ordinary and aerial post. The result was that the letter boxes were overflowing long before the regular hours for collection, and had to be specially cleared at frequent intervals.

The new stamps of the Vatican State come in three distinct types (illustrated herewith, by courtesy of Mr. R. Roberts) and fifteen denominations, comprising 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50 and 75 centesimi with the device of the Papal insignia (Mitre and crossed Keys), and 80 centesimi, 1.25, 2, 2.50, 5 and 10 lire bearing a portrait of His Holiness Pius XI for ordinary postage, plus stamps of 2 and 2.50 lire in large oblong format for Express Delivery of inland and foreign letters respectively, also showing the Pope's head.

All are inscribed "POSTE VATICANE," and dated MCMXXIX.

They have been printed on behalf of the new State at the Italian Bureau of Engraving and Printing, now transferred to Rome, by the roto-gravure process, and constitute a striking and interesting addition to the world's postage stamps. The paper is unwatermarked and the perforation gauges 14.

Later in the year a second issue of Papal stamps is due to make its debut in a series of picturesque vignettes by the eminent Italian stamp engraver, Professor Enrico Federici, illustrating the history of the Vatican. These are to be printed in the Pontifical Press upon paper watermarked with a special device and are intended to be of a permanent character.

Garibaldi's "Red Shirts"

Fifty-nine years ago, when Garibaldi's "Red Shirts" entered the Holy City, after a feeble defence, the stamps then in use were of similar design to that upon the lower values of the present series.

It shows the Papal Tiara with its triple crowns betokening the three-fold dominion of the Church, militant, purifying and triumphant, and streamers typifying the Literal and Mystical senses. The Keys of Heaven which appear beneath it are of gold for Power, and Silver for Knowledge.

These early stamps of the old Papal States had then been in service throughout the Pope's dominions for rather more than eighteen years, having been introduced on January 1, 1852. They bore, however, no indication of their origin, the sole inscription consisting of the words "Franco Bollo Postale" and the value.

They, too, were printed in the Printing Office of the Apostolical Chamber from dies engraved by two Roman engravers named Doublet and Decoppet.

Following the unification of the erstwhile Italian States into the Kingdom of Italy, the Vatican was deprived of its own postal service and its distinctive stamps were finally superseded by those of the Italian Kingdom in October, 1870. —*Bazaar.*

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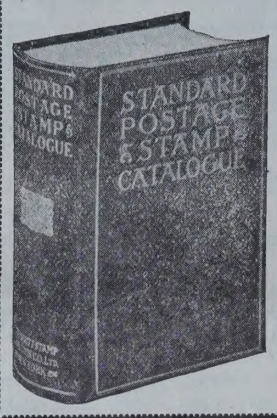

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THE philatelic tide is rising and it will soon sweep over the land, if the lenses through which the philatelic fathers peer are not trick spectacles. There is too much testimony of the same tenor to doubt its truth, and despatches from the watchful sentinels from their scattered posts tell the same story with little variations. "We want to plan a stamp display for a week in October," says a big department store, "with a lecture on the opening day and one on the closing day." A reader says: "Two or more theaters out here are giving stamp albums and stamps away to the boys and girls." A community newspaper says: "The young folks are impatient to start their club and do not want to wait until next week." A high society note: "Your suggestion of a bridge prize of those stamps was a good one." (The award was a sheet of George Rogers Clark 2c.) A big business man: "I want to distribute packets of stamps with the booklet among boys and girls of my acquaintance." A man who has been asked to tell about stamps over the radio writes for a few pointers and the business men's noon-day clubs in several cities have booked collectors for their stories of the gladsome game of stamps.

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THE following letter has come from Mr. Armin N. Rominski, Kansas City, Mo., and tells of a subject that has a fascination for collectors, i.e., the use of heavy postage. We quote: "In filming sound pictures at the United Artists studios and at Universal City, it suddenly became necessary to obtain at once eight amplifying panels, four for each studio. As further work on these productions could not proceed until the panels arrived, the electrical research products division was urged to do everything possible to get the apparatus to Hollywood quickly. Representatives of our subsidiary called Hawthorne by long distance and asked for the best possible service the Works could give. Our merchandise organization passed the request on to the shops and in a few hours the panels were ready. Investigation showed that the best means of getting them to Hollywood was by airplane. Each panel weighed approximately 45 pounds, but in view of the urgent need for the equipment, our service organization was glad to pay Uncle Sam close to $600 in postage stamps for air mail service. Each panel carried approximately 145 stamps." At that, it is evident that $5 stamps were not used.

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THE Advance Sheets are in the M's or half way through the book, and already we have over a thousand pages. We predict that the volume will be ready as advertised, on October 28, 1929.

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AN announcement, dated August 31st, at Washington, from E. B. Wadsworth, Superintendent of the Division of Air Mail Service, tells of the establishing of a new air mail route, CAM 32, on September 15th, between Pasco, Wash., *via* Portland, Ore., Tacoma, Wash., to Seattle, Wash., and return, and between Pasco, Wash., and Spokane, Wash. Following the schedule of the aerial movements, the following explanation is made: "A special first flight cachet will be furnished by this Department to the postmasters shown above for use on such air mail as may be dispatched from their office to this route on Sept. 15, 1929. Air mail covers to receive this cachet should be sent under cover to the post office or post offices involved so as to reach the same in advance of the opening day. It will not be practicable to place this special cachet on transit air mail destined to go over this new route on Sept. 15th, that did not originate and receive the regular cancellation of a post office on this route." We refer this explanation to the readers who are unceasing in their requests for information as to how to obtain first flight covers. However, we maintain that the interval between the date of issue of the circular, August 31st, and that of the flight, Sept. 15th, on the coast, is not great enough to allow of full philatelic use to be made of the flight. In fact, a month would be the minimum allowance for the maximum service, and we appeal to Mr. Wadsworth to take heed of our requirements. There is a significant "Note" that closes the statement: "This notice is issued from the Department at Washington and all future notices on matters of this kind will originate therefrom."

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THE Postmaster-General has released the news that the special 2c stamp to commemorate the completion of the Ohio River Canalization will be issued on October 12, and placed on sale on that day at the post offices at Cairo, Ill., Evansville, Ind., Louisville, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Ohio, Homestead and Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wheeling, West Virginia. Collectors may send no more than 25 self-addressed envelopes to the postmasters of the offices enumerated, with the necessary remittances, for first day covers which "will be accepted from *bona fide* subscribers only." The stamp will not be on sale at the Philatelic Agency until October 14th. The stamp will be of the size of the current 2c and will be in red and show a section of the Ohio River with "a canal lock and portion of the stream." The dates "1875" and "1929" are in the upper corners.

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SOME time ago, a reader who referred to the philatelic activities of John Milton Holt, M.D., which were interrupted by the World War, asked if we could tell him what had become of the Doctor. The inquiry brought vivid recollections of the fervency with which he espoused philately from the time that he served as a New York correspondent of stamp papers as a college boy in 1892 to the years when he published *Everybody's Philatelist.* However, we could give no information about the later career of our friend, and word to that effect in this column brought no revelations. Now, we hear from him from Owensmouth, California; and we do not hesitate to give place to the Open Letter to Philatelists that he sends, as follows: "Nearly twenty years ago, I undertook what I considered a service to philately, editing and publishing *Everybody's Philatelist.* The war put an end to that, as to many other things, when in September, 1917, I left Cleveland for war duty at Camp Logan, Texas. After the Armistice, I was appointed Supervisor of the 14th District, and organized Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, to furnish medical and surgical relief under the now obsolete War Risk Bureau for discharged soldiers, sailors and marines. After two years of that the work became so permeated with politics that my services were no longer desired. I could not wear a political saddle. Returning to private life and private practice, I preferred southern California to any other spot in the United States, and eight years after leaving Cleveland, I settled down in Los Angeles County to end my days in peace. All this time my freight and private belongings had not been unpacked, and when they were, I found that I had lost some things. This applied to some of my records concerning *Everybody's Philatelist,* notably my list of Life Subscribers. To all such I guaranteed a *pro rata* refund if for any reason they received the journal for fewer than ten years. I desire to make good on that obligation and if any of my life subscribers who see this will write me, I will do the rest. In closing, it may not too early to remind your readers Christmas packets for Shut-Ins, wh it was my privilege to sponsor and or nate as an annual event, early in the of *Everybody's.* There are more Sh Ins now than then, and I have been covering them in the most unexpec ways and places. If anyone should s check to cover an unpaid advertising count, I'd have to call for smelling-sal Here is a characteristic letter from good doctor, and its human interest appeal to readers, and who knows that while the candle burns one of advertising debtors will see the light.

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H. A. Meyer shows me the 1st eastbound Bremen cover, which has the large red cachet similar to that used on the 1st westward trip, but without the mention of the "first trip." Second westbound trip sent about 2,000 letters and cards from the ship via the plane. *** Major Pascual Lopez reports covers postmarked Guatemala Aug. 8, and backstamped the same date at Mexico City, and the inference is that this was the first regular trip. *** The transcontinental refuelling mail plane left on short notice from Oakland, Aug. 25th. Only 1 letter from any one collector was accepted, and I haven't seen any at all of mine that I sent the San Francisco P. M. some weeks ago. Must have been other commercial mail on board—at least newspaper stories told of sacks being dropped overboard at Cleveland, etc. Pending further information on this however, we have these 36 covers, bearing a neat cachet in purple, and postmarked at Hempstead, N. Y., where they were thrown over.

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Wonder if others had my experience on round the world Zeppelin mail. I'd addressed letters via each of the various terminals, as per instructions, but every single one went clear round the whole way to Lakehurst, whether prepaid with the full postage or not. Got lots for my postage money, but can't say so much as to the coverage. At any rate, I must offer congratulations on the very fitting Lakehurst backstamp. Came as a pleasant surprise. *** S. Bayer informs me that the Zepp, on its trip to the U. S. dropped 17 letters and 30 cards at Basle, Switzerland. ***Frank H. Kreuter, also, shows me covers for the transatlantic flight, mailed in Danzig and Netherlands, and bearing the stamps of their respective countries, as well as the regular Zeppelin cachets.

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Mr. S. Bayer sends me a specimen paper carried over the first regular Italian newspaper air service. "Il Popolo D'Italia", published in Milan in the morning, was carried by train to Venice, and thence by plane to Rome, arriving the same afternoon. All papers bear a large cachet in red, "Servizio Aereo della Transadriatica." First trip was Aug. 6th. *** Allan M. Thatcher reports Managua cachet from FAM 5 in black as well as purple, and from Santiago on FAM 5 in purple, as well as the usual black. *** Effective on the issuance of the notice Aug. 27, mail was accepted for Venezuela via FAM 5, by air to Curacao, and from there by the ordinary means. No cachet, or, in fact, official first trip. *** P. M. at Belize states that on May 23rd he despatched 33 letters to Tela, and 25 to Managua, via the first trip air mail. Anybody have one he wants to get rid of? These look like about the rarest FAM yet.

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First official non-stop drop and pickup of mail on a CAM route took place at Youngstown on Aug. 30th. 10,000 letters were picked up from Youngstown; 4,000 dropped. Colors of cachet, applied by CAM 11, are from Youngstown—black; to Youngstown from Cleveland—blue-green, from McKeesport, magenta and green. In addition to the 4-line cachet applied by the contractors, there was an elaborate pictorial cachet by the C. of C. on covers sent them.

AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, UNOFFICIAL FLIGHTS, ETC.

Guess this is one we'll have to mark off. Covers bearing a cachet "Airport Dedication, East Liverpool, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1928," have heretofore been listed, but Bradie Buchanan has checked up with the Postmaster, owner of the airport, and the C. of C., and all say there has been no dedication. *** W. G. Fountaine shows me covers from the Lorain Dedication, bearing a cachet, supplied by the C. of C. on covers sent them, in addition to the one provided by the Airport management. Box type, "Lorain, Ohio, where coal and iron meet." *** Rochester, Minn., did dedicate as part of their diamond jubilee celebration, on June 11, and 150 covers sent to the Commercial Club were mailed, bearing the rubber stamp "Rochester Commercial Club." Diamond Jubilee cachet—402 the 9th, 329—10th, 342—11th, 576—12th.

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And here's the story on that Louis Proctor Memorial from Vancouver. Proctor won the national Model Airplane Contest, and won a trip to England to compete there. On his return, Vancouver had a big air circus and celebration in his honor—and that accounts for the cachet by the C. of C. *** Just reported another Lindbergh Day cachet—this one from Ardmore, Pa.—great big affair covering half the envelope, "Ardmore Congratulates Lindy", etc. 16 mailed—don't know yet who was responsible.

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Recent events: Richmond, Ind.—Legion Convention and Air Circus. Legion cachet on about 175 a day for 3 days; air circus cachet on 163 all told. *** Port Arthur, Tex., dedicated Aug. 27, no cachet, but some covers are stamped "Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Shipping." *** South Bend, Ind., Modern Transportation Show, Aug. 27-31—various colors. *** Additional cachet for final stop Portland-Cleveland derby, Aug. 27th—Harry J. Morse thoughtfully mails me a cover from Mines Field on the arrival of the Graf Zeppelin. *** Marblehead, Mass., 300th Anniversary and Air Mail Day Aug. 27th—neat cachet on 109 covers by C. of C. *** Findlay, Ohio, Air Mail Day Aug. 29th—heart shaped cachet in black by C. of C. *** Whitefield, N. H., dedication Aug. 23, 24, 25—especially printed sticker on back of covers.

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St. Louis, Mo., Legion Convention, Sept. 1, 2, 3—an elaborate cachet honoring the endurance flight of Jackson and O'Brine. *** Dudley, Mass., Air Meet and Exhibition, Aug. 29, 30—no cachet, but privately printed envelopes. *** N. A. T. and CAM 17 Anniversary cachets Sept. 1, all same design and red color—in, so far, from Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Toledo, Kansas City, and Dallas. *** Goshen, Ind., dedication Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2—winged Legion design, different colors daily. *** Special Memorial cachet on anniversary of Lieut. Bettis, used at Bettis Field, McKeesport, Pa., Sept. 1—by CAM 11.

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Coming: Savannah, Ga., Airport opening and National Air Tour stop Oct. 11. Possible cachet by C. of C. *** Bethlehem, Pa., dedicates Oct. 5 and 6—covers to A. H. Buck, Sec. of C. of C. *** Camden, N. J., announced last week to receive air mail service Sept. 15, will dedicate its airport the 21st. Cachet—send covers to Mr. J. Hartley Bowen, Jr., P. O. Box 161, Haddon Heights, N. J. *** Utica, N. Y., dedication Sept. 21—covers to C. of C.

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And now for the figures: Sweetwater, Tex., dedication—50-75 covers, by Bd. of City Development. *** Aurora, Ill., Expo. —500 covers handstamped, 150 printed. *** Marietta, O., Mid-East Regatta—587 Aug. 23, 689 the 24th. *** San Diego Aerial Review—2,750—by C. of C. *** Kansas City, Kans., dedication numbers were too high. From 125-150 were mailed via the C. of C. each of the 2 days. *** Salem, Ore., 5,050 for both Legion Convention and dedication. *** Akron cachet for Ohio Good Will Tour—500—by C. of C. *** Yakima, Wash., Air Derby and Legion Convention—3,394—applied to ALL air mail at P. O. About 2,200 pieces from collectors. *** Colorado Springs Air Meet—1,112—by C. of C.

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Service Postage. — An overprint found upon certain revenue stamps of India converting them into postage stamps for official use.

Servico Postal.—(Postal Service).—An inscription appearing on the stamps of Portuguese India issued between 1871 and 1877.

Danish West Indies

By A. C. LeDuc.

The Danish West Indies is a group of three islands lying to the east of Porto Rico and consists of Saint Croix, Saint Thomas and Saint John. Their combined area is about 140 square miles. About 80% of the population are negroes, 13% mixed and only 7% whites. The chief industry in the islands is sugar raising. The value of these islands lies in their geographical location and their harbor facilities.

They existed as a colony of Denmark until March 31, 1917, when the United States took possession of them following their purchase for the sum of $25,000,000. This purchase made it necessary to change the name. They were therefore renamed the "Virgin Islands of the United States," but are commonly called simply "Virgin Islands" even though Great Britain has a colony nearby that has the same name.

The first postage stamp for this colony was issued in November, 1855, and was a 3-cent stamp of a design similar to the current stamps of Denmark. Twelve years later, the color of this stamp was changed and then 5 years later stamps were issued perforated. With the addition of a 4-cent value in 1873 there are only 4 major varieties for this colony for the first 18 years of its stamp issuing history.

The next design was also similar to those for Denmark with a numeral in the center for each value, with inscription and value in oval. For the first time the name of the colony appears on its stamps in the issues of 1873-93, worded "Dansk-Vestindiske." In 1887 and 1895 surcharged values were put out as well as in 1902. In 1900 the design was changed to conform to the current one for Denmark having large circles at each side containing figures of value.

The year 1905 shows a change in currency from dollars and cents to francs and bits, and a strikingly attractive set of stamps for that year. The bit values show a dark silhouette design of the King of Denmark, Christian IX, and the franc values (all in two colors) show a harbor scene with a two-masted sailing vessel. During that same year, some of the old "cent" values were each surcharged "5 bit 1905" to conform to the new currency.

In 1908 the design was again changed and no franc values issued. These stamps all show full faced pictures of the new King of Denmark, Frederick VIII. The last regular issue for this colony appeared in 1915 and show a side view picture of King Christian X who is still King of Denmark. As these stamps were in use only a short time before the United States purchased the colony, used stamps of this issue are quite high in price, as compared with the unused ones which were left over.

Besides the regular issues of postage stamps, there were two issues of postage due stamps; the first set in 1902 consisted of four value all in cents, and the 1905 set of four values but in bits.

Stamps of this former Danish colony have always been quite popular with collectors, altho there is some difficulty in picking them up readily due to the fact that, aside from a few common values, there are many, including the minor varieties, that are very elusive. On the whole, the issues of 1905-1917 are the most attractive on account of their designs and color combinations.

Sonora-Soudan Francais

Sonora.—An important state in the north-western portion of Mexico at which the now well-known "white and green seal" provisional stamps were issued in 1913.

Songpy.—The value shown on one of the stamps issued in Siam in 1883. A songpy, 16 of which were equal to a tical, was worth about 2c in American money.

Soruth.—An Indian state in the peninsula of Kathiawar more generally known to geographers as Junaghar or Junagarh. Its first postage stamps were issued in 1864.

Soudan.—An overprint shown on certain stamps of Egypt, in conjunction with Arabic characters, used in the Sudan in 1897. The Arabic characters read "Assudan", or "the blacks", signifying the "land of the negroes".

Soudan Fais.—An overprint found on certain French Colonial stamps of the "Peace and Commerce" type used in French Soudan in 1894. The second word is an abbreviation for "Francais."

Soudan Francais.—The inscription shown on the stamps of French Soudan.

Netherlands Air Post

By Percy C. Smith.

Above is the design of the recently issued air post stamps of which three values were placed on sale. According to information there were 500,000 of the 1½ gulden printed and 300,000 of the 4½ gulden, and 200,000 of the 7½ gulden.

Junior Dictionary

H. P.—These letters are represented by characters found on certain Russian adhesives used in Armenia. They stand for "Hagagan Post," meaning Armenian Post.

H. P. N.—A surcharge found upon various stamps of Spain used in the Canary Islands and Murcia after the revolution in Madrid in 1868. The letters are an abbreviation for "Habilitado por la Nacion."

Hrv. — This abbreviation occurs on some of the crown values of the Jugo Slav stamps and stands for "Hrvatska," the native term for Croatia.

Hrvatska. — A former province of Hungary, and one of the three principal members of the state of Jugo-Slavia. Population about 2,000,000 and capital city Gazreb (Agram).

Hrvatska—Shs.—A surcharge applied to the Hungarian stamps previously used in the Province of Croatia. The word is the local name for Croatia and the initials stand for the new Serbo-Croat-Slavonian kingdom also known as "Jugo-Slavia."

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I simply mention these few outstanding pieces to show that I am constantly buying collections and individual items and if you will let me know what you desire, I will be on the look-out for pieces that are likely to prove of interest.

Practically all of the above rarer items were sold immediately to those who had their want lists in my possession.

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United States

New 2-Cent Canalization

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Special Delivery for Air Mails

The Post Office Department is planning for a new Air Mail Special Delivery service, which will go far in making the carrying of mail via air more popular and more efficient. Heretofore when an air mail letter reached destination, it has simply been taken to the post office and delivered by carrier in the usual way. The new service will provide for the carrying of mail via air and special delivery or special handling at destination without the payment of the special delivery fee. The extra fee will be charged in the nature of five cents for air mail and a few cents additional for the special delivery service, and quite possibly a new stamp will be issued to take care of this special delivery air mail, where the charge on a letter will be less than fifteen cents, which would be the air mail special delivery rate today. The new combination stamp which will cover all charges for special handling at the highest possible speed, has not definitely been decided upon, nor has the rate been fixed. The new scheme holds great promise of additional use of the service.

Hawaiian Surcharges

There has been considerable discussion as to the listing of the recently issued Hawaiian surcharges, as to whether they should go into the catalog as "United States" issues, or "Hawaiian" issues. The decision is almost unanimous that Hawaii being an integral part of the United States that its stamps used while part of the United States are just as much United States issues as those surcharged for Kansas and Nebraska. It would be just as logical to list the Kansas stamps under "Kansas" and make a new stamp issuing country, as it would be to list stamps issued for use in Hawaii as well as the United States, under "Hawaii." A letter addressed to the Postmaster General upon the subject, has received the following reply from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, to whom it was referred:

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Recently a mysterious parcel came to the museum. After the top paper had been removed, a black oil-cloth covering came to view. Underneath that was another layer of brown paper, then cardboard, and inside were five mats of stamps, including two stamps from every British colony and protectorate. On the next mail there arrived an explanatory letter from Lord Stamfordham, the King's secretary.

In no way does the gift consist of rare stamps of great value. Its interest is largely informative, tinged with sentiment, and is attracting great attention from Exhibition visitors and stamp collectors.

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See *Postal Bulletin,* Sept. 7, revise nouncement FAM 5 and 6. St. Jo Mo., will be added soon to Route

NEWFOUNDLAND PROVISIO

We are indebted to Frank F. V for a provisional Newfoundland s issued about August 26. It is the cu 6c surcharged three-cents in red in lines. There is also a horizontal lin red across the stamp, canceling the v This provisional was issued due shortage of the regular 2c and 3c. rious figures are given as to the nun overprinted, running from 40,000 an —time will tell.

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Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England, report the following new items:

Iceland.—The 50 aur gray and claret of the 1907-08 issue has been surcharged for air post use in the same manner as the 1928 air post issue.

Monaco.—The 15c violet, design as A13, has been issued.

Mozambique.—A 40c blue and claret Charity stamp has appeared with the central design picturing a mother with two children. At the top is the name of the country, while on the left is "Assistencia," while the right has "Publica." In the lower left corner is "40" and the lower right "C," with "Correos" between. The stamp is an upright oblong format and is perf. 14.

Paraguay.—Copies of the 1 peso, orange-red, type A48, with the surcharge "C" in the upper right corner in black are at hand.

Rhodes.—A series of nine pictorial stamps bearing the name "Rodi" with "Poste Italiane" have been received in five different designs. Values and colors are 5c claret (Tower), 10c brown (Ship), 20c red (Man in Armor), 25c green (Man in Armor), 30c blue (Ancient Soldier Kneeling), 50c brown (Tomb of Soldier), L1.25 blue (Tomb of Soldier), 5L magenta and 10L olive, both same as the 30c.

Spain.—A stamp bearing the inscription "Exposicion Internacional Barcelona 1929" in blue of 5c value has been placed on sale.

Mr. R. Roberts of London advises that he has received from

Straits Settlements.—The 4c in orange, a new color for this value.

Norway.—14 ore, orange, design A16, watermarked Posthorn, perf. 14½x13½.

French Indian Establishments. — A complete new set of postage and postage due stamps is to be placed in use on September 16th, when the current issue together with its surcharges will pass into obsolescence is reported by *Stamp Collecting.* The following is the comp tion of the new issue: Postage, 1, 2, 3 6, 10, 12, 16, 20ca, 1fa6ca, 1, 2, 3 an rupees; postage due, 4, 6, 12ca, 1fa, 1 12ca, 1fa16ca, and 5 fanons.

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Norway. — The *Economist Bulle* states in their last issue that the numb of the 14 ore on 2sk recently mention was 300,000 and was made necessary b reduction in the postal rate from 10 to 7 ore.

Syria.—*Stamp Collecting* reports t a recent high decree by the High Co missioner authorises the overprinting 20,000 sets of contemporary posta stamps with the inscription "Expositi Industrielle Damas, 1929" for sale duri the month of the Exhibition which op September 5th. The series will compris Postage stamps of 50c, 1pi50c, 3, 5 a 25 piastres, air post stamps of 50c, 1, 2, 10 and 25 piastres. All unsold remaind are to be incinerated at the close of t Exhibition.

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By W. J. SIDIS.

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It has also been developing into numerous side-lines and specialties recently, and exchanges transfers on a "permanent loan" basis or arranges their exchange for transfers, car-tokens, strip tickets, railroad emblems, and city maps and guides, as well as other collection material. Some of the transfer collections now contain old transfers, some dating as far back as 1887. Foreign transfers and fare receipts are also being added to the collections, as connections with foreign countries are being established.

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Translated and altered from the article by Dr. Goldberg of Brussels in *Die Postmarke*

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

(In addition to translation, much has been done to this article in the way of extending the article and correcting incomplete statements. The responsibility for all statements is therefore mine.—S. G. R.)

In recent years the pursuit of precancelled stamps has developed into an independent field within philately. Of late, many articles have appeared in this field, many journals have established departments dealing with it, and journals exclusively within the field have appeared. The number of precancel collectors has steadily grown and precancelled stamps have been in demand. Only a few years previously these very stamps were entirely refused by collectors, on the ground that the cancellations were not of full standing. The stamps vanished, and many of them are now both scarce and much sought for.

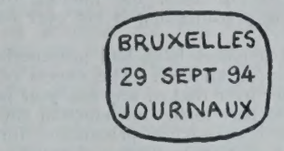
Precancelling started in Belgium in 1894, at first in an experimental manner. A general parliamentary election was slated for October 14, 1894, and the postal authorities expected a large increase of work because of large mailings of printed matter. Precancelling was undertaken experimentally to make this service less difficult. A departmental order dated June 21, 1894, authorizing precancelling (See Poole, The Postage Stamps of Belgium, p. 40.). The postal authorities required a purchase of at least 1,000 stamps for the use of precancelling, and that the stamps be used on printed items all alike, brought to the post-office by the sender instead of being mailed at street boxes. The stamps were and are not valid for material mailed in letter-boxes.

The regulations of the Belgian post-office require that precancelled stamps bear the year of cancellation. Stamps of one year are valid until the end of February in the following year, and unused precancels can be exchanged for valid ones after that date. This will explain why Belgian precancels of any year do not appear until well along into the spring.

The first precancelling, in 1894, was done with an oval handstamp, with complete date between place-name and the word "Journaux" (Fig. 1). This type was used in Brussels only. The roller handstamp used for the experimental precancelling is shown in Fig. 2. There are 5 subjects (shown by the arrows in the figure) and not all alike. Hence five varieties exist.

There is good reason to think that this roller was used for other than precancelling purposes. In Rich's collection is the 1 centime, Scott No. 60, with this cancellation, reading up, and dated 21 April, 1894, and also the same stamp with it reading down and no date. The specimen first mentioned is clearly before the time of precancelling, and the dateless one is either an error or not a precancel at all. Rich has not yet seen any other specimens with the oval cancellation.

At the beginning, precancelling was done only on definite order. Later, offices



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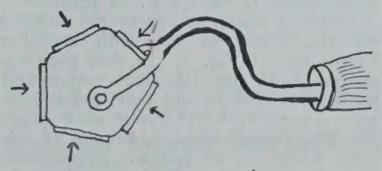

Fig. 2

were allowed to hold advance stocks of precancels; but only the larger ones have this privilege. The smaller ones supply precancels on order only. At first precancels were issued at Brussels only; next in Antwerp; and in November and December, 1894, at Ghent and Liege.

Goldberg states that a general order of the postal service, dated June 21, 1895, made precancelling a permanent practice, and limited it to 1 and 2 centime stamps. Poole (loc. cit.) quotes the order of June 21, 1894, in full, and includes this very statement, in the actual official wording. The order cited by Goldberg is either confirmatory of this, or there is a typographical error in the article as printed. The 2 centime stamps were used only rarely and in small numbers.

Precancelling brought, as used in Belgium, the advantages to the postal administration of delivering late editions and ends of runs of newspapers direct to the sorting tables and to dispatch, without the delay of cancelling the stamps. This elimination of the tiresome delay of cancelling stamps benefitted the public even more, in that subscribers received

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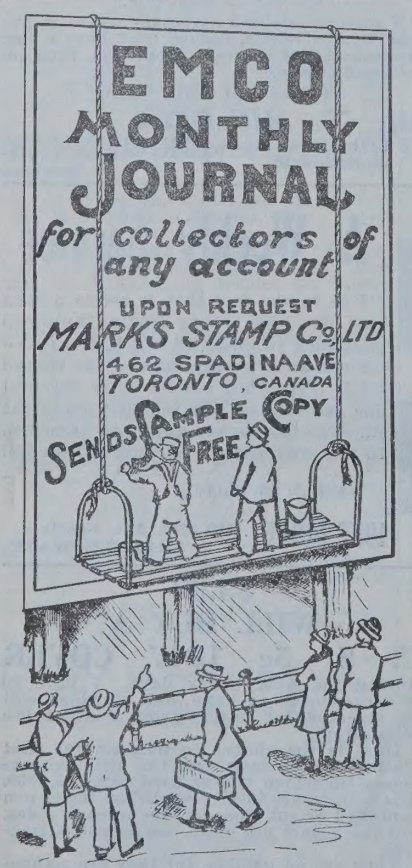

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their papers much sooner. There is no record of precancelled stamps being used for parcel-post or for letter-mail in quantity, in Belgium. Without exception, Belgian precancels on pieces of cover are on pieces of newspaper wrappers.

Precancelling grew slowly, as shown in the following list:

In 1894 at 4 offices
" 1895 " 7 "
" 1896 " 14 "
" 1897 " 23 "
" 1898 " 27 "
" 1899 " 29 "
" 1900 " 31 "
" 1901 " 37 "

and so on, rising to:

In 1908 at 64 offices
" 1909 " 66 "

staying between 64 and 67 until 1914.

There was no precancelling during the German occupation.

In 1918 1 office (Brussels) precancelled; the number again rises:

In 1919 at 16 offices
" 1920 " 82 according to Goldberg, probably an error for 62. Rich knows of 31 only.

From 1921 to 1929, the number of offices doing precancelling is not over 64 or 65.

In all, 109 offices have had precancels at one time or another. The excess of total number over that of any one year is due in good part to the introduction and passing of branch-office precancels, for such offices at Namur Station, Bruxelles Midi, Liege 1, Anvers R. de Jesus.

The first stamp to appear precancelled was the 1c gray of 1893, with the roller handstamp of Fig. 1. In that year appeared, with the familiar rectangular handstamp of date and year, the following: Anvers 1c, 2c brown 1886, Scott No. 55. Bruxelles 1c, 2c brown, 2c yellow. Liege 1c, 2c yellow. From Gand there is reported some precancelling in this year, but there is much doubt whether it took place. The 1c and the 2c both brown and yellow are reported as existing with Gand 1894 precancels. Rich believes that probably only the 1c exists. The 2c brown of 1886, miscalled 2c brown of 1869 by Goldberg (there is no 2c brown of 1869) is the great rarity among these precancels, and in fact among all Belgian precancels. It is rivalled closely by the 2c yellow with any precancellation, by the Charity stamps precancelled in 1911, and by the wrong position of several later printed precancels.

The various positions of precancellation rank as varieties. Some collectors separate them in addition according to whether or not the precancellation runs onto the Sunday tag. Usually positions alone (up, down, erect and invert) are bothered with. Double and even triple cancellations occur. A warning is here in place: a false appearance of double precancelling is often found where the imprints of successive applications of the rollers overlap in part.

At the start the name of the main office alone was used on precancels. In 1896 Charleroi Station and Malines Station, branch offices, issued precancels; but the main offices for these did not precancel until many years later. With 1901 Bruxelles adds a branch office precancellation, Bruxelles R. Chancellerie; and within the next few years several other branch-offices supplement the main office, in various cities. Charleroy had two different branch office precancels, both in use in 1905, but did not issue main office precancels till many years later. In 1912 numbered branch stations, Gand 1 and Liege 1 appear, with almost entire cessation of main office precancelling at these cities. Since the war, these numbered branch offices no longer precancel; but Brasschaet 1 in 1919 only, and La Louviere 1 in later years, replaced their respective main offices.

Up to 1906 all precancels were handstamped, with a roller or rocker handstamp. In 1896 printed precancelling began. For Brussels it has been done at the government printery in Malines, where the stamps are printed. We therefore must call all Brussels printed precancel Bureau Prints. Handstamps for Brussels continue, but are not found in all years. The Brussels main-office handstamp is as yet unknown from 1907 and 1908; but the branch-office handstamps occur through these years and into 1910.

Printed precancellations were extended to Antwerp also—in 1906 according to Goldberg, but Rich has not seen them earlier than 1909.

In 1910 all Antwerp and Brussels precancels made on order were printed at the Malines factory, but handstamps were used locally, towards the end of the year, to supply deficiencies in precancelled stock required. It is highly probable that all Belgian printed precancels are Bureau Prints, made at Malines.

Until the end of 1899 all dates are given in four figures. From 1900 through 1909 all dates are in two figures: 00, 01, 02, etc. From 1910 onwards, both full and short dates occur, but not interchangeably. Certain places use full dates entirely; certain places use short dates entirely; and some places use different kinds of date in different years. There are particular years of short dates and of full dates in the printed precancellations. Except for 1923, printed precancellations have one definite position for each year. Most frequently they read downwards. Wrong positions of printed precancels are among the great rarities; but the novice need be warned again that, except for the 5 centimes from Brussels in this year, both positions occur fairly regularly in all 1923 printed precancellations.

Since 1910 precancelling has been bilingual, as a rule. Some smaller places, such as Brasschaet and Verviers continue monolingual precancelling to this day. Charleroy is the only place with monolingual printed precancellations since 1910.

During the World War, precancelling ceased in Belgium; but the precancelling

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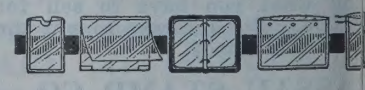

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During July, 1929, supplies of 2c and 3c stamps of the Publicity series were received at St. John's, from the new contractors, Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., Old Bailey, London, E. C. 4. As the former printers of this series, Messrs. Whitehead, Morris, Ltd., naturally refused to hand over the dies and printing plates which they had made for the production of the Publicity series, 1c to 30c, as issued Jan. 3, 1928, it became necessary for Messrs. Dickinson & Co., Ltd., to engrave new dies, and manufacture the necessary printing plates, before they could start producing the much needed stamp supplies to Newfoundland.

They naturally directed their attention to the three lower denominations, 1c, 2c and 3c, seeing that these are in greatest local demand. The letter rate on town letters is 2c, and to the outports and the Labrador, 3c.

The stock of the 2c and 3c stamps of the Whitehead, Morris printing having exhausted, stamps of the Dickinson printing were issued on Saturday, August 10, 1929.

The stamps were line engraved and recess printed on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10), and perforated comb 13½ x 13½. In the Whitehead, Morris printing the 2c and 3c were comb perforated 14, and the 3c in addition, single line 13½ x 13. The Dickinson colors are also very much brighter, the 2c being red instead of deep carmine, and the 3c red-brown, instead of a dull brown.

The Whitehead, Morris designs were faithfully copied, and while the appearance of the stamps is changed, it is difficult to pick upon *the* differences to enable ready identification of the Dickinson productions.

In the 2c there are minor differences in the scrolls in the upper and lower corners. At the right of the vignette, two berries are shown in the foliage in the Whitehead, Morris engraving, whereas in the Dickinson printing there is but one. The smoke from the steamer is more dense on the Dickinson production. The final "D" of "Newfoundland" is much nearer the upper right scroll than in the Whitehead, Morris printing.

The appearance of the 3c Dickinson is greatly improved; much shading has been eliminated from Their Majesties' faces, and King George V no longer has the ghastly countenance which Whitehead, Morris gave him. The pillars at the side, which were plain in the Whitehead, Morris printing, are now vertically lined; and the upper thistle in the lower left corner is much better drawn, and larger, than previously. The horizontal label at the top of the stamp is now horizontally lined only, instead of cross hatched.

August 10, 1929. Publicity series. Reengraved and recess printed by Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., London. Unwatermarked. Perforated comb 13½ x 13½.

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3c red-brown. (Their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary.)

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The margins were removed from sheets of 100 of the 6c pictorial, and divided into panes of 25, before the overprint in red was applied.

On some stamps of the pane the letters H and R of THREE are considerably out of alignment, and on No. 7 of the setting there is a partially raised space bar in front of CENTS. This is constant, as I have seen it on three panes, and on several blocks.

The surcharged THREE CENTS on 6c unexpectedly appeared on sale at the G. P. O., St. John's, on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, August 23rd, and as urgent outport requisitions, were cared for partially, over 60,000 were disposed of the first day. Sales were limited to 100 to a person.

On Saturday morning, August 24th, to further conserve stock, letters were taken in with cash, and the stamps affixed by the postal clerks. No 3c stamps were sold unless the purchaser produced the letters for which they were intended. This naturally brought forth complaints from those who had failed to secure supplies of the surcharged stamp on the first day of sale.

Fresh supplies of 3c stamps were expected on Monday, August 26th, by the cross country express from Port aux Basques. However, unless substantial lots are received, it may be necessary for the authorities to resort again to surcharging.

Of the 6c slate, two consignments were received between 1923 and 1927, from Messrs. Whitehead, Morris, Ltd., totalling 250,000; in addition, 6,111 were sold to stamp dealers by the office of the High Commissioner for Newfoundland in London. On June 30, 1927, there were 166,000 of the 6c pictorial in the G. P. O. vaults at St. John's, and 1,309 in the Wholesale Dept.

At the end of March, 1929, only the 6c, 8c and 15c of the pictorial series of 1923 were to be had at the G. P. O., St. John's, and the 15c it was expected would exhaust about July or August, 1929.

August 23, 1929. Provisional. Pictorial series of 1923, line engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris, Ltd., London. Unwatermarked. Comb perforated 14 x 13½, Overprinted in red, by the King's Printer, D. R. Thistle, St. John's, "THREE—CENTS" in two lines, with horizontal bar cancelling the original denomination.
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BUSH OF BELLEFONTE

Mr. George T. Bush of Bellefonte, Pa., was in attendance at the recent convention at Minneapolis, and it seemed as though it was yesterday since we saw him last, although in reality nearly forty years have elapsed since last we met. With the years, his responsibilities have grown but his crowded hours have not dispossessed stamps from his mind, by any means. On the contrary, he is the personification of philatelic zeal; and, too, he is constantly on the alert to tell of the attractions of his pursuit. Mr. Bush has obtained much publicity for stamps in newspapers and otherwise, and he tunes in well with the swelling chorus that is being heard by unphilatelic ears, with results that are encouraging. Among his activities, authorship is one and we have just received from him a bound book of 190 pages that he published in 1911, entitled, "40,000 Miles Around the World." It is "a personal narrative of the experiences and impressions of an energetic traveler who crossed the equator and the Arctic Circle in the tour" and is written in a characteristic style.

We find in the *Centre Democrat,* Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 5th, an article that recounts some of his observations on his recent convention trip and from it we take the following story:

"He was gone a little over three weeks, leaving here by train to Pittsburgh, thence by bus to Cleveland, where he attended a national convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans, in which convention he was honored by being made chairman of the Finance Committee for the convention and also a member of the Committee on Resolutions, and afterwards appointed by the new president one of a committee of three as a pe nent budget and finance committee.

From Cleveland to Detroit by boa next thence by boat on a four-day sand-mile trip to Duluth, Minn., ar the Great Lakes, during which lan and sight seeing trips and picnics given by the boat people for the e tainment of the guests. A membe his party was Mr. Arthur Hinc Utica, New York, who is accre with being the possessor of the stamp collection in the world, valu three million dollars and who rec paid nearly $40,000 for one stamp. values his collection at a half m dollars of United States stamps alo

Others were William Kennett, of l wood, Ohio, who is six feet and w 360 pounds; Beverly King, a prom architect of New York City as well well-known stamp writer; William of Albany, N. Y., a prominent lawy that city. Mr. Hind had with him a quarter million dollars worth of st in a valise that he allowed to be ha like an ordinary piece of baggage, he was taking to the stamp exhibit convention of the American Phil Society at Minneapolis.

From Detroit he went to Minne by train where for four days the vention was held in the mornings, afternoons and evenings were devot sight seeing trips around Minne and St. Paul, stamp auctions, ban stamp courses, etc., making a busy The stamp exhibit itself was extr interesting, open to the public and largely visited by many thousands. was on display stamps to the valu over a million dollars, among ther famous forty thousand dollar owned by Mr. Hind, issued by B Guiana in 1853, and is the only one k to exist at the present time. Many

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Mr. Bush left Minneapolis by air-ane for Chicago, a distance of 450 les, and his enthusiastic description that trip is very interesting. At one ne the altimeter reading over seven ousand feet. Several landings were ade on the way to take on mail. The nding in Chicago at night was thrilling th its myriad of firefly lights and the nning into the glare on the field."

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The above telegram sent by the acting Director of Posts, Mr. Juan Ruiz, to all postmasters, is due to the abstraction or theft of some P217,800 pesos worth of postage stamps by the employees of the Bureau of Posts, all due to an utter lack of auditing and a general carelessness pervading not only the Bureau of Posts but many others.

The telegram states that owing to abstraction of large quantities of the P2 stamps their use on mail is to be prohibited, and that anyone possessing them can turn them in for other denominations within 8 days in Manila, 12 days along the railroad line and 25 days in other places. This is being done with a view of locating the thieves as the box containing the P2 was found to have 2 centavo stamps as substitutes, and the press states that this systematic stealing has been going on since 1924, due to general laxity.

In fact the careless way the post office has been run for some time is not only detrimental to the government but highly unethical as regards philately. We have the famous imperforates printed for a gentleman who paid P10,000 for the purpose, then the limited and cornered air mail commemorative set of 1926, and lastly those overprinted for the London-Orient Flight.

Of the latter there should have been 6,000 full sets. At least about 1,000 were sold to the public, it is said. 200 were sent to the Washington Agency, a large number fell into the hands of the committee who were in charge of detecting errors, and we understand that the Director of Posts took a large number to London, where he attended the Postal Congress, and later cabled the Secretary of Commerce and Communications for authority to dispose of same. Why he took them first and asked for permission afterwards is not known.

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EDITORIALS

AT a time that is opportune, the beginning of the stamp season, the idea of stamp clubs for boys and girls is spreading like wild-fire in several cities and we must do everything in our power to encourage its practical application. In Chicago, there has been for years, collectors' clubs in the high schools and similar institutions, as well as a few churches. Not long ago, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, started its stamp society as a consequence of the visit of Mr. Rothschild, and then, the Myers Publishing Company, with its string of nearly a dozen community newspapers, came forth as the sponsor of a strong club. Now, some of the big movie houses are doing effective work as is shown by the text of the following circular with the picture of a girl and two boys poring over a stamp album that makes an effective graphic display: "Boys and Girls, Free Stamps and Albums every Saturday Matinee at the Belmont Theatre, 1635 Belmont Avenue. Every boy and girl will receive a package of genuine foreign stamps free every Saturday afternoon. 50 stamp albums will also be given away free every Saturday. Parents will find it advisable to encourage their children to attend these Matinees and take advantage of this exceptional offer—stamp collecting is educational and profitable. Join our stamp club. No extra charge at these Matinees. Come every Saturday." The cut of an open stamp album is shown to loan point to the words.

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A SOURCE of gratification to collectors is the volume of publicity that is an aftermath of the recent stamp conventions. Too, the tone of the notices is friendly as a rule and the comments exhibit a degree of intelligence that is of an improved order. That discerning publication, *Time*, in its issue of September 2, 1929, with "Philatelists" as its theme gives over a column based on the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society. The story is well told and gives a list of the ten most valuable stamps in the world and quotes Mr. Hind as saying: "I had collected stamps for about 30 years without ever being in any way connected with any stamp organization or club . . . which entitles me to the claim of being fairly modest as a stamp collector—up to April, 1922, when I became the owner of the world's rarest stamp. . . . The outcome of all this notoriety is that I have had thousands of letters offering stamps of all kinds. . . ." There is no doubt that the presence of Mr. Hind and his stamps loaned a handle to the exhibition that the publicists found it easy to grasp.

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A CARD from Mr. LeRoy Berger, Paris, advises us that the French Colonial Stamp Agency has removed to 80 Rue de Faubourg, Sant Denis, Paris (X). However, we have had this address of the Agence Compatable des Timbre-postes Coloniaux for some time; and it is distinct and apart from that of 52, rue du Louvre, Paris, where the French issues and those of Algeria, Morocco, Tunis, and other offices in Africa may be bought, although we know that there is an Agency at Algiers. We wish to compile a list of the Agencies of the world from information that is such as to be wholly dependable, and any assistance in this task will be appreciated. Information that is suggested by the following remarks that we have made previously will be acceptable: if satisfactory relations are to be a consequence of patronizing philatelic agencies, it is necessary, it seems, that prospective customers understand the regulations that govern their workings.

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SOON after the current eleven cent stamp, U. S., appeared in light blue, correspondents occasionally submitted variants of the color in greenish-blue that fairly could be dismissed as decided shades such as may have resulted from any one of a variety of causes. Some time ago, a lot of the stamps were found in a green that was so definite as to call for consideration, and the opinion of competent observers was that the color deserved recognition as a real variety. We have been informed that in various sections of the country, the green eleven cent stamp has been found, but we are told that while when seen alone, it is convincing, in comparison with the "real" green, it is not the true example. At best, the question of which is the accepted "error" is somewhat complicated, and it is likely that a good many arrows will be shot before the bull's-eye is hit.

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AT a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mrs. M. C. Shaughnessy, the assistant philatelic agent, was a guest and was prevailed upon to make a few general remarks on the subject of the work of her department and to answer questions asked by members. The improvement in handling orders recently has been noticed by patrons; and the time is anticipated when orders may be filled with promptness, although when new stamps come in number, some difficulty in caring for a sudden access of business may be found. Much work was entailed by the demand for the George Rogers Clark stamp, and it had a tendency to slow down the operations of the agency, since this stamp was singularly popular and it is possible that market-wise it will give a good account of itself. Mrs. Shaughnessy, who was in Chicago *en route* from Minneapolis, was directed to proceed to Ohio to have a directing hand in the distribution of the Fallen Timbers stamps.

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THE following letter was received some time ago from Mr. L. L. McMahon, Detroit, Michigan: "I notice with approval that you do not spend much time in boosting stamps because of their investment possibilities. The wisdom of your course is unquestioned and loose talk of money-making as an incentive to collecting may result in disastrous experiences by those who have no idea of marketing. However, I have sold stamps at different times because of changes in collecting courses with results that were not unhappy, especially when my last experience is taken into consideration. I have made it a practice for a good many years to buy the newly-issued U. S. at face, and wishing to dispose of my sheets because of my frequent changes of base and the unhandiness of carrying them with me, I sold them at a profit that was forty *per cent.* of their cost price." While no list of the stamps is submitted yet it is easy to believe in view of the demand for U. S. 20th century that the story is no exceptional one.

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IF the correspondent whose letter referring to Dr. John Milton Holt, once publisher of *Everybody's Philatelist*, was published in our issue dated January 16, 1928, will address us, he will receive information of interest to him. We recently received a request for news of Mr. S. B. Bradt, one of the organizers and the first secretary of the American Philatelic Society, which we are unable to furnish. An effort has been made to find Mr. Bradt in Chicago without result.

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SEVERAL weeks ago, *Stamp Collecting* says that it rubbed the editorial eye when on a wireless programme, the announcement was made that the Rev. Mr. Earee was to give a talk on "How to detect forged stamps," since the late-lamented author of the classic, "All Weeds," had died some time ago. transpires that it was the Rev. Wyndl Earee who was to make the broadc and it is reasonable to assume that speaker was a relative of the reve author whose name and fame were well known in the days that are past.

A. P. S. CONVENTION AUCTI

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On August 22, 1929, the Rotnem Sta Company sold at the Hodgson Build Minneapolis, a collection of asso United States and Foreign stamps and off cover. This was the Convent and Exhibition auction, and as a res nearly a hundred people were in atte ance, in fact, few stamp auctions h had more. This year, the auction p ceeded smoothly and in fast order, the auctioneer was not an amateur. H ever, the sale was long drawn out should be an indication to those hold future sales to make up the auction about 300 choice lots instead of which was the case in Minneapolis. a result, many of the lots were scan over quickly and a number of pieces importance were hardly appreciated.

There were 46 lots of Patriotic cov which sold from 60c up to $45, the la price being paid for a Lincoln w Richey Mallory & Co., purple stic with label, "No Extension of Slaver The cover was franked and addressed the Third Assistant Postmaster Gene A 3c pink on colored shield cover s at $10, an Indian Head in colors fancy borders with inscriptions at $15. a Rhoads' Battery, with four moun horses drawing cannon at $15.25, an Flag on stampless cover with green Bi ingham, Pa., "Paid" and "3" sold at $

Among the stampless covers, pri from 30c to $7.50 prevailed for individ pieces, the higher prices being paid fancy designs in odd colors. A Colu bus, Miss., in saw tooth star, described a rarity, brought $4, a Port Gibson, Mi in large egg-shaped circle sold at $3. a City Despatch in red brought $1, a a Franklin, Tenn., in greenish blue fancy double line circle sold at $3.25.

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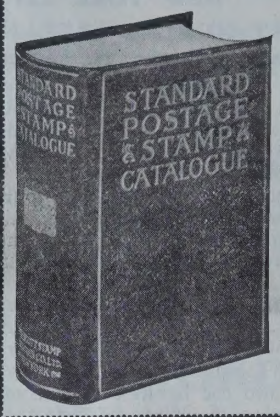

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here were a few Western Franks, but hing of outstanding importance, the t item being a Greenhood & Newer Express on 3c buff from Weaver-e, Calif., which sold at $13.50.
A Confederate 5c green tied with en. River R. R." on cover sold at $14. 10c rose, good only, brought $20.
Among the off cover items some of most important pieces were: 1847 pair, nice condition, $21.50; 1851 5c, d, $21.50; 1861 3c August cut into at tom, $20; 1888 90c, purple used pair wing stitch watermark, $16; 1902 5c, t block imperforate, $31; 1916 50c, htly off center, $38; $1 and $2 same ue, $15.50; 1914, 2c rotary imperf., No. , pair, $50.50; block of 1917 2c, No. , $37.50.
Foreign throughout went at fairly low ces, but like the United States stamps, re generally in second-rate condition, h the exception, of course, of the ntieth century issues, which are usuy fine.
A Guatemala 1882 5c inverted center th weak corner perforations reached in spite of the defects. A set of pua 1901, including the scarce 2sh6p, ought $31.
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OFFICIAL FLIGHTS

Zeppelin covers addressed to Japan just received. Some backstamped Tokio Aug. 19, some not backstamped, but having the cachet "Friedrichshafen (Bodensee)-Tokio." Covers mailed from Tokio are postmarked Aug. 21, and bear a round rose cachet in English.***Newspaper reports are conflicting as to another trans-Atlantic trip in October.

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Recent shuttle transcontinental refueling flight did not carry mail officially, reports that it would, notwithstanding. The Boeing Co. individually accepted 1 letter per collector which they cacheted, carried, and mailed at Hempstead, N. Y. Mail sent to their office, or to the Oakland P. M. was so handled, but all mail sent to San Francisco was returned to senders.***Allan M. Thatcher shows me a cover mailed at Atlanta Mar. 1st, date of the C. A. M. 25 extension, which was in the river-soaked lot, and which was received bearing a typed statement to that effect, signed by P. O. Inspector Ward.*** St. Joseph, Mo., may already have been placed on route 28, according to last week's stop press item—but if not, get busy, as it soon will happen.

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Barend Beek, Jr., confirms a former statement that but 534 letters arrived in Miami via the first flight from Santiago. Figures for Cristobal are not reported.***First mail from Brownsville direct to Guatemala on F. A. M. 8 left at 7.30 A. M. Sept. 1. Vera Cruz backstamped Sept. 2, and covers via Vera Cruz for Mexico City were backstamped there the 3rd. Leslie A. Boone reports that very few letters made the first trip, due to the very short notice. No cachet.***If you are interested in a list of existing Mexican contract routes, ask your postmaster to show you the Postal Bulletin of Sept. 5.

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Plans are working out for two new F. A. M's. No. 9 is to be extended from Santiago Chile, across the Andes to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Present reports name Oct. 14 for the first flight. Ask your P. M. if the Bulletin has published the rates yet—if not, send some covers and a money order to the respective Postmasters and ask them to mail as many as possible for your money. First mail will doubtless leave Miami and Cristobal, as well as Santiago and Buenos Aires. ***The New York, Rio, and Buenos Aires Air lines expect to open an east coast service about Dec. 1, via Tampa, Cuba, Haiti, Sto.-Domingo, Porto Rico, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Trinidad, Dutch Guiana, Venezuela, Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina. Nothing more definite yet, but keep your eyes open! If any of you get more details, please let us have them at once.

UNOFFICIAL FLIGHTS, CACHETS, DEDICATIONS

Well, here's the record to date. Dedications first. Stockton, Calif., July 4-6, no cachet; Logan, Utah, typed statement signed by C. of C. Sec.; Cedar Lawn Airport, Kenton, Ohio, Sept. 4th—red square cachet by C. of C.; Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 2—red 5 line cachet by Scenic Airways, Inc., in coöperation with the postmaster; Danville, Ill.—no cachet so far as I know for Sept. 7 and 8; Salinas, Calif., Sept. 2—big red one signed by Mayor, Legion Commander, and Pres. of C. of C. (who can clear up the earlier cachet mentioned a couple of weeks ago?); Excelsior Springs, Mo., Sept. 2—picture of "The World's Best Mineral Baths"—1500 in green, 500 purple, 800 red—different colors used as the C. of C. rubber stamps ran out of ink—all mail carried by an N. A. T. plane to Kansas City, and there mailed.—1900 signed by the Mayor, 125 by the P. M., 15 by the pilot, and John McKenzie sends me one with Postmaster, Mayor, Pres. Flying Club, Sec. C. of C., and Pilot. Thanks!

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Wagner, S. D., Aug. 8—no cachet; Newark, N. Y., Sept. 2-3, lines in purple; Chanute, Kans., Sept. 7, 8—reddish purple in 4 lines, signed by Mayor and Pres. of C. of C.; Amarillo, Tex., Sept. 7—a very neat blue pictorial; Ames Field, Philipsburg, Pa., big, round cachet in purple, flown to Cleveland and there cancelled.***Iowa City, Iowa, cachet mentioned before was for an aircraft expo.***The Ardmore Lindy cachet was privately applied.***Harry Peterson mailed an N. A. T. anniversary cover in New York addressed to Jersey City, and somebody kindly routed it all the way to Chicago and back; Huntington, W. Va., opened a new port Sept. 2, but I know of no covers for the event.***Dunkirk and Fredonia dedication covers were not all cancelled in Buffalo, but some were mailed through the local offices as well.***Syracuse, N. Y., C. of C. received a lot of covers for "Air Races" that were really only auto races, but they fixed it up by making a cachet for the stop of the Phila.-Cleveland Derby—350 mailed.

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The cachet from St. Louis Sept. 1, 2, 3 is a masterpiece of its class—shows the refuelling planes in action, and gives the whole story of the event without crowding the cachet. Very pretty.***Craterville Park, Okla., cancelled in blue ink for the State Indian Fair Aug. 29-31.***Leland C. Lewis, 132 Lenox Ave., Oneida, N. Y., asks that all who sent covers for the Air Circus cachet send return envelopes, as the cachet will only be applied on special envelopes for which a 20c fee is charged.***German Cruiser Emden on a round-the-world cruise is using a special cancellation so stating, and Lt. Johnson mails me one from Honolulu. It yill make a nice companion for the Zepp. cover—wartime and peacetime fame, etc.*** J. P. Penning says the special flight Cleveland-Washington covers have been lost, strayed, or stolen, and anyone getting offers of these is urgently requested to report at once.***Ohio River stamp will receive a special 1st day cachet by Homestead, Pa., C. of C., and C.A.M. 11 applies another to airmail from Pittsburgh or Homestead. Send cash or M. O. with addressed covers, to C. of C. or J. P. Penning, 124 E. Eugene, respectively. Homestead signed by Pilot, P. M. and Sec. C. of C. for 30c, including postage — Pittsburgh Pilots 10c extra as usual.

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On the way: Bethlehem, Pa.—dedication Oct. 5, 6—to C. of C. or to Chas. W. Eckert, 713 High St.***Saginaw, Mich., not till next year, but C. of C. holds covers.***Savannah,

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Junior Dictionary

Pacchi Postale. — This inscription upon the parcel post stamps of Italy means "Postal Packets."

Pacific Steam Navigation Company.—An important English shipping company which was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1840. It began business with Chili and Peru and received a small subsidy for carrying the mails. When the Peruvian government first decided to issue stamps they were so skeptical as to the success of the innovation that, not wishing to incur a greater expense than absolutely necessary, they borrowed a supply of this Company's stamps and these thus formed the first governmental issue for Peru.

Packenmarke. — The inscription shown upon the 4 kop. stamp of Wenden issued in 1863 which was intended for use upon parcels only. The word means "Parcel stamp."

Packhoi.—A treaty port in the south of the province of Kwang-tung, China. A French postal agency has long been established at this port and since April, 1903, the Indo-China stamps used there have all been overprinted "Packhoi" or "Pakhoi."

Perce en Croix.—Another form of rouletting in which the cuts cross one another thus "xxxx". The only stamps we can call to mind as having been rouletted in this manner are some of the values of the 1866 issue of Portugal.

Perce en Lignes.—This is rouletting in lines, *i.e.*, the style of rouletting most frequently met with in connection with postage stamps. In this form the roulettes are short straight cuts appearing with the same regularity as the holes in machine perforation.

Perce en Losanges.—In this form the roulettes form a series of diagonal cuts which have a diamond shaped appearance, or look like a number of lozenges placed end to end.

Perce en Scie.—This is zig-zag roulette — sometimes known to English speaking philatelists as saw-tooth roulette.

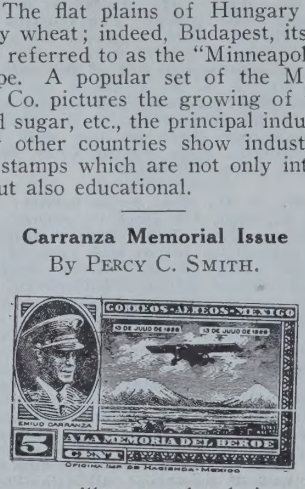
Industry Shown on Stamps

By MAX SCHACHTER.

The only Colonial possessions of France in North America, the two small islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, give us a striking example of how industry is portrayed on stamps. Opening our albums to this country, we see pictures of a fisherman, a seagull, and a fishing schooner, which clearly indicate this colony's main industry. The picturing of a pepper plant on one of Liberia's stamps tends to show that pepper growing is an industry in Liberia. The common Hungarian stamp showing the cutting of wheat reveals that country's main industry. The flat plains of Hungary grow mostly wheat; indeed, Budapest, its capitol, is referred to as the "Minneapolis" of Europe. A popular set of the Mozambique Co. pictures the growing of tobacco and sugar, etc., the principal industries. Many other countries show industry on their stamps which are not only interesting but also educational.

Carranza Memorial Issue

By PERCY C. SMITH.



Above we illustrate the design of the set issued as a memorial to that valiant aviator Emilio Carranza. The stamps are the same size as the Mexican air stamps and picture the plane used by Hero of the set. We understand that 100,000 sets were issued and contain the following values: 5c olive-green and dark brown, 10c dark brown and red, 15c violet and myrtle green, 20c brown and black, 50c chestnut and black, and 1 peso black and brown.

Bits of Information

Malmedy.—A German town awarded Belgium as a result of the World War. During the first six months of tenure, Belgium stamps were used overprinted "Eupen and Malmedy" in recognition of the award.

Recomendada. — An inscription shown on the 1881 registration stamps of the United States of Colombia, meaning, literally, "recommended."

Study Your Stamps

Deutsch Ostafrika. — German East Africa.

Deutsch Sudwestafrika. — German South-west Africa.

Diligencia. — The only inscription, apart from the value, shown upon the stamps forming the first issue for Uruguay.

D. J. — These letters overprinted upon the 5c stamps of the 1892 issue for Obock signify they were intended for use in Djibouti.

Dragons.—These, with a few Oriental characters, form the chief portion of the design of the early stamps of Japan.

Duc. di Parma.—Duchy of Parma.

Eagle.—A double-headed eagle forms the main design on many of the stamps of Austria, Austrian Italy, and Bosnia. In the case of the latter only the numerals of value are given; the stamps for Austria have values in "kreuzer" or "kr"; while those for Austrian Italy have value in "centes" or "soldi." A set for use in the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant can be distinguished by the value which is expressed as "sld" instead of "kr."

Egyptiennes.—Egypt.

Emp. Ottoman.—"Ottoman Empire" or Turkey.

Escuelas. — The only inscription shown on many of the stamps of Venezuela.

Espana.—Spain.

Estero.—This overprint on Italian stamps shows they were for use in the Post Offices maintained in the Turkish Empire.

Estensi.—The inscription identifying the stamps of Modena.

Figures. — None of the stamps of Brazil issued prior to 1866 bear any indication of their origin. The designs consist of large figures only (denoting the facial values) on an engraved background.

Franco.—This word, meaning "free", is the only inscription (other than the value) shown on some of the stamps of Switzerland.

Franco-Scrisorei. — An inscription shown on the early stamps of Roumania.

G.—This letter, overprinted on certain stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, signifies they were for use in Griqualand.

G. & D.—These letters, overprinted on certain French Colonial postage due stamps, show they were for use in Guadeloupe and Dependencies.

G. F. B.—These letters were overprinted on some of the stamps of Tonga to convert them into Official labels.

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—Max M. Smit

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The Accused: "Yer, Honor, I huntin' stamps."

—CYRUS PLOUG

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Sounds funny, but Max Smith kn a sixteen-year-old boy who has a twe five-year-old stamp collection.

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A question asked by *Die Postmark* its recent prize contest about U. S. po history was, "What is considered a triotic cancellation?" With an eye their war debts we can guess about France and England answered that o

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Dear Mr. Editor:
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Here'ss to all the bands
Wats reading Mekeels Veakly
In all the towns and lands
Und here'ss to our Dollar
Vot bringss us weal and woe
But ven it bringss Mekeels
We forgets about the woe.
—Phil U. Teller

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Why are little potatoes and cer hinges alike?

Because both are hard to peel.

—MAX SMITH

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"To err is human, to discover error divine."

—Stamp Collectin

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GUM DROPS

Claim is made that the gum on post stamps has real food value, but it hardly a diet we'd care to stick to.

The Post Office Department has ad a touch of realism to the Edison gol jubilee stamp, backing it with 50-year- mucilage.—MORRIS E. ANGLE (*Po finder*).

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Now that the hay fever season is v us, precancel collectors should be g that Schenectady is not in Connecticut.

—Ches. Hodgso

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R. I. P.

Hic jacet—Sam Gill,
Out motoring—steep hill,
Lots of traffic—couldn't pass,
Sought the brake—
But found the gas.
—"Sports and Hobbies.

Hic jacet—Freddy Glovers,
Stamp collector—hunting covers
In Kentucky—moonshine lad
Thought he wasn't—too bad.

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THESE NATURE FAKERS

A professor of zoology asks, via *G bons' Stamp Monthly*, why the cassow and cockatoo, which are not indigen to North Borneo, appear upon its stam And may we ask, Professor, why lion appears on British stamps, and ang on a Canadian emission?

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nd finally the figures — Santa Monica men's Derby—500—by C. of C.***South id Air Meet and Show—4565 over 5 days. South Bend Air Derby Aug. 27—1600—h these by Municipal Airport.***Hartd, Conn., Legion Air Meet—2327, in 4 or combinations.***Hartford Brainard ld Anniv.—1106 in various colors.***Mago dedication — 1500.***Alliance, Ohio, lication covers mostly flown via Youngsn.***McKeesport postmark much the reer.***Douglas, Ariz. — 9000 — including ua Prieta.***Miami, Fla., 1st Sunday ght — 3000 — by City.***Richmond, Ind., gion Air Circus—163.***Colorado Springs ldbergh Day—108—by C. of C.

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United States

Washington Notes

I am officially informed that after the appearance of the 2-cent Battle of Fallen Timbers stamp scheduled for September 14, and the 2-cent Ohio Canalization, to be issued October 12, that no further commemoratives of any type are contemplated between this time and the end of the year.

The *Postal Bulletin* of August 31, 1929, gives an official description of the 2-cent Canalization stamp from which we quote:

"The new stamp is the same size as the regular issue, 75/100 by 87/100 inch, but with horizontal design, and is printed in red ink. The central design represents an Ohio River lock with surrounding scenery. At the top of the stamp within a dark panel in white roman letters appear the words 'United States Postage.' Below on a ribbon scroll are the words 'Ohio River Canalization.' In both upper corners on extensions of the ribbon scroll are the dates '1875' at the left and '1929' at the right. At the bottom of the stamp in a dark panel with white edges is the word 'Cents' in white roman letters, and in both lower corners within circles with dark backgrounds appears the white numeral '2'. The entire stamp is enclosed in a narrow white border."

The only commemorative which is being given serious consideration for appearance next year is the Massachusetts tercentenary variety which will possibly appear in the spring. Demand from this state for such a variety has been made and will no doubt receive strong support from the Congressional delegation of Massachusetts.

It is also expected that after the first of the year, the new general series will begin to appear. One of our contemporaries mentions that under the present law the Postmaster General is authorized to issue commemorative stamps not to exceed four in any one year. This subject was taken up with the Post Office Department and we are informed that no such law exists. As a matter of fact, three commemoratives have already appeared, namely, the Clark, Edison and Sullivan, and two more are about to make their appearance, namely, the Fallen Timbers and Ohio Canalization, making five in this year alone. The Department is under the opinion that Mr. Brown in one of his announcements may have stated that he would limit his recommendations to four commemoratives a year, but that at present, there is no law limiting the actions of the Postmaster General.

The daily papers are carrying articles and editorials regarding the Post Office deficit, and several means are suggested to cut this deficit, such as the raising of first class postal rate from 2c to 2½c or 3c, the issuing of Department stamps, so that each Department will pay for its postal uses, the limiting of the Congressional frank, etc. No mention has been made of the raising of the rates on magazines and periodicals, which helps to cause the largest deficit of the several classes of mail. A survey is now being made by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and no doubt, his report will be available sometime after the new session of Congress starts in December. The Postmaster General will make recommendations based upon this survey which will possibly result in a bill that will give us something new and of interest to philately.

Minor Varieties—Current Series

Mr. H. Markham submits for inspection a copy of the current 7c McKinley rotary, showing a scratch in the center oval to the left of the portrait.

Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser submits a block of the ½c flat plate variety, showing a small white cap on the fraction bar of the left figure "½." As the variety is found on every stamp in a large block, it is no doubt due to a defect in one of the transfer rolls. The block submitted for inspection bore no plate number, and Mr. Ganser does not mention from what plate the variety was taken.

New Envelopes

Mr. P. R. Crooker submits for inspection a copy of the new 2-cent red on amber die A2, size 13. So far, this new die has now been seen on all papers, namely —white, blue and amber. The envelope in question bears the return card of an individual of Worcester, Mass.

Philippines

Clippings from the *Manila Bulletin* of August 8 and August 9 have been submitted, wherein statement is made that the Bureau of Posts has just discovered that 50,000 2 peso stamps have been stolen and that an equal number of 2 centavos stamps have been substituted in their place. As a result of this action, the Acting Director of Posts has issued a notice which has been telegraphed to all post offices in the Island, stating that the 2 peso stamp is obsolete as of August 9th, and that they will not be recognized for postage hereafter. Sales are stopped in all offices and an effort is being made to trace the stolen stamps, which, it is believed, have not as yet been placed upon the market.

At first, it was thought that the Bureau may have wrapped the wrong stamps in

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ITEMS—

WE are advised by Michael Miller, Baltimore, Md., that he has just recovered from a serious automobile accident, and his correspondence has necessarily been neglected. Matters will be adjusted shortly. Mr. Miller will have the sympathy of his many friends in the serious accident that he sustained.

WE are indebted to Dave Goodfriend, Salinas, Calif., for a local American Legion airport dedication cover. It is dated Sept. 2 and bears the autographs of the Mayor, Commander of the American Legion and the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

PERCY C. DAVENPORT of the Metropolitan Stamp Co., who was in Portland at the 63rd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic during the week of Sept. 8-13, as a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans, paid the WEEKLY office a couple of pleasant calls. Our Business Manager, Mr. Jewett, regrets the lack of time he had to spend at the office and attention he could give to stamp visitors, as he was busy from "early morning till early the next morning" with duties devolving upon him as chairman of the committee on program and transportation as well as member of several other active committees.

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Stop Press News

A NEW 4c NEWFOUNDLAND

N. Y. C., Sept. 14.

In my domestic mail, which generally consists of bills, advertisements, invitations to policemen's and bricklayers' balls, etc., I discovered last night a letter from Newfoundland. Thanks to my well cultivated philatelic "complex" I at once stated to my audience, consisting of my daughter, that the 4c stamp on the letter looked strange to me. Before even diving into the soup plate, I dashed upstairs, got out my album of 20th Century British Colonials and saw that in spite of my not-all-too-good eyesight, my impression had been correct, because the stamp has been reduced in almost every detail.

To the inexperienced eye, the most striking feature is the much smaller head of the Prince, the new stamp making him appear older and noticeably thinner than the original stamp on which he has too much of a boyish appearance. On closer examination, one will discover a change in almost every detail, aside from the color which is practically the same as before, called in the good old days claret or wine red, both terms now being obsolete, so far as the U. S. is concerned.

The three feathers at top are shorter and no longer infringe on the value above, the fruit to the right and left of the feathers, which on the old stamp looked like apples, are on the new stamp more like peaches, and the rosettes at either margin have been changed into circles, while all the scrolls are very much altered, those emerging into the lower two corners having been turned upward into a double circle, and so on.

The engraver certainly made a perfectly new design of the stamp, and still, in view of the same color and general appearance, it will require more than one look to ascertain which is which.

HERMANN FOCKE.

DEATH OF C. A. CARROLL

A letter from C. C. Cole, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., advises us of the sudden death of Chas. A. Carroll, our Bureau Print editor. It is with great regret that this announcement is made, and in our next issue we shall give more details.

GREETINGS FROM ACKERMAN

Greetings are at hand from Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, member of congress, Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Ackerman is on an extended tour of Europe, and the cover before us is handsomely decorated with the 10c, 15c, and one lire San Marino stamps, indicating Mr. Ackerman's visit to that little republic. These stamps are all bi-colored and make a pretty combination.

AIR MAIL AND CACHETS

Mentioned the Giro Club as sponsor for the Frankfort, Ind., dedication a while ago. Should have said "Aero".*** Evansville, Ind., postponed dedication from Aug. 24, and you may be able to get in yet.***Conneaut, Ohio, dedicates Oct. 12. Our good friend H. G. Kingdom offers to take care of all covers.*** Morgantown, W. Va., dedicates Sept. 27. No word on cachet, but try the C. of C. ***Medford, Oregon, 1st flight from new airport, Oct. 2. Covers to C. of C.

Figures—McCleary, Wash., 200, by C. of C.***Yakima Air Circus—700 for all 3 days—by P. M.***Bedford, Iowa.—162 —by C. of C.

Sept. 28, special flight from the new Edison Square, Waukegan, Ill., P. O. Letters addressed West Side, Merchants Association, will receive cachet.

Camden, N. J., was tied up to air mail service on Sept. 15, and a first flight cover is at hand from Brady Buchanan. It bears the autograph of Postmaster Ellis.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

OHIO RIVER PLATE NUMB

A dispatch from H. M. Sou states that four plates have been pared for the coming Ohio River ization commemorative stamp whi to appear next month. The stam be of standard size, oblong rectan similar to the Norse American and ed from 400 subject plates on fla presses. Plate numbers are 198 19841 inclusive.

R. A. BRYA

BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMBI

We have received several first da ers bearing the new stamp comme ting the Battle of Fallen Timbers. have Toledo, O., first day cancell from J. H. Wells, A. E. Gorham Brady Buchanan, Perrysburg, O., A. E. Gorham, Waterville, O., Harry Ioor and Billy Ball, Maume and Erie, Pa., from A. E. Gorham. cancellations are all Sept. 14, an covers represent a good deal of in ity in preparation. They will take place in the future with historical c The stamp is of regulation size and not present a very striking appea due to the amount of detail th crowded in the small space afforde

W. W. Betts sends us a Sept. 14, day cancel from Fallen Timber, P is an interesting cover. A. E. Go favors us with a Washington, D. C., day bearing the date Sept. 16.

NEW URUGUAY STAMPS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug.

The Uruguay postal authorities shortly issue a new series of air stamps of the following values: 8 24, 30, 40, 60, 80, and 90c, $1.20, $3.00 and $4.50. The Nyoba ma "Washington" made a trial trip t from Buenos Aires to Montevideo flight occupying an hour and 45 mi Owing to severe snow storms in the des the air mail service from Chi Europe was postponed to Aug. 15. air craft crossed from Santiago to doza and arrived here on the follo day.

A. H. DAV

SOME NEW ISSUES

Curacao.—I have just learned reliable sources that new stamps hav peared consisting of the new air overprinted as follows: 50c on 12½c 1fl on 20c blue, 2fl on 15c olive. were issued on July 6, and 8,000 of value were printed.

Monaco.—15c violet, new v type A13.

Peru.—2c grey, 10c red, issue of imperforated vertically.

Union of So. Africa.—Two new mail stamps were issued Aug. 26, the of the opening of air mail service. values are 4d green, and 2sh ora bilingual.

RAOUL LESG

A RE-ENGRAVED NEWFOUNDLA

F. F. Wills sends us a specime the new 4c Newfoundland, and we greatly obliged to him for the early extended our readers. He enclose clipping from a local paper and we print the same herewith supplemen the material furnished by Mr. F which appears in this issue:—

"The new four cent stamp, pri from the plates engraved by John D inson & Co., is now on sale and is a improvement over the old four stamp. To begin with, the portrait of Prince of Wales was grotesque on old stamp compared with the redr portrait on the Dickinson printing. smaller and a far superior like There is a distinct difference in sh

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ANK H. LORD, 3330 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

Whitehead, Morris stamp being pur- and the Dickinson stamp magenta. re is a slight difference in perfora- between the two printings, the old scaling 13 x 13½ and the new one all round. Other noticeable differ- s are noted for the benefit of those ested.

Whitehead, Morris Stamp — The as a snub nose; the plumes in the ce of Wales' crest are straight; on side of the stamp are columns con- ng six circles; the back of the ce's collar is completely shaded.

ickinson Stamp—The '4' has a ted nose; the plumes in the crest curled; there are five rosettes on sides instead of six circles; the of shading on the collar do not h to the back.

part from these differences the orna- tal foliage on each printing is en- y different."

SWISS AIR MAIL STAMPS

By PERCY C. SMITH.

wo handsome air mail stamps of the re type have been placed on sale. The es are 35c red and buff, and 40c ow-green and blue. The issue is un- ermarked and perf. 11½, and are ted in sheets of 25 (5 x 5).

CHRONICLE

(*Continued from page 569*)

the packages, but it was found that the packages had been tampered with.

The stamp to which reference is made is the Perf. 11, unwatermarked, Scott's No. 301. No doubt, a stamp of new design will be ordered immediately from the Bureau, and in the meantime, it would not be surprising to find that a provisional issue is made to take care of immediate requirements.

The clipping states that four Manila Post Office chiefs face serious charges and tells the story of other irregularities that have been occurring in connection with the Post Office Department.

No doubt, arrangements will be made whereby those who have acquired their stamps in a legitimate way will be given new stamps in exchange for the old ones.

New issues from Mr. R. Roberts, our London correspondent, are reported as follows:

Brazil.—200 reis, olive-grey, design A75, watermarked CASA DA MOEDA in large block capitals, 700 reis, reddish mauve, and 1,000 reis, sky blue, both type A76, watermarked E U BRASIL in block capitals all over. Both types are perf. 13 x 12½.

Iceland.—The 50 aur, air mail stamp noted in our issue of last week as in grey and claret, has also been received in grey and reddish mauve.

Portugal.—A private stamp for the Geographical Society of Lisbon of the same type as the 1927 issue but in blue-yellow and carmine, perf. 11½, no watermark has been received.

Uruguay.—New Parcel Post stamps, Grange Service, of the 1c violet (rectangular), 10c orange, 15c blue, 20c bistre brown, 25c carmine, 50c lilac grey, 75c purple and 1P pea green (all triangular) values are at hand. They are lithographed, perf. 11 on unwatermarked paper. The 1c is printed in sheets of 100, while the other values (which are triangular) are in sheets of 50 (5 rows 10), each stamp of course being tete-beche. Two values of postage due stamps in type D1, are also reported. They are the 1c blue-green and 10c grey-green, lithographed, and printed by the National Printing Works, with "Imprenta Nacional" at the foot. The perforation is 11, and the paper is unwatermarked. There are many little transfer varieties, which appear to be constant, especially in the word "CENTESIMOS."

Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England, call our attention to these new items:

Eritrea.—The 20c claret, design A49, and 50c violet, A86, stamps of Italy have been surcharged "Colonia Eritrea" in black.

Russia. — Two stamps picturing a trumpeter have been issued as an Assembly Commemorative set. The design is an upright oblong format and the values are 10k brown and 14k slate. They bear the year date and figures of value at the foot.

The Economist Stamp Co. of New York report that they have received from

Ecuador the 5c type A74, in pale bistre brown and 10c, type A75, in grey-black.

Paraguay.—7c lilac, type A47, surcharged "Correo Aereo Habilitado en $0:95" in three lines in black.

China. — According to information noted in the *Swedish International Press Bureau* the Nanking government has granted the request of the well-known Swedish explorer, Dr. Sven Hedin, to be allowed to issue special stamps at a nominal value of 5,000 Mexican dollars as a contribution to the cost of the largest scientific expedition which has ever entered Northern China, and is now being conducted under his direction. It is further reported that Dr. Hedin has been authorised to make an agreement with a European or American firm of philatelists to take over the issue with exception of a certain number of series, which is to be sold to the public of China.

Hayti.—The following is printed in the Port au Prince newspaper *Le Matin:* "Monsieur Andre Chevallier, the energetic Administrator of Posts, has shown us proofs of two new stamps which will shortly be put in circulation. One of them, that which commemorates the settlement of the boundary affair, bears a photograph of the President of the Republic, together with the dates of the ratification of the Treaty. The other is a stamp for aerial correspondence. In the foreground is a view of Port Haitien from the air, with blue mountains and coconut palms and a large aeroplane flying overhead. It is a most artistic conception on which the postal administration is to be felicitated."

Switzerland.—The *Philatelic Magazine* learns from Mr. E. W. Holland of Geneva that the annual series of Pro Juventute stamps will this year be double the size of the normal stamps and will be as noted below:

5c, designed by Francois Gos, of Geneva, representing in a violet surround, the setting sun on Lake Lugano, with San Salvatore in the background.

10c, by Edouard Boss, of Berne, representing the Engshlenese at the foot of the Titlis, in a green frame.

20c, by the same artist, showing Lyskamm as seen from Riffelberg, in a red frame.

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PRECANCELLED BELGIAN STAMPS

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rollers were occasionally used on parcel post, not for precancelling, during this period. With the expulsion of the invaders, precancelling was resumed. We find Brussels precancels of 1918 date, on the 1 centime stamp, and it is probable that certain reported precancels dated 1914 on this 1c of 1915 are also December, 1918 products. With 1919 the 2c also enters into precancellation. In this year we find two handstamps used at Brussels: the pre-war one with Flemish name above date, and a new one with French name above. Curiously enough, the date is in different sizes and faces of type in the two handstamps. The old handstamp is not used after 1920. With 1921 and the flight of the franc, the 3c stamp is extensively precancelled; and with 1922 the 5c also enters the field. With 1922 printed precancelling is resumed. In this same year the Tin Hat 2c was precancelled with handstamp at Brussels. Goldberg reports the 1c Tin Hat as a scarce 1922 item. With 1927 the 10c is added to the range of precancels. In this same year surcharged stamps, 3c on 2c, and 10c on 15c begin to be precancelled. 1927 surcharge precancels are rather scarce; but in 1928 they are plentiful; they are not scarce in 1929. The 10c, whether the regular green stamp or the surcharged one, is plentiful as a precancel in 1928. This is in contrast to the condition in 1927, when only Antwerp and Brussels used the 10c.

The edges of the sheets of printed precancels have an interesting inscription. In French it reads: "Timbresposte valables jusqu'au fin Fevrier—" and year after that of precancellation; the Flemish equivalent is also given. Handstamped precancels lack this marginal imprint.

In roller precancels the ink is gray-black, black and purple. The early years, up to about 1905, are entirely in black or gray-black; after that purple ink is introduced gradually. From 1923 onwards it is the dominant ink. The ink is often fatty and strikes through the stamp. Purple imprints are often most easily recognized by the back of the stamp, as the purple ink often appears black when the precancellation is heavy. Handstamped precancels are most erratic: the cancellation is often split across two stamps, often is doubled, and fairly often is crookedly placed.

At Brussels two sizes of date were used, from the very start. Short and tall figures exists in each year up through 1906. Goldberg reports tall figures in two varieties in 1904: narrow and wide. Rich has not been able to find this difference. Antwerp has a variety in 1897, with large 97 and small 18 in the date, and this same city produced a scarce variety in 1898, dated 1888.

(The original Goldberg article ends with a year-by-year list of the offices beginning precancelling, up through 1913, and a list of the stamps precancelled with the years in which they were so used. These lists are conspicuously incomplete. As Rich's information would only partially remedy the defects, it is thought wiser to omit these lists entirely.)

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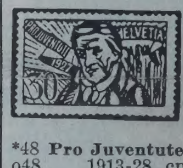

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Notes On The U. S. 1c 1857, Type V

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Shades—The many beautiful shades of this stamp make it an interesting study, pale blue in many variations, dark blue widely varied, and deep blue of hues so rich that the philatelic eye is constantly delighted.

The above color characteristics are especially brought out when viewing this stamp in pairs, strips on or off cover or blocks, for Franklin's profile, while usually white varies often to a grayish white, sometimes slightly touched with color against the blue background of the stamp.

Then we have the dull blue, which is distinct from the shades noted above—and the bright blue, which is particularly striking with Franklin's white head and shoulders.

Cancellations—Black, blue and red town cancellations are found in plenty on this stamp. The red town cancellations are strikingly attractive against the blue foundation—this is especially true of the red cancellation of Providence, R. I., and Chelsea, Mass. Green town cancellations are somewhat more rare, and magenta quite scarce.

Another type of cancellation often found are the black, blue and red grids.

Among the year dates, 1857 is a rarity. 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861, while not too common, are found in enough abundance to stimulate the collector.

Both types of "Paid" occur, with and without circle. Railroad cancellations are rare, as are "Steamboats." Now and then a red "Carrier" or a black "Carrier" cancellation is found—these, of course, were used in two or three of the largest centers, especially New York and Philadelphia.

A Packet boat cancellation on this stamp is rare enough to be greatly desired. Unusual, of course, to be found today are territorial cancellations, I note a Kansas territorial to England, a cover with a 1 cent, pair of 10 cent, together with a 3 cent, making 24 cent rate.

The Philadelphia octagonal cancellation is always attractive.

Foreign postmarks occasionally occur on these 1857 ones, usually a large "1" or "2", etc.

Washington "Free" is interesting always and some of these 1857 covers are thus cancelled, for which we, in 1929, seventy-two years later, are truly thankful. Of the great and colorful figures who resided in Washington at that time, our imagination of this cancellation may run to a high degree.

Patriotic covers bearing this stamp are rarer than is generally realized. Of course, unused blocks of four are more common than used ones—a good used block is hard to find. However, it is the writer's good fortune to possess an unused block of twelve.

From a study of Dr. Ashbrook's masterful work on this stamp it is easy for the student to discover a stamp from Plate VI of this issue, with the side ornaments almost complete instead of being cut away as in the type from the other eleven plates, but there is one stamp in my possession which I am unable to classify. Whether it is Type V or some other type of the one cent I do not know. The left side ornaments are cut away, while the right side ornaments are complete.

Use—Covers come to light which show this stamp in many interesting and fine combinations—both domestic use and foreign. A single stamp on cover shows the regular drop-letter rate, while we meet often with 3 singles or a strip of three on cover, the common rate. In speaking of strips, a vertical strip seems to be much rarer than a horizontal strip.

A pair, or two singles on cover is uncommon, although a few thus are found.

A common use—4 cent rate was the one cent in combination with the 3 cent of the period, either adhesive or Nesbitt, but a strip of four of the one cent on cover to meet the same rate is quite rare.

Occasionally two issues on one cover were used, one cent 1857 with 1851 issue (early use of the '57), and one cent 1857 with the 1861 issue (late use of the '57). This is uncommon.

An interesting cover is the use of this stamp with the 5 cent 1847 with 1851's and '57's to make a high-rate from California to the East.

An uncommon combination is the one cent 1857 with 3 cent 1851 on a six cent envelope. One of the rarest combinations I have is the 5 cent 1857 with the one cent making the 6 cent rate on a cover addressed to the Governor of Wisconsin tied by Friendship, Wis., postmark.

The rate to Canada at this period was ten cents, and many beautiful covers bearing this stamp to the Dominion are found in fine combinations, as are covers to Cuba, which also bore this rate. The rate to Canada—*West*, was generally 15 cents. Covers to Panama carried usually a ten cent rate.

A fourteen cent rate to France was the custom—usually bearing the one cent, 3 cent and 10 cent stamps.

Some high domestic rates are apparent at that time—one which we occasionally see is the thirty-six cent rate with the 12 cent black, two of the 10 cent, a 3 cent and a one cent. An odd rate from New York to the Middle West was the six cent rate—one cover I may note carried three pairs of the one cent.

Kingdom of Holland and Germany rates are found, as a rule, twenty-one cents, two 10 cent stamps with a one cent, although I note a rare combination to Germany—a cover bearing a 30 cent 1861,

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Some wonderful combinations of the one cent with other values are seen on covers of the period to England, Spain, Austria and Italy, and also the rarer use to South America.

I note also a five cent rate to China, a cover bearing a 3 cent with a pair of the one cent.

An interesting cover is one which carries this one cent stamp in a fifty cent rate to the Kingdom of Prussia. This very rare frank is all on a Wells-Fargo entire from California, and bears two pairs of 10 cent, 1 pair of 3 cent, the one cent on 3 cent entire.

Another unusual cover which shows a rare use is a letter mailed from London to the Boston Athenæum. The one cent 1857 is uncancelled and affixed over the London postmark, indicating that it was applied in Boston to insure delivery at the street address.

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By P. J. DROSSOS, Athens.

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Mr. Alexander Argyropulos who undertook the most of this big work, was the only competent person to carry it out to a full success, as it is through his hands that so much of the early issues has passed and everything since 1910 which relates to stamps of Greece, and he still possesses his wonderful collection of Greece. Thus he vividly has *before him* everything that he has known and has seen, without being obliged to refer to notes or to have recourse to his memory. Mr. Argyropulos was also lucky enough as to attentively study the Lavatir, Garas and Ferrari collections, before they were broken up, and was present at the auctions when they were disposed of. A few months ago he also added some interesting notes from a fine Greek collection he examined at Vienna.

I fancy that this work will soon be translated into English and I can see with what joy specialists and collectors of the Hermes Heads (large and small) will revel, imbibing the information contained.

There are two small facts, however, to be regretted. First, the fairly numerous typographical misprints (mostly in prices), and a certain number of misinformation, errors, and mistakes (this from 1902 and downwards). Second, that the editor did not fully heed the price quotations given him from Athens, from where only accurate information can be given.

The first part of Greece was prepared by Mr. Argyropulos, at his ease during last summer, and having been corrected and recorrected, it at least as far as I can judge, with my knowledge (which of course is limited, not having had the chance to handle the necessary quantities of old issue stamps, the last 15 years, that I am in the trade) is faultless.

From the 1902 issue, Mr. Argyropulos was continuously pressed to finish his work, telegraphic messages being even sent, as corrections had to be sent backwards and forwards between Berlin and Athens. If Mr. Argyropulos had had time this summer to work at it, there would have been no misinformation, as in some cases; he could have referred more at his ease to other collections here, and thus cleared some points on the War issues, persuading himself that it is necessary to change some information given by him.

The editor, in several cases had not the courage to detach himself from the Michel & Senf catalogue prices, on which in some cases over 500% increase was necessary, and therefore cut the price down. At least, after much pressure, Thrace (Greek Occupation), Samos & Icaria were included in Greece,—which is the correct thing—and which is the case with the German catalogues.

As the editor in some cases (Mitylene) compiled information from several sources, the history related has not got the clarity needed to explain such difficult domains, and has been the cause of some vital passages being neither clear nor correct.

Further, some prices given are misleading.

A large *errata* is being prepared, and I suppose that the English edition will appear, only then.

The above remarks stated by me, are so relatively trivial compared to the work, for which both Dr. Munck and Mr. Argyropulos are warmly to be congratulated, that any critic whatever is drowned by the great success of the whole work.

MADRID-MANILA BROKEN-WINGS

By JOSE CASTENER,
Pres. Philippine Phil. Assn.

Inasmuch as there seems to be conflicting data being published in not only the daily newspapers, but in several philatelic journals and catalogs in reference to the actual number of the variety of the Madrid-Manila Philippine issue, known as the broken-wing, the following may be of interest to philatelists in general.

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By A. F. GAMBER, *Editor*, Valley City, N. D.

Mr. H. Markham kindly calls my attention to a hitherto unnoted precancel error, and in so doing suggests the material for an article. This is what might be termed killing two birds with one stone. So far as the suggestion is concerned, it is a very valuable bird, for the writer is busy getting everything cleared away for a month's vacation in the old home state, Ohio, minus his collection.

Mr. Markham's error is found on the current U-75 type in use at Lansdale, Pa., reading LANRDALE, as plainly as can be. No information at hand as to frequency, perhaps some MEKEEL'S reader will do this for us.

These errors crop up in the most unexpected places. Michigan City, Indiana, has a U-59 handstamp, on the second vertical row of five (from the left) of which the second "n" of state name is inverted to form a "u". Since 20% of the stamps precancelled with this handstamp are errors, it has probably been quite widely noted, possibly you have one or more that never caught your eye. Another, probably even more widely noted, and also of 20% frequency, is on the U-60 handstamp from Cloquet, Minn., whereon the "u" in city name is reversed to form an "n". Stoughton, Mass., is using a U-63 handstamp, on which MASS reads MARS at least once per 25. This error is akin to the above Lansdale, in that in both cases an "R" has been substituted for an "S". South River, N. J., uses a U-53 handstamp on number 16 of which the "J" of abbreviated state name is reversed and inverted. On Colorado Springs's type II handstamp the error "Colorrdo" has been recently noted. The POMOMA for POMONA (Calif.) error is probably the best known of all the handstamp errors, also of 20% frequency. Another California error is MADEDA for MADERA. Still another is CALIE for CALIF on the U-75 handstamp in use at Chico. One of the two handstamps so far known to sport two different errors is the U-75 recently in use at Aurora, Ills. The 10th subject reads ATRORA and the 18th, AUROA. None of the above errors can be laid to difficulty in spelling the names of the towns in question. But here is a case where the handstamp maker couldn't be blamed if he did make an error or two—Albuquerque, N. M., type I. Just try that name over on your mill, and see how easy it is to reproduce, then don't blame the maker if he stumbled twice too. He did —ABUQUERQUE, and ALBURQUERQUE. I understand that town is usually called Albukirk down that way, can't they shorten it up a little more than that? But the town that holds the prize for an erroriul handstamp is Tucson, Arizona. They used to have one that was *all* errors! On their old type I, every one of the 25 subjects was misspelled TUSCON. Since they pronounce it as if it were spelled TOOSON, with accent on the last syllable, the maker can't be blamed too much.

There is no logical way of accounting for these slips, they just seem to happen, that's all. If the handstamp makers (a firm at Waterloo, Iowa, I believe) first pound out on a typewriter a working model of 25 subjects for the artisan to be guided by, errors in model making might account for it. But I am not sure this is done, probably it is not. The most nearly reasonable explanation for these errors is, that the handstamp makers are human beings. I saw a squirrel fall out of a 60 foot tree the other day.

Electros contribute their quota of errors too, though not usually quite so glaring. On Ft. Wayne's U-10 now in use, No. 81 (nearly all electros are 100 subjects) lacks the period after IND. The bottom row on Richmond, Ind.'s badly worn U-1 is gone, this may be an error or due to hard usage, tho it appears to be the former. Part of the bottom row of Owensboro, Kentucky's, U-10 is also gone, but this would appear to be due to breakage. The same holds true of that part of Worcester, Mass.'s U-10, which shows no bottom bar and no MASS. Akron, Ohio, used to have an electro on one vertical row of 10, of which OHIO was spelled OH1O, the O H Ten of Black Crow report. The period after WIS on Oshkosh's U-10 is missing at least once per 100, as it is also on the same type used at Hartford, Wis. Here is an unusual one: on Youngstown, Ohio's U-10 there is a period after

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OHIO on every subject except one (probably), whereas there ought not to be any at all. On Berkeley, Calif.'s U-10 there is a comma instead of a period after every CALIF. The same error is found on every subject of Delavan, Wis.'s, present U-1. Salem, Ohio, has a U-2 electro that is unusual, the 9th horizontal row is inverted, thus we can find tete beche pairs from that town. I have a block of six of the current 20c from there, the middle pair reading up, the outside pairs reading down.

Even the makers of the plates from which the Bureau Prints are printed, fall into mental lapses. A year ago appeared the famous MIKWAUKEE on the 1½ and 8 in the B-11 type. On the B-4 type in use at Grand Rapids, there exist no period varieties, as also on the Indianapolis old (B-6) type. The small or B-11 type from San Francisco comes once in 100 with no period after CALIF.

Some reported errors turn out not to be errors at all, but spots of foreign matter on the plate. Year after year the Catalog carried Cleveland 12d, the 6c 1902 with inverted A for V. A moments reflection would show that no such error really exists. Why should it appear only on the 6c and on none other value, over a period of more or less constant use covering at least ten years? You tell me. South Whitley, Indiana, 2e clearly can't be an error. If it is, why has it never been found on the 1c 1902, which preceded it by several years? It might be a broken plate, but certainly not an error. Don't let your imagination run rings around your good sense!

Addenda.—In my August 19th, article on precancelled envelopes I stated that Carrollton, Ohio, has never stocked the 1½c envelope. I said this on what might be regarded as good authority, the word of the postmaster there. But Reverend Markham assures me that they did stock this envelope and did precancel it, he has one to prove it, type not stated. This inspires a word of caution as to the amount of credibility to place on the average postmaster's statements. If the office in question is large enough to have an assistant who shares the duties, the postmaster very often doesn't know what he is talking about when he gives information on matters outside his own ken. And in the smaller offices postmasters' memories, like others, are faulty, and often they don't try to give accurate information; they seem to mistrust collectors and queries. The wonderful and unfath able official mind!

Reverend Markham has very ki made it possible for me to add a precancelled envelope to those liste August 19th—New Philadelphia, "New Phila—delphia, Ohio", in lines of small serifed lower case le between bars 13mm apart, on a 1c si white envelope. Above the precanc tion, "Sec. 435 ½, P. L. & R." in caps.

I understand that at least one typ the Washington, Indiana, precanc wrappers exists, other than those li in August, but am not able to give fuller information at present.

Another interesting type of pre celled envelope, not known to me w I penned the August article, is the er ope contractors' type reproduced by l offices. There may be, probably others, but the only one known to comes from Fargo. It is the 1c siz white, with the contractors' type very curately reproduced in green ink. In upper left hand corner are two heavy agonal green bars 9mm wide, with " vet" between them, also in green. S a green velvet envelope and a green production of the official contract type, all in one. Not half bad!

What can you contribute to inspire editorial mind rapidly going to seed?

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During the summer I have remade all my approval books, and have combined in them many important purchases made during the past year.

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AGAIN—THE PENNY BLACK

By F. L. Coes.

Admiring the spirit of your correspondent (August 12 issue) in his sweeping condemnation of the "Penny Black", I still have difficulty in smothering what O. O. McIntyre and I call "raucous and derisive cachinnation" over the sudden and timely (this is the English "silly season") endeavor to tip over the accepted opinion regarding the first adhesive.

Granted, for purposes of argument, that the design has elements of unsuitability as viewed by present knowledge and practice, it is still far and away more attractive than 99% of the issues that we see today, and because of some other things the criticism seems "kinder flat."

Granted that mayhap the profile does not look like Victoria at the moment of issue, just why should it? It looks like the portrait from which it was taken, which portrait was a more or less flattering oil painting. Who ever saw an oil portrait (especially of a Queen or King) that was not flattering more or less? Again what of it? Human portrait painters are not so single eyed even now, and we have recollections of the last George portrait.

Granted that the background has lots of things that might be improved now. Just where could the designers have acquired this artistic comparison in 1841. Who could have foreseen that the details of frame, background, size of head, color (?) and what you will, would offend the artistic (?) taste of a member of an American Society ninety years later. Possibly nobody cared a hoot in Hingham.

Possibly, because Anglo-phobia had not been finally named, the designer really felt foot free and untrammeled in his selection.

Of course the "Black Jack" looks like Andy did when sober, but no matter, he looks as some person "thought" he looked, which thought may be coupled with a modicum of hero worship, artistic license, and what not.

This adjectival upheaval came just at the moment when I was fixing to unload some criticisms on the George Postal Union Congress "Pound." I suppose that "looks like George"? Mebbe so. But any way this effort of the British P. O. and our own No. 292 of the St. Louis issue series, each have points of super excellence, which are based on "hindsight" and not previous experience.

Just why any stamp portrait should of necessity "look like" the ruler represented is beyond me. I'll bet that Mr. Rich has at one time had a photograph that did not look "like him" even before the artist (?) retouched out the crow feet, freckles and double chins.

Why should the "Penny Black" have had either a picture that looked like her Majesty, or flattered her? To the multitude of British inhabitants it was "our queen". Reservations may have been made in the family, but "what of it?"

I applauded the effort of Major Tulleken which was good stamp stuff from every angle. It seems as if more people might well study the British efforts toward stabilizing the items of design, fitness, balance, color and all that; always remembering that "experience teaches" and that the *First* adhesive was "first" in everything. If Mr. Rich feels that he is competent to design a fitting successor to the "Black", let him go to it. In the mean time he should look a little at some efforts produced in the monthly edited by the Dean of Typography, Aug. Dietz in Richmond, Va.

The man whose tooling produced the "Penny Black" did a little work for these United States. His effort on the three cent does not seem far different from the Black, in any item of balance, likeness, grounding, or execution, but none of our enthusiasts have criticized it as "not look-like Washington" and probably for the same reason as the "Black" did not look like Victoria.

The only portrait of the Queen that ever approximated the lady as she was at the moment, is the one on the Canada Jubilee series. And that was flattering, as well as other things.

But why fuss over it?

Many of us have plated the Black, enjoyed the "effect" of a complete page of this inimitable item, and we have not felt much fussed over any of the "artistic" deficiencies listed.

Comparisons being always "odorous" why not compare it with some of the efforts of our own enlightened P. O. D. (I mentioned the two outstanding portrait "blacks") and tell us how much better the Black Jack, or the Black Wilson is, than the maligned Victorian effort.

Do a little shooting at something all the boys can have a hand in.

But before sweepingly condemning the original adhesive, have a look at some other issues of Great Britain,—Gambia, Ceylon, B. N. A., some of the Australians, etc. Slap the right items in the face, and talk about something you can correct or at least which is modern enough to be within reach.

The "Penny Black" has been "open to serious criticism" for a long time, and seemingly the critics have not especially worn away the love, interest and intrinsic value of the item a cent's worth. In fact, those of us who collect "Blacks" find the reverse.

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E2	2310	3c on Buff, Die 1	5.00	.22
E3	2302	3c Red, Die 2	9.50	.80
E4	2311	3c on Buff, Die 2	6.50	.70
E5	2303	3c Red, Die 3	—	27.00
E6	2312	3c on Buff, Die 3	8.50	1.80
E7	2304	3c Red, Die 4	—	4.50
E8	2313	3c on Buff, Die 4	—	5.25
E9	2305	3c Red, Die 5	.60	.10
E10	2314	3c on Buff, Die 5	.25	.04
E11	2306	6c Red	4.25	4.25
E12	2315	6c on Buff	3.00	2.75
E13	2307	6c Green	5.85	—
E14	2316	6c on Buff	4.00	4.00
E15	2308	10c Green, Die 2	15.00	—
E16	2317	10c on Buff, Die 2	4.50	1.25
E17	2309	10c Green, Die 4	7.00	4.50
E18	2318	10c on Buff, Die 4	4.50	2.00
		1857-61		
E19	2327	1c Blue on Orange	11.50	10.00
E20	2328	1c on Buff (period)	1.00	.60
E24	2329	1c on Buff (no period)	6.75	—
E26	2319	3c Red	1.20	.36
E27	2323	3c on Buff	.50	.28
E28	2320	(3c+1c) Blue & Red	10.00	—
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E33	2326	10c on Buff	—	13.50
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E34	2330	3c Pink	.75	.20
E35	2332	3c on Buff	.80	.14
E36	2334	3c on Blue	1.35	—
E38	2331	6c Pink	5.50	—
E39	2333	6c Pink on Buff	1.50	—
E40	2336	10c Green	1.10	1.50
E41	2337	10c on Buff	.90	1.20
E42	2338	12c Brown & Red	4.00	—
E43	2339	20c Blue & Red	5.00	—
E44	2340	24c Green & Red	6.00	—
E44a	2340a	24c Green & Lake	12.50	—
E45	2341	40c Red & Black	7.50	—
		1863-64		
E46	2342	2c Blk. on Buff, Die A	1.25	.90
E50	2346	2c Blk./Buff, Die C	.60	.50
E51	2347	2c on Orange, Die C	1.00	.55
E54	2348	2c on Buff, Die D	.65	.40
E55	2349	2c on Orange, Die D	.40	.27
		1864. Large Numerals		
E58	2350	3c Pink	.15	.05
E59	2352	3c on Buff	.10	.03
E60	2351	6c Pink	1.30	1.30
E61	2353	6c on Buff	2.00	1.10
E62	2354	9c Lemon on Buff	8.25	—
E63	2355	9c Orange on Buff	2.15	—
E67	2359	24c Blue on Buff	1.35	1.50
E68	2360	30c Green on Buff	1.25	—
E69	2361	40c Rose on Buff	1.60	—
		1865		
E70	2362	3c Brown	2.10	2.00
E71	2364	3c on Buff	1.25	1.25
E72	2363	6c Purple	2.00	—
E73	2365	6c on Buff	1.20	—
		1870. Reay Issue		
E74	2366	1c Blue	.80	.40
E75	2377	1c on Amber	.80	.70
E76	2396	1c on Orange	.20	.20
E78	2367	2c Brown	.65	.45
E79	2378	2c on Amber	.55	.35
E80	2397	2c on Orange	.13	.25
E82	2368	3c Green	.08	.02
E83	2379	3c on Amber	.09	.02
E84	2389	3c on Cream	.25	.06
E85	2369	6c Dark Red	.22	.22
E88	2381	7c Vermilion	.70	—
E91	2371	10c Brown	1.60	1.60
E92	2383	10c on Amber	1.25	—
E93	2372	12c Plum	1.60	—
E94	2384	12c on Amber	2.25	—
E95	2391	12c on Cream	3.00	—
E96	2373	15c Red Orange	1.40	—
E97	2385	15c on Amber	4.65	—
E98	2392	15c on Cream	2.75	—
E99	2374	24c Purple	1.80	—
E100	2386	24c on Amber	2.90	—
E101	2393	24c on Cream	2.50	—
E102	2375	30c Black	2.25	—
E104	2394	30c on Cream	4.50	—
E106	2388	90c on Amber	4.50	—
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E111a	2465a	1c Lt. Blue/or., Die A	.75	.75
E113	2400	1c Light Blue, Die B	.03	.03
E113a	2400a	1c Dark Blue, Die B	1.00	.60
E114	2429	1c on Amber, Die B	.07	—
E115	2462	1c on Cream, Die B	.15	.12
E115a	2462a	1c Dark Blue, Die B	1.20	1.20
E116	2466	1c on Orange, Die B	.04	.03
E116a	2466a	1c Dk. Blue on Or.	.45	.25
E118	2478	1c on Fawn, Die B	.26	.24
E119	2533	1c on Manila, Die B	.07	.07
E120	2540	1c/Amb. Man., D. B.	.70	—
E122	2401	2c Brown, Die A	3.00	2.50
E123	2430	2c on Amber, Die A.	—	2.25
E127	2402	2c Brown, Die B	.90	.90
E128	2431	2c on Amber, Die B	1.25	.70
E131	2403	2c Brown, Die B2	3.35	—
E132	2432	2c on Amber, Die B2	8.50	6.75
E134	2433	2c on Amber, Die B3	35.00	26.00
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E137	2405	2c Brown, Die C	2.25	—
E138	2434	2c on Amber, Die C	2.40	—
E142	2417	2c Vermilion, Die C	.10	.06
E143	2446	2c on Amber, Die C	.15	.12
E144	2463	2c on Cream, Die C	.42	.40
E147	2479	2c on Fawn, Die C	.20	.20
E149	2418	2c Vermilion, Die C2	1.10	1.10
E150	2446a	2c on Amber, Die C2	3.50	2.50
E151	2475	2c on Blue, Die C2	.90	.85
E152	2479a	2c on Fawn, Die C2	.21	.15
E153	2418b	2c Vermilion, Die C3	6.50	—
E154	2446b	2c on Amber, Die C3	12.50	—
E159	2406	3c Green, Die A	.90	.15
E160	2435	3c on Amber, Die A	1.00	.28
E161	2454	3c on Cream, Die A	1.10	.40
E163	2407	3c Green, Die B	.04	.01
E164	2436	3c on Amber, Die B	.08	.02
E165	2455	3c on Cream, Die B	.25	.05
E166	2470	3c on Blue, Die B	.12	.05
E167	2480	3c on Fawn, Die B	.10	—
E172	2419	5c Blue, Die A	.18	.20
E173	2447	5c on Amber, Die A	.24	—
E174	2464	5c on Cream, Die A	2.00	—
E175	2471	5c on Blue, Die A	.32	—
E176	2481	5c on Fawn, Die A	8.00	—
E177	2420	5c Blue, Die B	.17	.17
E178	2448	5c on Amber, Die B	.18	—
E179	2472	5c on Blue, Die B	1.40	—
E180	2482	5c on Fawn, Die B	3.00	—
E181	2408	6c Red	.23	.22
E182	2437	6c on Amber	.30	.30
E187	2410	10c Brown, Die A	1.80	—
E189	2411	10c Chocolate, Die B.	.20	.20
E189a	2411a	10c Bistre Brown	.60	.60
E190	2440	10c on Amber, Die B.	.20	.25
E190a	2440a	10c Bistre Brown	.60	.35
E191	2526	10c on Or. Buff, Die B	.30	—
E193a	2537a	10c Red Brown	.65	—
E194a	2544a	10c Red Brown	.70	—
E198	2413	15c Orange	1.00	—
E201	2414	24c Purple	6.50	—
E204	2415	30c Black	.70	—
E207	2527	30c on Oriental Buff	1.25	—
E208	2531	30c on Blue	1.45	—
E209	2538	30c on Manila	.90	—
E210	2545	30c on Amb. Manila	1.00	—
E211	2416	90c Carmine	1.40	—
E212	2445	90c on Amber	4.25	—
E213	2461	90c on Cream	21.00	—
E214	2528	90c on Oriental Buff	3.60	—
E215	2532	90c on Blue	3.60	—
E216	2539	90c on Manila	4.85	—
E217	2546	90c on Amb. Manila	4.85	—
		1876. Centennial Issue		
E218	2421	3c Red	.35	.25
E219	2422	3c Green, Die A	.35	.30
E220	2423	3c Green, Die B	.60	.45
		1882-1886 (Garfield)		
E222	2426	5c Brown	.10	.15
E223	2451	5c on Amber	.11	.15
E224	2477	5c on Blue	1.90	—
		October, 1883		
E227	2486	2c Red	.11	.06
E228	2487	2c on Amber	.16	.09
E229	2488	2c on Fawn	.17	—
E230	2489	2c on Blue	.18	—
		November, 1883		
E231	2490	2c Red	.07	.04
E232	2491	2c on Amber	.10	.03
E233	2492	2c on Fawn	.12	.08
E234	2493	2c on Blue	.15	.15
		June, 1884. Retouched Die		
E236	2502	2c Red	.14	.10
E237	2503	2c on Amber	.18	.15
E238	2504	2c on Fawn	.25	.22
E239	2505	2c on Blue	.40	.40
E239a	2505a	2c Red (3½ Links)	.60	.50
E240	2494	4c Green, Die A	.10	.10
E241	2496	4c on Amber, Die A	.12	.12
E242	2524	4c on Or. Buff, Die A	.27	—
E243	2529	4c on Blue, Die A	.28	—
E244	2535	4c on Manila, Die A	.65	—
E246	2495	4c Green, Die B	.11	.11
E247	2497	4c on Amber, Die B	.28	—
E248	2536	4c on Manila, Die B	.22	—
E249	2543	4c/Amb. Man., Die B	.30	—
		May, 1884 (New Color as Nov., 1883)		
E250	2498	2c Brown	—	.07
E252	2500	2c on Fawn	.27	—
		June, 1884. Retouched Die		
E255	2506	2c Brown	.10	.06
E256	2507	2c on Amber	.60	.30
E257	2508	2c on Fawn	.30	—
E258	2509	2c on Blue	.60	—
E258a	2509a	2c Brown (2 Links)	2.25	1.00
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E260	2510	2c Brown, Die A	.04	.01
E260a	2510a	2c Brown Lake	10.00	8.50
E261	2512	2c on Amber, Die A	.05	.02
E262	2514	2c on Fawn, Die A	.06	.05
E263	2516	2c on Blue, Die A	.05	.04
E264	2522	2c on Or. Buff, Die A	.08	—
E265	2534	2c on Manila, Die A	.10	—
E266	2541	2c/Amb. Man., Die A	.10	—
E269	2521	2c on Blue, Die A	12.50	—
E272	2513	2c on Amber, Die B	.30	—
E273	2515	2c on Fawn, Die B	.35	—
		1887 to 1895 (Head in toothed circle)		
E276	2547	1c Blue	.03	.01
E277	2554	1c on Amber	.04	.05
E280	2573	1c on Manila	.03	.01
E281	2579	1c on Amber Manila	.06	—
E283	2590	1c Dark Blue	.11	.12
E287	2548	2c Green, Die A	.55	.40
E288	2555	2c on Amber, Die A	1.65	—
E289	2561	2c on Or. Buff, Die A	4.75	—
E293	2549	2c Green, Die B	.04	.01
E294	2556	2c on Amber, Die B	.04	.01
E295	2562	2c on Or. Buff, Die B	.05	.01
E296	2568	2c on Blue, Die B	.05	.01
E297	2575	2c on Manila, Die B	.06	—
E298	2581	2c/Amb. Man., D. B.	.07	—
E306	2550	4c Carmine	.13	.10
E306a	2550a	4c Lake	.14	.14
E306b	2550b	4c Scarlet	.14	—
E306c	2550c	4c Orange	1.00	—
E307	2557	4c on Amber	.14	.14
E307a	2557a	4c Scarlet	.20	.15
E308	2563	4c on Oriental Buff	—	.14
E309	2569	4c on Blue	.16	—
E310	2576	4c on Manila	.18	.18
E311	2582	4c on Amber Manila	.12	—
E312	2551	5c Blue, Die A	.15	.13
E313	2558	5c on Amber, Die A	.18	.16
E314	2564	5c on Or. Buff, Die A	.18	.18
E315	2570	5c on Blue, Die A	.16	.16
E316	2593	5c Blue, Die B	.45	—
E317	2594	5c on Amber, Die B	.27	—
E325	2560	90c on Amber	1.70	—
E326	2566	90c on Oriental Buff	2.25	—
E327	2572	90c on Blue	2.25	—
E328	2578	90c on Manila	1.60	—
E329	2584	90c on Amb. Manila	1.60	—
		1893. Columbian Issue		
E330	2585	1c Deep Blue	.03	.03
E331	2586	2c Violet	.05	.01
E332	2587	5c Chocolate	.17	.17
E333	2589	10c Slate Brown	.27	.26
		1899 Issue, as 1887 but smaller		
E334	2595	1c Green	.04	—
E335	2603	1c on Amber	.03	—
E338	2615	1c on Manila	.06	.04
E340	2596	2c Carmine, Die A	.05	—
E340a	2596a	2c Orange Red, Die A	.15	—
E343	2613	2c on Blue, Die A	1.00	—
E344	2597	2c Carmine, Die B	.03	.01
E345	2605	2c on Amber, Die B	.05	.01
E346	2611	2c on Or. Buff, Die B	.05	.01
E347	2614	2c on Blue, Die B	.05	.01
E349	2598	2c Carmine, Die C	.15	.10
E350	2605a	2c on Amber, Die C	.20	.16
E351	2611a	2c on Or. Buff, Die C	.32	.28
E353	2599	4c Brown, Die A	—	.20
E354	2606	4c on Amber, Die A	—	.17
E356	2601	4c Brown, Die C	.15	.11
E357	2607	4c on Amber, Die C	—	1.50
E359	2602	5c Blue	.18	.20
E360	2608	5c on Amber	.22	.18
		1903. Large Dies		
E361	2616	1c Green	.03	.01
E362	2620	1c on Amber	.06	—
E363	2624	1c on Oriental Buff	.50	.35
E364	2626	1c on Blue	.45	.45
E365	2628	1c on Manila	.06	—
E367	2617	2c Carmine	.03	.01
E368	2621	2c on Amber	.06	.01
E369	2625	2c on Oriental Buff	.06	.02
E369a	2625a	2c Or. Red on Buff	.15	—
E370	2627	2c on Blue	.08	.02
E372	2618	4c Chocolate	.12	.09
E373	2622	4c on Amber	.14	—
E375	2619	5c Blue	.17	.16
E376	2623	5c on Amber	.17	—
		1904. Same Type, Recut		
E377	2629	2c Carmine	.05	.02
E378	2630	2c on Amber	.08	.02
E379	2631	2c on Oriental Buff	.08	.02
E380	2632	2c on Blue	.07	.03
		1907-10. Oval Die		
E382	2633	1c Green	.02	.01
E383	2638	1c on Amber	.03	—
E384	2643	1c on Oriental Buff	.05	—
E385	2648	1c on Blue	.05	—
E386	2653	1c on Manila	.06	—
E388	2634	2c Brown Red	.05	.02
E389	2639	2c on Amber	.09	—
E390	2644	2c on Oriental Buff	.11	—
E391	2649	2c on Blue	.10	—
E393	2635	2c Carmine	.03	.01
E394	2640	2c on Amber	.03	.01
E395	2645	2c on Oriental Buff	.04	.01
E396	2650	2c on Blue	.04	.01
E398	2636	4c Black	.09	.05
E399	2641	4c on Amber	.09	.09
E400	2637	5c Blue	.12	—
		1916-21. Round Die		
E402	2660	1c Green	.02	.01
E403	2665	1c on Amber	.09	—
E404	2670	1c on Oriental Buff	.12	—
E405	2675	1c on Blue	.03	—
E406	2681	1c on Manila	.05	—
E407	2682	1c on Brown Glazed	.10	—
E408	2683	1c on Brn., unglazed.	1.25	—
E411	2661	2c Carmine	.02	.01
E412	2666	2c on Amber	.04	.01
E413	2671	2c on Oriental Buff	.08	.02
E414	2676	2c on Blue	.03	.01
E418	2662	3c Dark Violet	.12	.03
E419	2667	3c on Amber	.20	.05
E421	2677	3c on Blue	—	.10
E422	2662a	3c Carmine (error)	.95	—
E424	2678	3c Car./blue (error)	17.50	25.00
E426	2663	4c Black	.06	.03
E428	2679	4c on Blue	.07	—
E429	2664	5c Blue	.08	—
E430	2669	5c on Amber	.70	—
E431	2680	5c on Blue	.09	—
		1920-21. Revalued Envelopes		
E432	2684	2c on 3c Vio., Type 1	.30	—
E433	2685	Red Surch., Type 2	.40	—
E434	2687	2c on 3c, Type 2	.08	.05
E436	2689	2c on 3c on Buff, T. 2	.20	—
E437	2690	2c on 3c on Blue, T. 2	.20	—
E439	2691	2c on 2c Carmine	4.00	—
E441	2693	2c on 2c Buff	4.00	—
E442	2694	2c on 2c on Blue	4.00	—
E443	2695	2c on 3c Violet, Ty. 3	.05	.03
E444	2696	2c on 3c on Amber	.09	.08
E445	2697	2c on 3c on Buff	.09	.08
E446	2698	2c on 3c on Blue	.10	.09
E447	2698b	2c on 4c Chocolate	5.00	—
E448	2698c	2c on 4c on Amber	5.00	—
E451	2699	2c on 3c Violet, Ty. 4	.06	.04
E452	2700	2c on 3c on Amber	.18	.17
E453	2701	2c on 3c Buff	.20	.18
E454	2702	2c on 3c on Blue	.22	.18
E455	2703	2c/1c on 3c on white	6.00	—
E456	2704	2c/1c on 3c on Amb.	4.25	—
E457	2705	2c on 4c Chocolate	.30	—
E459	2706a	2c on 3c Green 1874	4.50	
E460	2707	2c/3c on Amber V.	3.75	
		1925. New Values		
E465	2713	1½c Brown	.03	
E466	2715	1½c on Blue	.03	
E467	2716	1½c on Manila	.03	
		1925. Revalued Envelopes (Solid Figures)		
E472	2719	1½c on 1c on Amber (1899)	2.50	
E473	2720	1½c on 1c Grn. (1907)	.30	
E474	2721	1½c on 1c on Amber (1907)	.08	
E476	2723	1½c/1c on Bl. (1907)	1.75	
E478	2725	1½c on 1c Grn. (1916)	.04	
E479	2726	1½c on 1c on Amber	.60	
E480	2727	1½c on 1c on Buff	.22	
E481	2728	1½c on 1c on Blue	.05	
E482	2729	1½c on 1c on Manila	.12	
E483	2729a	1½c on 1c on Brown.	1.00	
E484	2730	1½c on 1c on glazed	.60	
E485	2731	1½c on 2c on White	10.00	
E486	2731a	1½c on 2c on Blue	12.00	
E487	2732	1½c on 2c on Buff	12.00	
E488	2732a	1½c/1½c on White	10.00	
E489	—	1½c on 1½c on Blue	12.00	
		(Double Line Figures)		
E491	2733	1½c on 1c on Amber (1899)	1.60	
E492	2733a	1½c/1c Amb. (1903)	.20	
E493	2734	1½c on 1c Grn. (1907)	.15	
E495	2736	1½c/1c on Buff (1907)	.22	
E496	2737	1½c/1c on Bl. (1907)	.20	
E497	2738	1½c on 1c on Manila (1907)	.32	
E498	2739	1½c on 1c Gr. (1916)	.05	
E499	2739c	1½c on 1c on Amber	1.00	
E500	2740	1½c on 1c on Buff	.48	
E501	2741	1½c on 1c on Blue	.05	
E502	2742	1½c on 1c on Manila	.20	
E504	2744	1½c/1c Grn. (Mag.). 21 Var. revalued 1½c envelopes	.06 7.25	
		1926. Sesquicentennial Exposition		
E505	2750	2c Carmine	.04	
		1928 Airpost (Airplane in Circle)		
E506	2900	5c Blue Wrappers	.07	
		(All Wrappers on Manila paper unless otherwise stated.)		
		1861		
W21	3000	1c Blue on Buff	1.75	
W23	3002	1c Blue	1.25	
		1863-64		
W47	3004	2c Black, Die A	—	
W56	3007	2c Blk. on Buff, Die D	3.00	
W57	3008	2c Blk. on Lt. Man., Die D	.35	
		1870		
W81	3010	2c Brown	.20	
		1874-80		
W112	3011	1c Dark Blue, Die A	1.50	
W121	3012	1c Light Blue, Die B	.06	
	3012a	Dark Blue, Die B	.60	
W126	3013	2c Brown, Die A	2.65	
W130	3014	2c Brown, Die B	1.00	
W136	3015	2c Brown, Die B3	1.60	
W139	3016	2c Brown, Die C	—	
W148	3019	2c Vermilion, Die C.	.07	
W155	3020	2c Vermilion, Die C3	.85	
		1884		
W254	3023	2c Brown (May)	.25	
W259	3025	2c Brown (June)	.33	
W267	3026	2c Brn., Die A (July)	.10	
	3027	2c Red, Die A	4.50	
		1887		
W282	3029	1c Blue	.03	
W299	3030	2c Green	.10	
		1894		
W286	3031	1c Dark Blue	.50	
		1899		
W339	3032	1c Green	.05	
W348	3033	2c Carmine	.35	
W358	3034	4c Brown	.27	
		1903		
W366	3035	1c Green	—	
W374	3037	4c Chocolate	.20	
W381	3038	2c Carm. (Recut die 1904)	—	
		1907-10		
W387	3039	1c Green	.03	
		1916-18		
W409	3042	1c Green	.03	
W415	3043	2c Carmine	.04	
		1925		
W468	3046	1½c Brown	.03	
		1886. Letter Sheet, Grant		
E850	3150	2c Green	.36	

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

		1873. Post Office (Small Numerals)	
E900	3200	2c Black on Lemon	.45
E901	3201	3c Black on Lemon	.11
E903	3202	6c Black on Lemon	.25
		1874-76 (Large Numerals)	
E905	3206	2c Black on White	—
E906	3204	3c Black on Lemon	.05
E907	3209	3c Black on Amber	—
E909	3205	6c Black on Lemon	.07
		1877. Postal Service	
E911	3210	Black on White	.09
E912	3211	Black on Amber	.85
E913	3212	Blue on Amber	1.00
E914	3213	Blue on Blue	.12
		1873. War Dept.	
E921	3220	15c Dark Red	1.00
E929	3224	2c Vermilion	4.75
E946	3259	2c Red on Orange	.35
E948	3240	3c Red (1875)	.18
E950	3254	3c Red on Cream	.09
E951	3260	3c Red on Blue	.04
E952	3261	3c Red on Fawn	.05
E953	3241	6c Red	—
E958	3243	12c Red	.37
		Postal Savings	
E968	3264	1c on Or. Buff	—
E969	3263	2c Red	.65
		Wrapper (War Dept.)	
W943	3274	1c Red	.05

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GIFT FROM QUEEN MARIE

iss Dorothy Bourgeois, co-ed at isiana State University, Baton Rouge, e proud possessor of a complete col- on of Roumanian postage stamps her by Queen Marie. Miss Bour- s was recently asked by Queen Marie ame some token she would like from mania. She named stamps.

H. J. WALLIS, JR. (Clipping).

MEXICO AIR MAIL

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 17.

egarding the new air mail issue of ico; they have apparently again ged the values to be issued. I re- ed today two new values of the same gn as the three already issued, Scott's AP3, the new values are a 15c stamp, r deep lake, and a 30c black. There originally promised nine stamps in series, but so far only five have been ed.

THERON E. PARSONS.

AIR MAIL LANDED AT BOSTON

BOSTON, Sept. 24.

The port of Boston as a terminal for air mail planes catapulted from liners far at sea became a fact yesterday when a seaplane piloted by Lt. Leon Domergue left her mother ship, the French liner Ile de France, and landed here 1 hour and 45 minutes later with three sacks of mail.

Officials of the French line aboard the float off the Boston airport announced after the landing of the plane that in the future all air mail would be catapulted from the Ile de France as it neared the shores of this continent, as a regular service.

This far-reaching and important departure in the speedy transmission of mails from the old world to the new world is appreciated when it is realized that such ship-to-shore service means the saving of upward of 24 hours in the delivery of mail matter in New York, and in Boston the saving will amount to almost 48 hours.

The Ile de France was about 150 miles off-shore when the plane was catapulted. The liner will not reach New York until 10 o'clock this morning. The saving thus effected is 12 hours on mail destined for New York, while the saving on Boston mail is considerably greater.

VATICAN AIR MAIL

PHILADA., Sept. 21.

Dr. E. J. Gittleson has just telephoned me that he has received a letter from Dr. Emilio Diena, dated "Rome, September 9", stating that the air mail covers which are being advertised as flown from the Vatican "are not as represented." Dr. Diena states that the arrangement between the Vatican and the Italian Government contains no paragraph regarding an air mail service, and that any covers of the recent issue purporting to have been carried "via air mail" are not what they are supposed to be.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

TREASURE HUNTING

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

PART 8

ell, these rambling tales must be ght to an end, and I only hope that have proved interesting to some and stimulated others to more persistent sure hunting, for it will bring its ard sooner or later. Since starting e tales I have gotten another nice lot 1857-1861 covers, and from another ·ce a lovely block of three 10c 1851, with s of two other stamps showing, and ne Vancouver, Washington, postmark arely on the block. "While there is there is hope." I have never found thing great outside of that first 10c timore, but every new mine I dig in s a thrill.

have kept for the last, two stories are worth telling. You know how prices are on the $2 and $5 1924 atermarked? Here is the "why" of Colman and I heard that they were ing out on watermarked paper and the first issue were to be called in destroyed at the Bureau. Having fied this officially, I went to a friend borrowed $5,000 from him, taking in on the deal. Colman flew one and I another, visiting all offices that any of the stamps and buying the re stock. Back in Washington we t to see Mr. Tulloch, cachier of the t Office, and offered to buy *all* the fect stamps the Bureau had on d, provided the balance we rejected e absolutely destroyed, to which he eed, and had them all sent over to office.

olman and I meant to be sure there was no slip-up in that destruction. It was a hot summer day. We sat down at a big table in Tulloch's office and began to go over the stamps. I would reject a sheet as not being well centered, lay it aside and drop my sweaty arm on it, reject another and lay it on the first one. Colman did the same thing, of course. After we got through and paid for what we took, Mr. Tulloch started to pick up some of the rejected ones, and they were practically a solid mass!! No one got any of *those* stamps, you can bet your bottom dollar.

We began advertising them, and as their scarcity became known the price mounted and Scott put a very high price on them. Pretty soon we had a letter from a well-known New York man, now dead, asking if we could let him have a full sheet of each and at what price, if so. We answered, and down he came with the money. A bit later he wanted another sheet of each. He came down and bought those and hinted to know how many we had, but we were mum. Then he asked for a third sheet and was told he could have them. After buying them he asked flatly if we had more to sell, and being told that we had, he exploded. "Say," he said, "this is just like bailing out the ocean with a tin dipper! How many of these things have you got?" That was our business, we replied. He said that he had a friend in a large financial office in New York for whom he was buying, and this man would take them *all* if we would sell them all.

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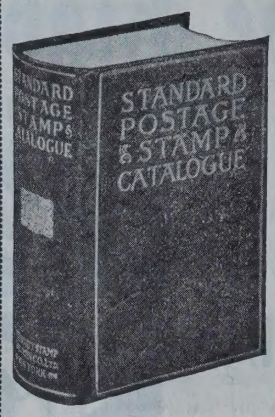

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THE Fallen Timbers commemorative has been distributed and the Philatelic Agency filled orders promptly for the new stamps. From an artistic viewpoint, it must be admitted that the art of the engraver is taxed to accommodate the three figures of the memorial that serve as the central design, in the restricted space at his disposal. First day covers from the cities in which the stamps were on sale on the 14th of September are at hand, and there is the Fallen Timber, Pa., postmark on early mailings due to the enterprise of a dealer. The spot-light will be on the new arrivals until the Dam stamp makes its bow, and we do not begrudge its occupancy of the seat of distinction.

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SOME time ago, the *United States Daily* published an article on the alien property seized during the war in which it was announced that the property was being returned under the Act of 1928 as rapidly as the ownership of it could be legally established. Probably, it was no secret that among the contraband, as alleged at the time, were a number of stamp collections or accumulations of stamps. There would be a story in the history of any such stamps, particularly if they were returned to the owners who, with many a pang, must have seen their stamps sequestered during the distracting times that called forth the law which became effective on October 6, 1917.

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IT is time that we speak of the leading article in the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* of August 24, 1929, "Bull Market in Air Stamps." Here we have the opening paragraph: "Captain B. B. Lipsner of Chicago, in an address before the National Philatelic Society at Minneapolis, reveals the fact that the envelopes of the first air mail letters are much in demand among stamp collectors." The editor then proceeds to say that what Captain Lipsner regarded as unconsidered trifles and tossed aside at the time are now eagerly sought for and have a monetary value that is appreciated by those who collect the envelopes. We are struck by the statement: "How frequently opportunity passes by unnoticed!" and unqualifiedly subscribe to it. We remember years ago, when one of the great collectors of U. S. showed his stamps, he was asked by one of his adulators what stamps he would buy for the best financial returns. He answered: "If I knew I'd be a rich man." When it comes to the material consideration of philately, those who are in the best position to be prophets, seem most averse to advising, not because they are unwilling to give their views but because they are aware that time may not prove their soundness.

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A VERY interesting cover has been shown us by Mr. K. A. Wallquist, Chicago, that is a striking memento of the Sweden-New York air mail attempt. He says: "The different attempts that have been made at flying the northern route *via* Greenland have not been very successful as we know from the daily press. Natural conditions rather than any fault of the flyers are to blame. I have a letter that was sent from Sweden with Captain Ahrenberg and his ship Swerige. Captain Ahrenberg is now back in Sweden after his return from Ovigtut on Greenland. The stamps on the cover have all been washed off as the mail pouch evidently had been in the water. The blurred address and general appearance of the envelope show as much. It was sent from the firm, 'Fabriken Tomten' of Gothenburg, Sweden, to the firm 'Dalkullan,' Chicago, and date-stamped Stockholm, June 7, 1929, and was delivered to the addressee in Chicago on Sept. 14. The sender writes in his letter ' . . . and hope that our business connections with your valued firm are going to increase, according to the same speed, as modern means of communication now reduce the distance between our countries.' Fate interposed ironically and I trust that the sender will not have the same poor luck with his customer as the flyers had with their ship." The envelope has the Swedish Philatelic Agency cancellation and it bore postage stamps at the rate of 20kr and 25 ore or about $5.50.

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THE news of the death of Reginald F. Robinson, editor of the *Comet*, a south side newspaper of Chicago, will recall the days of his philatelic activity to the older readers. He was a dealer in Chicago for a number of years, and in 1902 published a stamp monthly, *Robinson's Review*, that attracted attention by reason of its decided stand on questions of philatelic policy. Shortly after this time, Mr. Robinson returned to Winnipeg where he re-entered the newspaper field and again made a name for himself as a trained worker on the *Tribune*. Mr. Robinson was of English parentage and lived much of the time in Canada, but finally he returned to Chicago, several years ago. He was a thorough stamp man, and while at one time, he had a superb collection of Persia, he played no favorites, although latterly, he gave attention to Norway. As a recreation, he assorted huge numbers of the commoner stamps. His illness was not of long duration, and he passed on at the age of about 55, leaving a wife, to whom our sympathy is extended.

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IN the issue of August 26, 1929, there was a story by Captain A. C. Townsend, called the Coded Approval Book, and although we did not offer a prize, based on what's wrong with this picture, a good many readers wrote in to cite a glaring mistake that the Captain perpetrated. Professor A. F. Gamber was the first to score and he predicted that we would hear from many a lynx-eyed reader before we would cry, quits. He was right, and many of the letters were clever productions, and we think that we may run a string of them for the amusement of our readers. However, we must give Captain Townsend a chance to speak a little piece, and here is how he does it: "As stated in your note, that crying inconsistency of the 2 cent Harding used in 1918 in the Coded Approval Book, has brought so many letters of criticism (more than we expected) that perhaps a word of explanation is due your readers. In the first paragraph of that story, I said that the doings of the Secret Service are never revealed and that I was telling what I could of the happening that I got mixed up in. Just as in a story, the hero is made to call a telephone number which obviously does not exist, so the 20c Franklin and the 2c Harding were substituted for other stamps. I regret that the explanation can go no further. The error was obvious—also obvious to people whose confidence could not be violated."

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SOMEWHAT as a coincidence, *Liberty*, the popular weekly published an article, "The Spies of the Tower," anticipatory of a work on the subject of espionage during the World War, in a recent issue. In telling of the codes used by German spies, mention is made of Joseph Marks who was arrested in Tilbury Docks, in possession of a Dutch passport, and his plan to reveal secret information of the movements of the British fleet and merchant marine was a purely philatelic invention. It is said that if he wished to convey news of the departure of British warships to the German Admiralty, he sent to an address in Switzerland, say ten stamps of a certain country. We remember that during the war the British stamp press told of or two instances where stamp handler England were arrested on the charge aiding and abetting the enemy; and have no doubt but that the instance ferred to has an authentic foundation sending the clipping from *Liberty*, George Parry of Grenada, Miss., rema upon the suggestions of Captain To send's story in the light of the *Lib* article.

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I write these notes for this issue just as the busiest week of the year in my business is about to open. To get it done at all, I have to get this write-up off three days ahead of the usual schedule. ***All of which explains the abbreviated form of the department.

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Notices have been received of the imminent publication of a new monthly, *The Air Mail and Precancel Journal,* to be gotten out by L. S. Clark of Minneapolis. The first issue will be awaited with interest.

Official Flights

Covers have been received from Vera Cruz, Mexico, which were mailed on the opening date of the Brownsville-Guatemala extension on FAM 9. No cachet, but the "Servicio Aereo" cancellation of Sept. 1.

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Received back this week my covers on the first eastbound Ile de France ship-to-shore of the renewed service. No cachet. New York postmark of July 19, Le Havre and Paris, July 27. Not so fast! ***The same day's mail brought in the latest westbound Bremens. Ship cancellation handstamped Sept. 4, machine stamped Sept. 5; Cachet—a new style again, by the way—"Bremen-New York, 10 Septbr." Received here the 11th.*** This was an exciting day, for again in the same mail were the Bremen covers leaving New York by the first eastward trip July 26, and the later trip of Aug. 22. An interesting point on the July 26th cover is that the special cachet reads Sept. 2, while the mail actually was backstamped at Bremerhaven on the 1st. A different cachet seems to be supplied for each trip, and the covers are extremely attractive.

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John S. Davis sends me one of the covers mailed in Ireland, and sent by the special flight to London from Galway, arranged for the mail of the steamer Kahrlsrue, heretofore mentioned Irish mail, numbered about 2,000 pieces. An official oval cachet dated Aug. 26 was ap-

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DEATH OF CHAS. A. CARROLL

It is with great regret that we are compelled to announce the death of our Bureau Print Editor, Chas. A. Carroll, which occurred Sunday, Sept. 8, at his home in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Carroll had

been ill for some days, but no indication of the seriousness of his condition came until a few hours before his death.

Mr. Carroll has become widely known among precancel collectors because of his interest in that particular branch of stamp collecting. He was considered an authority on Bureau Prints, and his death will be mourned by many. He was the author of several volumes of poetry and a number of short stories, and was known to be a successful advertising man. He was well-known in musical circles, and in 1916 wrote and directed a pageant commemorating the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. He received his early education in Pennsylvania, and later attended Yale University, after which he located in Atlanta. C. C. Cole, Jr., of Atlanta, who sends us this information, advises us that he was a tower of strength to the philatelists of Atlanta, and was president of the local Collectors Club. A great many readers of the WEEKLY will join with us in extending our sincere sympathy to the widow and son who survive him.

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E General and Orthopædic Hos- itals of Los Angeles, Calif., have is- an appeal for canceled postage ps suitable for Junior collectors con- to beds. Stamps may be sent to J. Ramsey, 665 W. Jefferson St.

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A. HOWES, former Vice-Pres. of the A. P. S., and ex-Pres. of the n Philatelic Society, was the guest e Rhode Island Philatelic Society, day evening, Sept. 17. Mr. Howes an honorary member, and upon this ion exhibited his China, Treaty , Korea, Hong Kong, and Seychelles, npanying the same with a most in- ting talk.

RST flight covers on CAM 32 are at and dated Sept. 15, from Ebert lehamel with Spokane cancel, Cecil logg and Leland Lund with Tacoma, Kazuo Sakaue with Seattle cancella- . These are in connection with direct nail service between Tacoma and ane.

ONSIDERABLE number of forged overprints of the Greek Revolu- ry issues of 1923 have been discov- by Chas. S. Thompson, 505 Lissner ., Los Angeles, Cal. They include following numbers: 276b, 281, 301, 308, 309, also various inverted and le "errors" 260a, 267a, 288a, 290a, 299a and 300a. Some of the forger- re crude, and some are extremely . Mr. Thompson will expertize these harges if postage and registration is both ways.

AVE been interested to note on a tter just received from San Juan, o Rico—the usual cancellation "Air Saves Time," with the cut of an ane, but with the addition of the legend in Spanish. It is the first I have noted a United States Can- tion in two languages!—BENJ. CAP- .

E Newfoundland Provisional is sur- harged THREE CENTS in two in red, on the 6c pictorial issue, and ntly printed in panes of 25. The of three of the 17th stamp from the is raised in a very pronounced man- o that of the TH, and I am advised the entire stock of the 6c pictorial was overprinted, consisting of 100,- Only 100 were sold to a customer, at the close of the day, 60,000 had sold. On the day following, the O. authorities were conserving the of provisionals by affixing the ps to the mail themselves.—HERBERT A. Fox.

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E are informed of the death of Dr. F. H. Chittenden, scientist in the eau of Entomology, Washington. Dr. tenden was born in Cleveland, and was a long time collector. He was the author of numerous scientific papers and a book on insects, and a frequent contrib- utor to scientific periodicals. Dr. Chit- tenden was for a long time a member of the A. P. S., and collected stamps as far back as 1873. This information reaches us through O. S. Hart.

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TREASURE HUNTING

(Continued from page 579)

He went home and came back with certified checks and we cleaned up the entire lot at a fine profit. The queer part of it is that Colman tells me these stamps have never come on the market—and neither of us has ever been able to think of the name of the man for whom they were bought. They may be tied up in an estate or still hidden away in a deposit box, or what have you! Some- one may yet find a pot of gold by lo- cating them.

This last story is "not so good." It still leaves a bad taste in my mouth, but Oh, Boy! How near I was to a fortune! Here goes. You know the story of the 24c inverted Airplane, how the sheet was picked up at the Washington post office, and eventually went to Colonel Green.

I was on duty at Hoboken and was sent to Washington on official business. Dropped in on Colman as usual for a chat between trains. He asked if I knew the N. Y. Postmaster well and could get a favor from him. As that gentleman received all the A. E. F. mail from all over the U. S. and turned it over to me for shipment our relations were pretty close and I felt I could get a favor.

Colman told me of the Inverts. He also said that Colonel Green was strong enough politically to go to the Secretary of the Treasury, tell him of the sheet he had gotten, and ask that the entire Bu- reau stock be gone over to see if there were more of them, and to have them destroyed if so. Colman said this was done and that several sheets were found and taken to the Treasury to be de- stroyed. Mr. Leavy, the government philatelist, heard of it and galloped up there to get *one stamp* for the government collection, but was turned down and the stamps destroyed.

Well, Colman said there was a large stock of them in the N. Y. post office that had been sent there before the search at the Bureau, and more Inverts might be found there. They would have the plate numbers printed in both blue and red. If I could get permission to go over the stamps, he would get Leavy to go up and help and we would all get wealthy on what we found. As soon as possible after my return to duty I saw the Postmaster, told him what I wanted, and he took me in to the Cashier and told him to let me look over the stamps when I was ready. I wired Colman, and Leavy met me the next day.

The Cashier took us into the vault, and there we found he had 650,000 of the 24c Airplane, still in original packages and the seals intact. We opened every one of those packages and went through them. Somewhere towards the end I struck a package with the double imprint and a cold sweat broke out on me. Showed it to Leavy and he started perspiring! We laid it aside and went on. Then Leavy found another, just before we finished.

We opened those two packages fully and with drumming hearts and wet fore- heads went over them sheet by sheet. *Not an invert.* Quite a number of sheets with the double imprint, but not one of the treasures. By some bad luck every inverted sheet had just happened to be kept in the Bureau. The ones we went over were shipped to New York long before the Invert was heard of, so our chances were 50-50 for finding some, but not a dadgummed one was there. Explain that bit of hard luck if you can!

Oh, well! I have made other finds and am still hunting. Keep in mind the little story of the two frogs that fell in the pail of milk after the pail was set in the spring for the night. They swam around, unable to jump out, and one gave up in despair and sank to the bottom and died. The other had the never-say-die spirit, and he kicked about manfully un- til he finally kicked out a nice little pat of butter, took a nap on it until he was rested and then hopped out and went home!

THE SEASON OF 1930

is, without doubt, going to be a very active one in stamps. There will be those who chase the elusive Air Mail—others who chase the Twentieth Century Sleeper—and still others, of the older school, who browse serenely in the fields of the fine old, staple classics — Ceres, Donna Marias, Cantonals, and pence issues. It is to this latter class of collectors that we offer our unsurpassed facilities for obtain- ing the pieces they desire.

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G. P. E.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps for use in the colony of Guadeloupe.

Granadina. — This name appears on the 1859-60 stamps of Colombia.

Guyane Francaise.—French Guiana.

Guinée Francaise.—French Guinea.

Guy. Franc.—An overprint applied to certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in French Guiana.

Helvetia.—Switzerland.

H. H. Nawab Shah Jahan Begam.—The only English inscription on many of the stamps of Bhopal.

H. I. & U. S.—Hawaiian Islands and United States. This inscription appears on one of the rare 13c Missionary stamps of Hawaii.

H R Z G L.—Shown on the 1864 stamps of Holstein.

Imper. Reg. Posta Austr.—Austrian Levant.

Instruccion.—The only inscription on some of the stamps of Venezuela.

Natural History on Stamps

By MAX SCHACHTER.

Quite a bit of natural history is pictured on stamps. We have the kangaroo of Australia which is pictured on some of the issues of this interesting country. Another unusual animal is the cassowary, a relative of the ostrich, shown also on the stamps of Australia. Everybody is familiar with the buffalo on the 30c of the current set of U. S. These animals once numbered thousands on the western plains. Canada gets into the stamp zoo with its beaver. The favorite quetzal of Guatemala is portrayed a number of times on the stamps of that country. French Guiana gives us on one of its stamps a picture of an ant eater. The Straits Settlements issues show a tiger in many different poses. Many other stamps picture animals and birds, etc., which show how interesting an educational collection of animal and bird stamps can be.

Junior Dictionary

Perce en Points.—This is simply the French term for pin-perforation.

Penny Black.—The popular name by which the first postage stamp ever issued—the 1d of 1840 of Great Britain—is known.

Penny Posts. — The forerunners of the modern systems of cheap postage. The date the first of these was established is not known but as early as 1680 William Dockwra had one in successful operation in London.

Penrhyn Island. — A famous pearl atoll in the South Pacific Ocean forming one of the Manhiki group. Postage stamps were first issued in 1902 and consisted of N. Z. stamps surcharged PENRHYN ISLAND.

Perak.—A British protected state in the Malay Peninsula. Postage stamps were first issued in 1878 and in 1900 the separate series was superseded by the general issue for the Federated Malay States. Straits stamps were first used surcharged with the name "Perak."

Some Stampic Notes

By A. C. LEDUC.

—The postmark of the Vatican City is "Poste Vaticane." This is the same as the wording on the stamps. Look for postmarks on the Vatican City stamps that are dated thus 1.8.29. This is the first day of issue, namely, August 1, 1929.

—The postmarks of foreign countries show the day first and then the month second. In the United States the dates are written the other way, with the numeral for the month first, thus 9.30.29 means Sept. 30, 1929. In foreign countries it would be written 30.9.29.

—With the issue of the Fallen Timbers stamp, the United States has issued six commemorative stamps this year, namely, the Clark, the Edisons in three varieties, flat press, rotary press and coil form, General Sullivan, and now the General Wayne, or commonly called Fallen Timbers issue. There have been plenty to go around, and no one should criticize the Government for its action. If the U. S. issued about 25 varieties to every set and put in a few $5 ones for good measure, there would be grounds for kicking. As it is, a person could buy the entire lot of commemoratives at the Post Office for the small sum of 12c.

—Collectors are taking considerable interest in precancelled envelopes from all towns and cities. They are collecting the envelopes in their various shapes, sizes and colors. For the present, the envelopes should be collected entire. If the custom changes, it will be easy enough to cut them down. So keep them entire.

Filatelic Fun Forum

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(Contributions are solicited either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

NATURALLY

The Barnyard Collectors' Club was testifying as to what each collected. All except one. He didn't speak.

"What do you collect?" asked the other animals.

"Nothing", replied the jackass.

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Did you ever hear of the two men who were fighting in the dark for the possession of a stamp, and one cut his own throat thinking it was the other fellow's? Close quarters, that!

—Strip O' Three (Chi.).

* * *

A stamp clerk in the Baltimore P. O. told me that he would hardly know how to take it if some one should come in and say, "Give me some Dam stamps."

—Stamp Crazy (Baltimore).

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Lazy Joe says that his favorite stamps are the Hungarian issues showing the people laboring in the fields.

—R. E. DUNLOP.

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"Did you send yourself a letter by the Zep?"

"Sure. I wrote: 'Dear George; Maybe something happens to the Zep, and you ever get this letter, then you are $3.59 out for postage. Love, George'."

—Capt. A. C. Townsend.

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Prof. Gumm

Dear Sir: I'm a mail carrier. Certain stairs creak, crumble, and bend as I mount them. What'll I do for overweight?—Tweet.

Ans.: Merely leave the mail order catalogs on the sidewalk.

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BREAKS OUR HEART

Let us hope that the body snatcher who tries to scratch philatelic beauties off our mail at least breaks a finger nail.

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DAD GUM

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Dear Dad: "How long have you collected?"

Dear One: "Long before stamps were issued."

—Max Smith.

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Dear Prof.: I'm so interested in collecting that even when I go to a show I can't get my mind away from stamps. What'll I do?

Ans.: Try a burlesque.

—R. E. DUNLOP.

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"Unhinge me, villain!" shrieked our heroine, that flapper stamp from Salvador.

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Murderer: "Just think, I get hanged in an hour, and a new U. S. set comes out tomorrow."

—MAX SMITH.

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GOAT GETTER NO. 6

The watermark detector
Has ruined all my fun;
I paid out eight good dollars,
And got the ten cent one.

—Phil U. Tellem.

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I read once that the first stamp collection was started about 1841 by a young lady who desired to paper her room with them. She should have waited until Austria and Germany got going strong.

—CHES. HODGSON.

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Our Arson Squad has discovered what it is that burns up the pocketbook. It's these hot bargains.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 581)

plied in magenta. I have also seen co mailed from Boston, bearing a sp blue label which were intended for new form of ship-plane service. T did not receive the Galway cachet Samuel Schafer, 2432 Braddock, Sw vale, Pa., offers to handle first day (River covers from Homestead.

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The postmaster at Frederiksted, Croix, U. S. Virgins, has sent to Thomas the covers sent him to be ma by the new FAM service, inasmuch St. Thomas is to be the only stop in Islands for the present, at least.***Wi peg-Minneapolis service is expected open soon as another Canadian FAM

Airport Dedications, Etc.

The entire job of cover work in nection with the Cleveland Air Races turned over by the management to Cleveland Air Mail Society. The c mitteemen worked night and day turned out a beautiful job. Colors alike each day—no favor varieties, they deserve a lot of credit for hand this big proposition so well.***Perhan Nahl sends me a copy of the teleg sent the Postmaster at Oakland, for ding him to make use of the Bo cachet for the aforementioned Shu flight. Fortunately for those who covers, the message arrived after plane left.

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The Naval Reserve Air Base at Gr Ile, Mich., was dedicated Sept. 7, elaborate ceremonies. No cachet plied, but a few covers were mailed the postmaster's signed testimonial What's this—another Connellsville d cation? I had no advance notice or but received several covers bearing cachet as used Nov. 12 last, but with date Sept. 7 on the cachet, and p marked Youngstown, the 10th. I like dedications, but I'm not so sure ab return engagements.

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Columbus, Nebr., comes through a mimeo cachet Sept. 10.***Butler, the same date, but cachet printed in ***Chanute, Kans., the 7th and 8t signed by Mayor and Pres. C. of C purplish cachet.***Carroll, Iowa, Sept —circular cachet in purple or black. One lone Philipsburg cover turned with the Cleveland field cancellation the 12th, 5 days after the rest of the were postmarked.

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You'll note from this coöperator's the most letters come over the week-e —Tom Simmons, Samuel Scha Maurice Koblitz, *Robert K. Edger *R. A. Brooks, W. G. Fountaine, C. George, *Maurice S. Petty, *Herb Levinson, R. Beach, Oscar Light, Olin Herriott, O. W. Pittman, **E MacLennan, H. G. Kingdom, Cla Berkshire.

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Carl Young of Philadelphia has b advertising in the WEEKLY for seve years, taking transient space. He now signed a contract for 2,000 lines be used during the coming year, and announcements will be found frequen in our columns. Our relations with Young have been very satisfactory, a in all the time that he has advertised the WEEKLY we have never had any co plaint of any kind entered against h We wish that we might say this of our advertisers.

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Sc. #	Description.	Mint.	Used
	1920 Wmkd. Lozenges		
1	5pfg	.02	.02
2	10pfg	.02	.02
3	15pfg	.02	.02
4	20pfg	.02	.02
6	30pfg	.03	.03
7	40pfg	.12	.10
8	50pfg	.04	.04
11	1 mark	.15	.15
12	1.25 mark	.07	.07
13	1.50 mark	.16	.18
14	2 mark	.12	.12
15	2.50 mark	.06	.07
16	3 mark	.65	.75
17	4 mark	.45	.40
18	5 mark	.12	.12
Set	#1-18 compl.	1.75	1.95
	Star Surcharge		
19	5 on 30pfg	.01	.01
20	10 on 20pfg	.03	.03
21	25 on 30pfg	.03	.03
22	60 on 30pfg	.16	.16
23	80 on 30pfg	.07	.07
Set	#19-23 compl.	.25	.25
	Gray Burelage—Points Up		
25	1mk on 30pfg	.18	.20
26	1¼mk on 3pfg	.35	.40
27	2mk on 35pfg	.30	.30
28	3mk on 7½pfg	.18	.20
29	5mk on 2pfg	.20	.20
30	10mk on 7½pfg	.30	.35
Set	#25-30 compl.	1.50	1.65
	Gray Burelage—Points Down		
30b	1¼mk on 3pfg	2.25	2.25
30c	2mk on 35pfg	10.75	10.75
30d	3mk on 7½pfg	1.10	1.10
30e	5mk on 2pfg	1.10	1.10
30f	10mk on 7½pfg	.30	.30
Set	#30b-30f compl.	14.95	14.95
	Violet Burelage—Points Up		
30g	1mk on 30pfg	1.35	1.35
30h	1¼mk on 3pfg	.15	.15
30i	2mk on 35pfg	1.25	1.25
30k	3mk on 7½pfg	.35	.35
30l	5mk on 2pfg	.15	.15
30m	10mk on 7½pfg	.25	.25
Set	#30g-30m compl.	3.25	3.25
	Violet Burelage—Points Down		
30n	1mk on 30pfg	.35	.35
30p	1¼mk on 3pfg	.95	.95
30q	2mk on 35pfg	1.15	1.15
30r	3mk on 7½pfg	2.50	2.50
30s	5mk on 2pfg	.25	.25
30t	10mk on 7½pfg	3.25	3.25
Set	#30n-30t compl.	7.95	7.95
	Danzig surch. Slanting		
31	2pfg	6.00	6.00
32	2½pfg	12.00	12.00
33	3pfg	.85	.90
34	5pfg	.02	.02
35	7½pfg	1.95	1.95
36	10pfg	.50	.50
37	15pfg	.07	.07
38	20pfg	.10	.10
39	25pfg	.06	.06
40	30pfg	2.95	2.95
42	40pfg	.20	.20
43	50pfg	10.00	10.00
45	75pfg	.10	.10
46	80pfg	.50	.50
Set	#31-46, 14 var.	32.50	32.50
Set	#44, 47, 48, Innendienst.	125.00	125.00
	1921 Kogge Set Wmk. Honeycomb Serrate Roulette 13½		
49	5pfg	.02	.02
50	10pfg	.04	.04
51	25pfg	.04	.05
52	40pfg	.25	.25
53	80pfg	.04	.04
54	1 mark	.20	.20
55	2 mark	.90	.85
56	3 mark	.12	.12
57	5 mark	.12	.15
58	10 mark	.18	.20
Set	#49-58 compl.	1.75	1.75
	1921 Perf. 14½		
59	25pfg	.08	.08
60	40pfg	.12	.12
61	80pfg	.20	.20
Set	#59-61 compl.	.35	.35
	Wmk. Lozenges		
62	60pfg on 75pfg	.08	.08
	1921 Coat of Arms Type Wmkd. Honeycomb, Perf. 14		
63	5pfg	.02	.02
64	10pfg	.01	.01
65	15pfg	.02	.02
66	20pfg	.02	.02
67	25pfg	.02	.02
68	30pfg	.05	.05
69	40pfg	.02	.02
70	50pfg	.02	.02
71	60pfg	.05	.05
72	80pfg	.05	.06
73	1 mark	.02	.02
74	1.20 mark	.10	.12
75	2 mark	.65	.65
76	3 mark	.65	.65
Set	#63-76 compl.	1.40	1.40
	Lions Type Serrate Roul. 13½		
77	5 mark	.15	.15
78	10 mark	.15	.15
79	20 mark	.15	.15
Set	#77-79 compl.	.40	.40
	1922 Perf. 14x14½		
80	75pfg	.02	.02
81	80pfg	.03	.03
82	1.25 mark	.02	.02
83	1.50 mark	.02	.02
84	2 mark	.02	.02
85	2.40 mark	.08	.08
86	3 mark	.03	.03
87	4 mark	.05	.05
88	5 mark	.02	.02
89	6 mark	.04	.04
90	8 mark	.05	.05
91	10 mark	.02	.02
92	20 mark	.02	.02
Set	#80-92 compl.	.40	.40
	Serrate Roulette 13½		
93	9 mark	.75	.75
94	50 mark	.50	.60
95	100 mark	.60	.75
Set	#93-95 compl.	1.75	1.95
	Surcharges, Perf. 14		
96	8 mark on 4 mark	.04	.04
97	6 mark on 3 mark	.02	.02
98	20 mark on 8 mark	.04	.04
	1922-23 Wmk. Webbing		
99	4 mark	.02	.02
100	5 mark	.02	.02
101	10 mark	.02	.02
102	20 mark	.02	.02
103	40 mark	.02	.02
104	80 mark	.03	.03
Set	#99-104	.10	.10
105	50 mark	.02	.02
106	100 mark	.02	.02
107	150 mark	.02	.02
108	250 mark	.25	.30
109	500 mark	.04	.04
110	1000 mark	.04	.04
111	5000 mark	.20	.20
Set	#105-111 compl.	.45	.45
113	50 mark	.02	.02
114	100 mark	.02	.02
115	200 mark	.03	.03
Set	#113-115 compl.	.06	.06
117	250 mark	.03	.03
118	300 mark	.02	.02
119	500 mark	.02	.02
120	1000 mark	.02	.02
121	3000 mark	.03	.03
Set	#117-121 compl.	.10	.10
123	10,000 mark	.03	.03
124	20,000 mark	.08	.08
125	50,000 mark	.05	.05
126	10,000 on 20,000 mark	.25	.30
Set	#123-126 compl.	.40	.45
127	1000 mark	.02	.02
129	5000 mark	.02	.02
131	20,000 mark	.02	.02
132	50,000 mark	.02	.02
133	100,000 mark	.02	.02
134	250,000 mark	.02	.03
135	500,000 mark	.02	.02
Set	#127-135 compl.	.10	.15
	Abbreviations th=Thousand. mil=Million		
137	40th on 200 mark	.05	.06
138	100th on 200 mark	.05	.06
139	250th on 200 mark	.25	.25
140	400th on 100 mark	.02	.02
141	500th on 50th mark	.02	.02
142	1mil on 10th mark	.10	.10
143	10mil on 1mil mark	.04	.04
Set	#137-143 compl.	.45	.50
144	1mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
145	2mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
146	3mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
147	5mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
148	10mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
149	20mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
150	25mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
151	40mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
152	50mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
153	100mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
154	300mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
155	500mil on 10th mark	.02	.02
Set	#144-155 compl.	.18	.20
	Gold Currency Surcharges		
156	5pfg on 50 mark	.05	.02
157	10pfg on 50 mark	.10	.03
158	20pfg on 100 mark	.15	.06
159	25pfg on 50 mark	.20	.12
160	30pfg on 50 mark	.25	.12
161	40pfg on 100 mark	.30	.15
162	50pfg on 100 mark	.40	.18
163	75pfg on 100 mark	.60	.30
164	1gld on 1mil mark	.85	.30
165	2gld on 1mil mark	1.65	.75
166	3gld on 1mil mark	2.50	1.25
167	5gld on 1mil mark	3.95	2.00
Set	#156-167 compl.	9.75	4.95
	1924 Wmkd. Webbing New Coat of Arms		
168	5pfg	.02	.01
169	10pfg	.03	.01
170	15pfg	.10	.05
171	20pfg	.08	.01
172	25pfg	.09	.02
173	30pfg	.10	.02
174	40pfg	.14	.03
175	50pfg	.16	.02
176	75pfg	.25	.06
Set	#168-176 compl.	.95	.20
	1924 Town Views, Wmk. Loz.		
177	1 gulden	1.25	1.00
178	2 gulden	1.75	1.50
179	3 gulden	.95	.90
180	5 gulden	1.60	1.50
181	10 gulden	3.20	2.50
	1925		
182	1 gulden	.32	.10
183	2 gulden	.64	.25
184	15pfg	.06	.01
185	35pfg	.12	.04
186	3pfg	.02	.02
	Airmail Stamps 1920 Wmkd. Lozenges		
401	40 on 40pfg	.15	.20
402	60 on 40pfg	.10	.10
403	1 mark on 40pfg	.15	.15
Set	#401-403 compl.	.40	.40
	1921-22 Wmkd. Honeycomb		
404	40pfg	.02	.02
405	60pfg	.02	.02
406	1 mark	.02	.02
407	2 mark	.03	.04
408	5 mark	.04	.05
409	10 mark	.06	.07
Set	#404-409 compl.	.15	.20
	Wmkd. Webbing		
410	40pfg	.02	.02
411	60pfg	.02	.02
412	1 mark	.02	.02
413	2 mark	.02	.02
414	5 mark	.02	.02
415	10 mark	.03	.03
416	20 mark	.03	.04
Set	#410-416 compl.	.10	.15
418	25 mark	.02	.02
419	50 mark	.02	.02
420	100 mark	.02	.02
421	250 mark	.02	.02
422	500 mark	.03	.03
Set	#418-422 compl.	.10	.10
423	250,000 mark	.02	.02
424	500,000 mark	.02	.02
425	2mil on 100,000 mark	.02	.02
427	5mil on 50,000 mark	.02	.02
Set	#423-427 compl.	.05	.06
425a	Error in center Bl. of 9	1.75	1.75
	1924 Gold Currency		
428	10pfg	.04	.03
429	20pfg	.08	.07
430	40pfg	.16	.15
431	1 gulden	.32	.10
432	2½ gulden	.80	.95
Set	#428-432 compl.	1.40	1.25
	Charity Stamps 1921 Wmk. Honeycomb		
551	30pfg+30pfg	.03	.03
552	60pfg+60pfg	.10	.10
553	1.20 mark+1.20 mark	.10	.10
Set	#551-553 compl.	.20	.20
	1923 Wmk. Webbing		
554	50 mark+20 mark	.03	.05
555	100 mark+30 mark	.03	.05
Set	#554-555 compl.	.05	.10
	1929 Exhibition Issue		
556	10pfg+10pfg	.12	..
557	15pfg+15pfg	.18	..
558	25pfg+25pfg	.30	..
Set	#556-558	.50	..
	Official Stamps 1921 Wmkd. Honeycomb		
601	5pfg	.02	.02
602	10pfg	.02	.02
603	15pfg	.02	.02
604	20pfg	.02	.02
605	25pfg	.03	.03
606	30pfg	.08	.10
607	40pfg	.04	.04
608	50pfg	.02	.02
609	60pfg	.03	.03
610	80pfg	.15	.15
610a	1.20 mark	..	..
611	1 mark	.02	.02
612	1.20 mark	.15	.15
Set	#601-612 Except 610a	.60	.60
613	2 mark	2.25	2.25
614	3 mark	1.50	1.50
	1922 Serrate Roul.		
615	5 mark	.75	.75
Set	#613-615 compl.	4.25	4.25
	Perf. 14x14½		
618	75pfg	.02	.02
619	80pfg	.04	.05
620	1.25 mark	.04	.04
621	1.50 mark	.02	.02
622	2 mark	.04	.04
623	2.40 mark	.20	.20
624	3 mark	.02	.02
625	4 mark	.05	.05
626	5 mark	.02	.02
627	6 mark	.02	.02
628	10 mark	.02	.02
629	20 mark	.02	.02
Set	#618-629 compl.	.35	.40
630	6 mark on 3 mark	.04	.05
	1923 Wmk. Webbing		
631	4 mark	.02	.02
632	5 mark	.02	.02
634	10 mark	.02	.02
635	20 mark	.02	.02
636	50 mark	.02	.02
637	100 mark	.02	.02
Set	#631-637 compl.	.10	.10
639	50 mark	.05	.05
640	100 mark	.02	.02
641	200 mark	.02	.02
643	300 mark	.04	.04
644	500 mark	.04	.04
645	1000 mark	.03	.03
Set	#639-645 compl.	.18	.20
	1924 Gold Currency		
646	5pfg	.05	.05
647	10pfg	.10	.10
648	15pfg	.20	.20
649	20pfg	.20	.20
650	25pfg	.25	.25
651	30pfg	.30	.30
652	40pfg	.40	.40
653	50pfg	.50	.50
654	75pfg	.75	.75
Set	#646-654 compl.	2.75	2.75
655	15pfg	.30	.15
656	35pfg	.45	.35
	Postage Due Stamps 1921-22 Wmkd. Honeycomb		
801	10pfg	.02	.03
802	20pfg	.02	.03
803	40pfg	.02	.03
804	60pfg	.02	.03
805	75pfg	.02	.03
806	80pfg	.02	.03
807	120pfg	.02	.03
808	200pfg	.02	.03
809	240pfg	.02	.03
810	300pfg	.02	.03
811	400pfg	.02	.03
812	500pfg	.02	.03
813	800pfg	.03	.03
814	20 mark	.03	.03
Set	#801-814 compl.	.25	.30
	1923 Wmk. Webbing		
815	100pfg	.02	.03
816	200pfg	.02	.03
817	300pfg	.02	.03
818	400pfg	.02	.03
819	500pfg	.02	.03
820	800pfg	.02	.03
821	10 mark	.02	.03
822	20 mark	.02	.03
823	50 mark	.02	.03
824	100 mark	.02	.03
826	500 mark	.02	.03
Set	#815-826 compl.	.20	.30
827	5000m on 50 mark	.03	.05
828	10,000m on 20 mark	.03	.05
829	50,000m on 500 mark	.04	.05
830	100,000 on 20 mark	.08	.10
Set	#827-830 compl.	.15	.25
	Gold Currency 1923 Wmkd. Octagons		
831	5pfg	.02	.02
832	10pfg	.04	.03
833	20pfg	.07	.07
834	30pfg	.10	.07
835	40pfg	.14	.12
836	50pfg	.16	.12
837	60pfg	.20	.18
838	100pfg	.33	.25
Set	#831-838 compl.	1.00	.85
839	15pfg	.06	.05
840	3 gulden	1.00	.75

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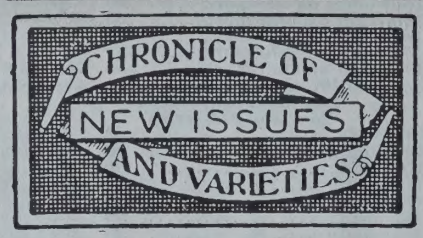

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United States

2-Cent Battle of Fallen Timbers

The new 2-cent stamp issued in commemoration of the Battle of Fallen Timbers was placed on sale in accordance with previous announcement on September 14, 1929, at Maumee, Perrysburg, Toledo, Waterville, Ohio and Erie, Pa. To say that the stamp is attractive would possibly be exaggerating, and it is believed that had the background been in white, the figures would have stood out more clearly and the stamps would have been more attractive. Unfortunately, the four stamps that have been issued during the Administration of Postmaster General Brown, are not outstanding as to beauty.

This time, the Post Office Department must have given special instructions to the postmasters, for I note in every instance, the stamps on first-day covers are without straight edges and are usually placed neatly upon the cover.

In order to aid the postmaster at the smaller office of Waterville, Mrs. M. C. Shaughnessy, Assistant Philatelic Agent, was on hand. This office also used a special circular marking with a saw-tooth design around the edge and within reading, "Anthony Wayne Commemorative Stamp —Battle of Fallen Timbers—Waterville, O. 9-14-29." On the covers noted, this marking was applied in black ink, by a rubber stamp that had evidently been previously used on the red ink pad, as the shade is what might be described as reddish black.

Thanks are extended to Mr. W. Austin Amory for a first-day cover from Waterville. Mr. Harry Ioor sends one from the same point showing an illustration of the battle with a little history of the occasion. Mr. E. G. Emerson sends a cover from Perrysburg, bearing a label appropriate of the occasion, while the Reverend E. M. Gearhart favors us with one from Erie, illustrating the Anthony Wayne Block House at that point, the cover being signed by the postmaster, Joseph A. Hanley.

Molly Pitcher Varieties

We recently mentioned that sheets of the "Molly Pitcher" overprinted varieties had been located wherein an entire horizontal row showed the letters about ½mm taller than normal. Mr. H. M. Southgate has investigated the matter at the Bureau and writes that this lengthening comes from the hand adjustment of the surcharging roll, which permits the locating of the overprint up or down on the stamp while the press is running. He remarks that it is certainly not a defect in the stereotype or it would be repeated on each sheet of one hundred as long as the stereotype was used. He further states that it possibly could occur from a change in tension of the paper. The tension increases as the roll grows in diameter. If such lessening of tension occurred at the moment the letters were being printed, they would be lengthened. Again, if the press was stopped and the type was in contact with the paper, a back lash might allow the roll to slip back and give the lengthening. Mr. Southgate feels that the first mentioned reason is the one that resulted in the tall surcharged stamps.

8-Cent Rotary Showing Gutter

Mr. H. M. Southgate reports that he has received a block of the current 8-cent rotary precanceled "St. Paul", wherein the horizontal gutter with part of the two stamps above are showing in the block. So far, several denominations and varieties have been found in this condition.

Smithsonian Institution Desires "Zeppelin" Cover

A communication has just been received from Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, stating that the first "Round-the-World" "letter bill" which was carried on the Graf Zeppelin, has been presented by the Post Office Department to the Smithsonian Institution, and will be among the permanent exhibits of the Post Office Department in the National Museum. Mr. Glover writes that Secretary Abbot in acknowledging receipt of this curiosity, states that he would like a letter carried on the Graf Zeppelin if some public-spirited philatelist might care to present one to the National Museum.

If such a cover is presented, it will become a permanent exhibit of the Institution and will be marked with a little card—"Presented by, etc."

If any of our readers have an extra cover that they would care to present, it is suggested that it be sent to Mr. Glover, who will see that the cover in question reaches the proper destination and an acknowledgment is received by donor.

Hawaiian Surcharges

In view of the fact that the new S Catalogue will show the recent Haw surcharges listed under the "Haw Islands," one of our readers write ask if it would not be logical to ch the Shanghai surcharges from their ent place under "United States" and them appear in the future under "Sh hai." We still maintain that a k born in the oven is still a kitten, alth some may designate it as a biscuit.

We wish to thank Mr. Robert Briggs for first-day air mail covers the Orange and Athol Airport Dedic on September 13th, 14th and 15th. Briggs mailed a cover each day, si by the postmaster, C. E. Deane, an addition to elliptical postmarks, the ers bear a seven-line marking indic that the first air mail flight from ce Massachusetts was sponsored by Athol Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. R. Roberts, our London cc spondent, submits for note the follo new arrivals:

Chile. — Overprinted "CORR AEREO" and flying eagle design on 25c blue and black, in red; 30c brown black, in red; 50c blue-green and bl in red; and 1 peso green and black blue, designs of the 1917-25, typogra issue on thin paper, watermarked chain device of star and shield, 13½ x 14, centres engraved in black, inscribed, "Correos De Chile."

Falkland Islands. — New design green, 1p red, 2p grey, 2½p blue, mauve, 1sh black on green, 2sh6p carr on blue, 5sh green on yellow, 10sh mine on green, and 1 pound black on

These stamps are line engraved and of the same type and size, perf. 14, script watermark paper, except th pound, which is on the old multiple red paper. Mr. Roberts writes that new design is hardly an improvem upon the old, naturally having a rat cramped appearance, getting a whale

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Monaco.—The 15c violet, type of A13, mentioned two weeks ago, is perf. 14 x 13½.

Northern Rhodesia.—In the universal postage due type, the 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p, all in black have been issued.

Straits Settlements, Malay States.—25c purple and red lilac, and 30c purple and orange, same design as previously, perf. 14, on script watermarked paper.

Whitfield King & Co. report the new issues noted below:

Egypt.—27m, air post, in chestnut shade.

San Marino.—Express stamps in two values completing the series mentioned some time ago, L1.25 green and L2.50 blue and red. The stamps are in an

elongated design showing a panorama of the Republic, with the figure of Liberty at the left. The L2.50 stamp for external use has the inscription "Union Postale Universelle" in red.

Sweden.—115 ore red-brown, design A18.

Abyssinia.—*Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* reports that pending preparation of the new issue two new surcharges upon the remainders of the obsolete 1919 series have appeared. They are 1 guerche on 6g blue and orange, and 2 guerche on 1g lilac brown and grey.

Australian Commonwealth.—One of the chief attractions at an exhibition of postage stamps under the auspices of the Philatelic Society of West Australia held at Perth in July last was an advance sheet of the forthcoming 1½p centenary stamp, which will be on sale to the public on Sept. 29th states *Stamp Collecting* in a recent issue. It is printed in an unusual shade of red with the Swan as a central design. The whole effect is pleasing and reflects credit on the designer and engraver. The exhibit was made by courtesy of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. S. R. Roberts).

New Zealand. — *Stamp Collecting* learns from an authoritative source that an entire new issue of postage stamps for the Dominions is at present under consideration of the Minister of Posts.

South West Africa.—Mr. J. Robertson informs of a new type Official surcharge, copies of which he submits for chronicle. The ½p, 1p and 6p with "OFFICIAL" or "OFFISIEEL" at left, and "S. W. A." at right, overprinted vertically reading upwards. No stop after words "OFFICIAL" or "OFFISIEEL." The 2p with "OFFICIAL" or "OFFISIEEL" and "S. W. A." horizontally overprinted in two lines close together. This stamp has the same "no stop" varieties as the previous printing. All these stamps are printed in English and Afrikaans alternately.

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The writer has in his collection what was possibly the earliest type of U. S. precancelled wrapper or envelope. This is the 2-cent black wrapper of 1863-64, Scott 3008, and it is of great interest because of the cancellation imprint, applied in advance with the printing press. This imprint reads:

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DEC. 11,
1869
POST OFFICE BOOK.

This cancellation, in black printing ink, is the only one appearing on the used wrapper. The second and fifth lines are slightly curved up and down, the others being straight. The two curved lines form a sort of frame for the stamp, while the date falls in the center of the portrait.

The wrappers were obviously cancelled in advance and then wrapped about the post office book, which was used for some sort of office record. The cover in my possession was mailed to a postmaster in Oregon, and part of the address, that is, the words "Postmaster At ....., County ....., State of ....." was apparently applied to the wrapper at the time the stamp was precancelled. There is nothing to indicate the point of mailing. Wade probably had sufficient influence with the authorities to enable him to secure special dispensation for this method of cancellation. It has been suggested that the wrapper was actually used on an advertisement or prospectus for the book rather than the book itself. Perhaps other readers have this item.

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THE INDEX OF PHILATELY

(We are receiving constantly clippings from various daily papers dealing with stamp collecting. They are all interesting and helpful to philately, but not sufficiently valuable for us to reprint. We have, however, at hand an editorial from the "Portland Oregonian" that is well worth reprinting. It is sent to us by A. H. Lomax.—W. O. W.)

"Philately," of which we are again reminded by certain statistical aspects of the voyage of the Graf Zeppelin, has a curious background which may or may not account for its practice as an avocation. The first half, from the Greek "philos"—"fond"—is familiar enough to those who are casually interested in etymology. Not so obvious is the source of the rest of the word, which we have just looked up in the dictionary. It is a union of the privative "a"—with "telos," a tax. In other terms, "fondness for exemption from taxation" would seem in a most literal sense to cover the ground. And by this standard, who among us is not a philatelist?

Yet modern philately above all the pursuits we can now think of imposes on its devotees a tax for willingness—nay, eagerness—to pay which there can be no sober economic explanation. You have a bit of paper on which there is printed, or written, or superimposed or what not the promise of a mail-carrying institution that it will undertake to deliver a certain piece of mail at a certain destination for a certain sum. With the promise as yet unfilled, it is worth a few cents. Yet you send it on its mission, and cancel it, and deprive it of every element of material utility, and its "value" immediately soars, provided an intangible factor—usually rarity—is retained. The point is illustrated by the mail which is carried by the Graf Zeppelin, the total postage on which was said prior to the departure from Lakehurst to amount then to some $108,000. So far so good, if correspondents wished to take advantage of opportunity to communicate speedily with, say, the far east. But more than half the sum, or $56,500, was derived from the dispatch of letters, at $3.50 a letter, which in nearly every instance the writers had addressed to themselves. The sole ingredient of cost, which is not the same as value, will consist in the association of the stamp or its equivalent with the first zeppelin voyage around the world.

What an opportunity Robert Gray missed when in 1789, being then in training for his discovery of the Columbia River, he failed to connect with the philatelists and so immensely enhanced the importance of the first circumnavigation of the globe by a ship carrying the American flag! That the postal system has then been devised is but another of the ironies of fate of which we are constantly being reminded. A fraction of the return to the Graf Zeppelin from mail perquisites would have been a fortune unheard of to the sponsors for ship Columbia. Yet the stamp collector is perhaps as explicable as is one another with a hobby, and the fact that there are millions of him would seem to indicate that wide-spread interest in the subject is based on a fairly common instinct. Who are we to say that the business is wholly inept?

Philately is, however, a fair index of general prosperity. People in large numbers do not pay $3.50 for "first covers" addressed to themselves by themselves while the pinch of famine is felt. The volume of the traffic challenges the imagination. Governments have found it worthwhile to capitalize the collector spirit as a practical source of revenue apart from the normal postal service. Commemorative issues, of which there is no shortage in this country, are part of philatelic statesmanship. The World War stimulated and at the same time complicated the matter of millions. It is incidentally interesting to note that the forthcoming stamps of the Vatican state are already being eagerly sought, though the stamp issues of the Papal States prior to 1870 are less celebrated. We have here an illustration of the imponderability of philatelic value. Is it possible that this furnishes a parallel to the universal popularity of stamp collecting?

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By H. Bedford-Jones.

In 1849 France became a republic for the second time. She immediately followed the example of other nations and began to use postage stamps, but since everyone was tremendously excited at the moment, the qualities of human nature were forgotten and M. Barre, the engraver, was ordered to design stamps bearing the head of Liberty. So it was done. As you will certainly disagree with this statement, I beg leave to refer you to the official decree, which you will find in Marconnet and other authors.

Liberty being an ideal, and passionately pursued by all humankind, meets with the fate of all ideals. No sooner do we touch her, attain her, realize her as a fact, than we put her to flight; when Psyche looks upon the face of Cupid, he vanishes. Usually we go much farther than this, in the matter of Liberty; no sooner do we grasp her, than we assassinate her. Were one tempted to be unpleasant, I might say: "If you seek my proofs, look around you." But I shall not say this, for we are dealing with philately and its romance, so let us see the extraordinary things that happened to Liberty in this case.

M. Barre designed a very beautiful stamp, as was to be expected of M. Barre. To typify Liberty as being of the very soil of France, he decorated her head with fruits of the earth, and his handiwork was admittedly unrivaled. The French people had attained Liberty, and hence were now interested in other things, while the peoples roundabout knew more of the classics than they did of Liberty; so in no time at all his precious design became embedded in legend as the head of Ceres, and legend has persisted. Even so late as the Cleveland Exhibition of 1928, a learned member of the jury gently chided me for referring to this stamp as bearing the head of Liberty; but since he did me the honor of awarding me a gold certificate, I did not venture to correct him. It is very pleasant to vindicate a point of erudition, but not at the expense of a gold medal, which is much more rarely come by.

In any case, France soon put Louis Napoleon in power, and M. Barre engraved new plates, and the old ones were laid by, just in case anything should happen. One never knows, in politics; moreover, thrift has ever been considered an excellent policy in France. So Napoleon the Little replaced Liberty, and everyone agreed that the new stamps were a vast improvement over the old.

Meanwhile, in the Argentine province of Corrientes, the currency was in very sad confusion. The matter did not vitally affect the upper classes, since the province had its own paper money ranging from one dollar upwards; but for this identical reason it did affect the lower classes, who had serious use for smaller sums upon occasion. Since the welfare of a republican state depends upon keeping the hoi polloi contented, as cheaply as possible, a reform of the monetary system was proposed. Unhappily, no one knew just how to go about the matter, for Corrientes was not overburdened with financial experts.

At length the happy issue of philately was suggested, and the governor graciously approved; one imagines his relief at the very simple and inexpensive idea of giving his beloved people stamps wherewith to buy bread. So the director of the state printery—I think the word advisable here, imagining a little midwestern town making use of the term to inflate the value of its old flat-bed and single foot-power job press—was ordered to issue stamps, and the financial difficulties of Corrientes were solved.

The director set about issuing stamps, but soon discovered they should be engraved, and how was anyone to engrave anything in Corrientes? Letters had come from France bearing copies of M. Barre's Liberty stamp, and its artistic

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"*Signores,* I am at your service! *Ecco* —back in Italy I was apprenticed to an engraver, and I have the soul of an artist, I assure you! Give me but a copper plate, a subject, a day or two—and I will prove to you that Casanova yet lives!"

He was a trifle mistaken in his artistic estimates, but he did engrave eight stamps of one real each on the copper plate, and if one is not too prejudiced it is even possible to recognize that he copied the design of M. Barre. Less fortunate than the engraver of Paris, his name was not preserved to posterity, though he had reared a monument more lasting than bronze, which the long flight of years has not worn away.

It is, I must confess, an extremely ugly monument.

Napoleon III went the way of his uncle; and France being at war, Paris besieged, the government far afield, how could France be provided with stamps? Only by a new issue, for all the old plates were in Paris. So a new stamp was designed, following the plan laid down by M. Barre, but not following his execution. It was, admittedly, not a success. M. Yon took over the work, and the famous Bordeaux issue resulted.

To the eye of an expert, the difference between the stamps of M. Yon and those of M. Barre is obvious; I regret to say that some auction dealers do not have the eye of an expert, or perhaps they are merely hurried in their work. At least, there is quite a difference in price as well as in stamps.

One should note that M. Yon merely copied the older issue. He did not insist upon a head of Liberty; being rid of their emperor, the French once more had Liberty with them, and as usual turned their backs upon her. I am tempted to remark that too great intimacy with a lady, however charming, will sometimes have this effect, and it is conceivable that St. Anthony was far too wise a man to risk any loss of regard for his unearthly visitant—but I am digressing from the subject, I fear.

Napoleon settled, the war settled, everything settled, France took out the plates of M. Barre and issued perforated stamps from them. The French hooted at these stamps, called them names—Marianne was not a polite name then—and kicked up so much fuss about it that the government held a competition for a new stamp design. From this, the "Peace and Commerce" type, which lasted until 1900, was evolved, and Liberty was laid away in the Mint once more.

She still reposes there; but the government is thrifty and now threatens to bring her out again, and sell to collectors all the remaining sheets of old stamps which have been so carefully guarded through the years. It is an excellent idea, this of selling Liberty, but I am not so sure that collectors will like it. For one thing, it will certainly affect stamp values.

One last phase of Liberty's head must be mentioned, and it brings to mind that marvelous and superb church on the mountain-flank, above Algiers, where the Black Virgin of Africa is worshipped. Haiti, in 1881, decided to issue stamps, and President Solomon, who was not of Jesse's seed, ordered that the head of Liberty should appear upon the new vignettes.

The stamps duly appeared, and from the Haitian point of view the head of Liberty was a distinct success. In course of time, however, curious observations began to be bandied about the Dark Republic. One imagines that the husband was the last to hear of the matter, for this is the usual rule of life; but eventually what had been talked by word of mouth, now became printed in the newspapers. Conceive of the feelings of President Solomon, when he picked up his favorite journal and there read the charges direct—to wit, that he had placed the image of his wife upon the stamps of Haiti!

He called straightway for stamps, for photographs, for his wife herself. There in the palace of Cristophe, the comparison was made. President Solomon stood aghast; the charges were certainly justified. The resemblance was striking—indeed, it was more than striking.

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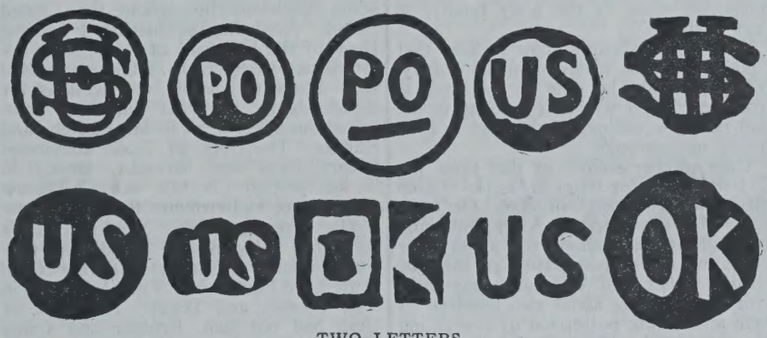

TWO LETTERS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c P. O. Dept.	?	Black	H. P. A.
2.	5c 1862	?	"	H. C. Hyde
3.	2c 1863	New York City, N. Y.	Red	H. P. A.
4.	2c 1863	?	Black	H. P. A.
5.	3c P. O. Dept.	?	"	H. P. A.
6.	2c 1863	Albany, N. Y.	"	H. P. A.
7.	2c 1863	Auburn, N. Y.	Blue	H. P. A.
8.	6c War Dept.	?	Black	H. P. A.
9.	No. 2379 Env.	Mattapoisett, Mass.	"	G. A. Hitchcock
10.	No. 2466 Env.	Athens, Pa.	Blue	Herbert Campbell

The U S Monograms, Nos. 1 and 5, are nice cancellations when clearly hit, which is seldom. You probably also have the similar cancel, where the word MAIL appears in the central band of the S, and which come on stamps of 1890, and the Columbians.

This No. 2 is a very cleanly hit cancel, and is quite an odd cancel to hit on a 5c stamp. Of No. 3 more might be said, for there are perhaps two other combinations of letters used in same manner in a circle from N. Y. City. One of the others is "U. S.," the other is "O. K." The colorless letters cut into the cork are nice cancellations, this No. 8 covered the entire stamp, and at first glance one could scarcely tell what the stamp was, as the cancel covered so much of it. It was not a very pretty cancel after all.

These double letters are nice when neatly struck, otherwise they are just cancels.

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Then I had access to some dealers' stocks of covers, and added a very few from the lots they had, and later on I commenced advertising for the things, and I want to state that they are exceedingly hard to gather in. Also finding data is difficult, too. Dates of their establishment, their duties, size, etc., etc., seem to be a lost history as far as I have gone in a rather haphazard effort at finding out something about individual forts. Some of you all may have a ready reference as to certain forts, if so, the data would be appreciated very much.

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In one series of letters to and from a roving Lieutenant, I gathered the following postmarks on stamps of the '61 issue: Forts, — Abercrombie, Craig, Dodge, Harker, Larned, Ridgley and Union. This is quite a range of forts for a young man to be stationed at in a couple of years duty. Several of the Fort postmarks were used in forwarding to him, after he had left the Fort to which the letter was originally addressed. This poor chap was so unfortunate as to be shot in the leg by an Indian arrow, and his leg was amputated close to the body finally, at Fort Dodge.

In one of his letters home he asks that a big window be installed in his library, as all the light he gets in this fort is from very small windows high up in the wall near the ceiling, as the fort is built mostly underground.

Then another soldier of that same period writing home dates his letter "Camp 6th Iowa Cav., Fort Antietam, Oct. 4th, '63." He tells briefly, "After following the trail of the Indians for about four weeks, we came upon a band of them of various tribes and had an engagement with them, killing about two hundred of them and taking possession of everything they possessed and routing them effectively. Their provisions were destroyed and left them in a destitute condition; but on account of the rations of the expedition giving out we could not follow them further, and so the expedition returned to this point, which is ten miles below the site of Fort Pierce and on the east side of the river where we are constructing a log fort called Fort Antietam. The Battle Ground is designated as White Stone Hill, that being the name given to the locality by the Indians.

We lost in the battle about fifty men, this includes the loss of the whole division. As far as I can learn the 6th Cavalry are to be scattered along the Missouri River and on the border between Iowa and Minnesota for this winter, and probably in the spring will go North and West again."

This letter, while written at Fort Antietam on Oct. 4th, was postmarked "Fort Randall, Oct. 19, N. T.", meaning that it was undoubtedly carried by rider to this latter fort.

In an old list of Forts found in the 1861 American Almanach, I find that the Military Posts were composed of some seven Divisions throughout the United States. According to this list, I find the Dept. of the East had 13 Posts, some being named as Barracks. These extended from Mass. to Florida, and west as far as Michigan. Dept. of the West comprised but 9 Forts, all in Minn., Neb., and Kansas. The Dept. of Texas comprised twenty forts and barracks, mostly in Texas, though Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are included in the listing.

The Dept. of New Mexico had 12 forts, one being named Fauntleroy, possibly because it was so different from Little Lord Fauntleroy. They are listed in New Mexico, and Texas. The Dept. of Utah had but two, Bridger and Camp Floyd, both in Utah at this time. Their mail routing is listed Via Saint Joseph, Mo., so it looks as though mail did not go thru regular Post Office channel when leaving Camp Floyd, and possibly not from Fort Bridger, tho their P. O. was long established at this time—1861.

Dept. of Oregon had 12 posts, one unnamed. All are in Washington Territory and Oregon, which entered the Union Feb. 14, 1859. Oregon had but three of the 12 posts. Lastly is the Dept. of California. This included posts also in Oregon (Umpqua), New Mexico and Utah.

NEW SEASON APPROVAL BOOKS

During the summer I have remade all my approval books, and have combined in them many important purchases made during the past year.

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It is interesting to note the directi given for mail routing. Example, F Breckenridge is routed Via Overl Mail Route. I also have covers fr "Breckenridge C. T." and the pmk. is manuscript, this probably being the f on the 1857 covers I have. The unnam fort, Fort Harney Depot in Colv Valley, Washington, and Fort Wa Walla, Washington, are all routed Ft. Dalles.

Fort Crook and Ft. Bragg in Calif nia are routed via Red Bluff. Fort T waw is via Crescent City. Ft. Moja via San Bernadino, and Ft. Tejon, Los Angeles. This leads me to won if all of these Forts have a postmark covers from these points? Benicia B racks is listed as Benecia, Cal. I h had covers from this town on many my little finds, but never considered it a "Post" of any sort.

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t. Bridger, Wyo.	†61	Miller, N. Y.
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Covington, N.Y.	†61	Ridgley (?)
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Keogh, M. T.	†61	Washington, Md.
Laramie, Wyo.	†57	Wayne, Ia.
Larned, Kan.	80	Wingate, N. M.
Leavenworth, Kan.	80	Yates, Dakota

m wondering if perseverance in the suit of these Fort Postmarks will bring forth some unusual postal data? I will note that the third fort in my is named "Bent's Fort." That is all this manuscript pmk., except the date ly 8, 1865." This was a double weight er, both the stamp and the stamped elope stamp receive three pen marks. e letter is addressed to Denver, Col., . I cannot find any Fort of such ie in any of my lists. Wonder if it ld not be a fort of similar character he Fort Antietam, and shortly aban-ed?

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Readers are requested to send in notes and data on errors, shifts, defects and all plate markings; also color varieties and new numbers for chronicle. The editor will gladly answer all questions on these subjects.

5c Air Mail Notes.—From New York we have another specimen from plate 19626 containing the reddish oval on the last "6" as first reported by George Wehlau, Jr., in our last column. This time it is in combination with center plate 19669 and was submitted for inspection by Henry Zierler. In our notes on this oddity and the "blue moon" variety as printed in the last issue I inadvertently mixed up the words "center" and "border" occurring with the various plate numbers given, and several correspondents have kindly called my attention to this error. While not apt to be very confusing to readers following these notes, I am always glad to be corrected when an error creeps in. The "red ovals" occur on specimens from border plate 19626, and the "blue moons" on specimens from center plate 19618. H. M. Southgate informs me that the red oval is probably due to the wrong pantograph die being used to stamp in the number. "It was caught evidently and blocked out, but not sufficiently well so as to leave a slight depression. This shows up if I recollect correctly, on the proof. They are not rare, as some 25,000 I suppose were printed—an average figure. It occurs on both sides." Mr. Zierler's specimen is the third of the group we have chronicled. L. S. Clark submits an interesting oddity in the form of an almost perfect inverted "C" appearing to the right of the beacon tower and about half way up. It is very pronounced and evidently caused by a deep scratch in the center or vignette plate. The plate number is unknown, and the only guide to the position of the stamp on the sheet is the guide line at the bottom, which definitely places it as one of the ten stamps in the fifth row. Mr. Clark states that the stamp was purchased at Minneapolis. Specimens showing several minor markings were also kindly sent by Karl Wilcox for examination.

And now here is something from our old stand-by on the West Coast. We realize that our air mail notes wouldn't be complete without an item from him, and, believe me, he knows his subject! We have had this for some time, trying to find space, and as items are coming in faster than ever and seem to be on the increase, we pass this on to our readers while the item is still current and collectors have an opportunity to go after it. We quote from Mr. Hopkinson as follows: "I am inclosing a block (19618-19630) which I think is worth while and one should gather them while they may. Observe the various subjects, frame only (no discrepancies occur in the vignettes). Note subject directly beneath vignette plate number and observe the 'bead' of the ribbon (AIR) and to the left of the airship, has been removed and the line below S. POST has been thinned and nicked. Also in front of the airship there occurs an 'unwiped plate' appearance. The plate has been wiped, of course, as these markings occur consistently except in a few of the earliest printings of 19630. I have a good many different combinations of this error in my collection, but I've seen only three combinations where no alteration has occurred on this subject; all the others show exactly as the inclosure. Now note the subject directly beneath the blue TOP and observe a well-defined hair line beginning on left center of the post of 'T' (in cents) and travelling to the right through the center of '5' and on to outside line of frame surrounding the '5' (right side). It then seems to stop, or jump, reappearing near the bottom of frame surrounding the '5' and fading away as it nears the next subject's lower left corner." When you locate this combination (right pane) follow above closely and you will plainly observe the markings our correspondent refers to.

George Brett kindly sends the following information concerning the unclassified Canal Zone on U. S. plate numbers listed in our column of May 27. 3c sharp "A," flat plate: 15550. 5c sharp "A," curved plate: 18855. 1c postage due, 13845. 2c postage due, 14029-14596 and 14598. 10c postage due, 6555; all with the sharp "A." This completes classification of all plate numbers reported, and our thanks are due Mr. Brett for following up and reporting the data at this late date.

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NEW PANAMA AIR MAIL

PHILADA., Oct. 1.

Mr. R. S. Carter advises that the Panama air mail stamps will shortly be superseded by an entire new issue of special design. Mr. Carter writes that he has been shown the new stamps, but that they will not be placed on sale until the old supply of Provisionals becomes exhausted. They are similar to the old "map" stamps and each denomination is in a different color, namely, red, blue and green. They are printed by the American Bank Note Company in sheets of one hundred, and the denominations as heretofore, will be 15c, 20c and 25c. At the present time, special designs are being used for the Canal Zone so that there is no possibility of these stamps being overprinted for the Canal Zone.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

NEWFOUNDLAND STAMP NEWS

ST. JOHNS, Sept. 24.

Am enclosing copy of the new John Dickinson printing of the new 5c present issue. The color of this stamp is much brighter, paper thicker, and gum heavier than that of the old Whitehead, Morris printing.

Supplies of the old printing of the 1c are now getting short, but there will be no surcharging as the P. O. has a good supply of the 1c, new printing to put out, when the old are exhausted.

The old printing of the 10c present issue are all out and obsolete, but supplies of this value in the new printing are expected any day now.

All the remainders of the 24c Cabot issue 1897 are exhausted, and this leaves only 60c value of this issue on hand at the G. P. O.

FRANK F. WILLS.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—Special cachet Menlo Park, N. J., October 21, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the invention of electric light by T. A. Edison. Covers to the Postmaster.—Kenneth Shepherd.

—A new stamp monthly is announced to appear on November 20. It will be called *The Airpost Journal,* and will be published at 108 State St., New Haven, Conn. A sample copy of No. 1 will no doubt be sent upon request.

—We are advised by B. Elmer that he is now located at 192 Washington St., Boston, but is keeping open his old office at 61 Court St., which is being used for his approval department. Collectors of Boston and vicinity are invited to call upon Mr. Elmer at his new address.

STAMP PRINTER AT LORD MAY

The Lord Mayor elect of London, s the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly,* is William Waterlow, the prominent m aging director of the great stamp a bank-note printing firm of Waterlow a Sons, Limited. Sir William is natura very interested in stamps, and his fir productions in the postage stamp cover a wider variety of countries t any of the other great bank note co panies. A philatelic history of the Wat lows would be very nearly an encyclo dia of philately. The firm has consiste ly maintained a very high standard artistic and technical excellence.

Sir William Waterlow, as the senior the Sheriffs during Sir Kynaston Stud Lord Mayoralty, accompanied the pres Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress w they inaugurated the London Stamp E hibition in the Memorial Hall November.

Another great printer, Sir Rowla Blades (now Lord Ebbisham) of Blad East and Blades, has recently held of as Lord Mayor, but his firm's associat with postage stamp printing was limi to the North Bornians before the era the Waterlow pictorials.

NEW SO. AMERICA AIR SERVI

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 4

An official air mail service was inau rated yesterday between Argentine Chile. The airship piloted by Guillau left Buenos Aires at 6 A. M., and arri at Santiago via Mendoza at 3.15 P. Owing to very short notice of offi opening of the route, only two sacks mail were carried, one for Mendoza w 28 letters registered and ordinary, one for Santiago, with 278 letters o similar character. With the exception some 40 letters to Santiago all of above were philatelic items. All cov for this first flight are dated Sept. 2, earlier, and are backstamped with t date. So particular attention must paid by collectors to the backstamping Santiago with date of arrival.

A. H. DAVIS

AIR MAIL—CACHETS

—Western Canada Airways will ina urate air mail service between Winni and Edmonton about Oct. 15. No det given for handling, but would sugg covers sent to W. C. A. offices in th cities, with money orders for 12c cover (2c government stamp, 10c W. A. stamp).

—The postmaster at Menlo Park, N. will apply a special "50th Anniversa Edison-Electric Light" sticker to mail from there Oct. 21st.

—National Air Mail Week, Clevela Ohio, Oct. 7-12. Six days, an attract cachet in different colors for each d Send all covers to Mark C. Emsley, 1 Idlewood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, direc of cachets for the various Cleveland a national organizations sponsoring t event.

DONALD E. DICKASON

cover contained an interesting clipping from Waterville, and the Rev. Dr. Gearhart's an illustration of the Anthony Wayne blockhouse at Erie, printed from a cut fifty years old. Letters are also acknowledged from A. F. Gegenheimer, Louis G. Barrett, L. S. Clark, George Brett, L. D. Miller, Henry Zierler, George Griffin, Karl Wilcox, George Wehlau, Jr., and R. W. Becker.

11c Hayes; Shade Varieties.—There has been considerable comment in the philatelic press recently, pertaining to the various shades and so called colors appearing on the current 11c denomination stamp. The following remarks from our Washington correspondent on the subj will prove of interest. We quote fron recent letter of Mr. Southgate's: "As the 11c shade varieties would say t each summer on receiving the Post Off Department order for the year's requi ments, the Bureau of Engraving a Printing prints up the full supply fr the flat plates. I expect that each yea printing varies in shade from the othe Weather conditions, moisture in air, he etc., may affect the thickness of the i used. Anyway the printing of last A gust . . . probably some *400,0 sheets* of 11c were at least in part if n all of a decidedly lighter shade. T shade has been varying for several yea

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iss Agnes Johnson, who will care for precancel end of the business, has many years of experience. For years has handled the precancel sales and ted in editing the Rotnem Stamp Co. og. Miss Johnson was assistant ager of the recent National Philatelic ibition at Minneapolis.

Lawrence S. Clark, the other member, has long been a collector of air mail and first flight covers. He will devote his time to the management of this branch of the business, and will edit *The Air Mail and Precancel Journal*, a monthly publication. Mr. Clark was publicity director of the Minneapolis exhibition, and responsible for what editor Severn called "A quarter of a million dollars worth of publicity for the hobby."

times apparently more green, then blue.

ging may have something also to do it. The especial shade we hear so h of now was from the August, 1928, ing, plates 17617-618-619-620. I note some of them vary a good deal ng themselves. There is also quite a rence in last summer's printing of 25c ordinaries. Papers say 50,000 only printed in the light shade; if ect, probably the Bureau caught it nd deepened the color of the ink."

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date, we haven't observed any com- on the shade varieties of the 25c p. However, column readers now on good authority that they exist, after them! And let us know what find and we will pass it on, for the fit of all.

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nd while on the subject of shades, following, taken en toto from *Linn's kly Stamp News*, is of interest. "A r from Emil Jahnke of Flint, Michi- contains some matter that will in- st collectors. Mr. Jahnke says: 'Just ne to try to save some collectors a cash. Collectors should not get all ted over this 'ballyhooing' about the green color. It looks like there was e 50,000,000 issued instead of 50,000. the collectors they can obtain all want at face either at Bay City or inaw, Michigan, Post Office. About 00 at each office. Saginaw precan- d some of them already'."

R. A. BROOKS ON AIR MAIL

By Herman W. Boers.

R. A. Brooks, Fenton, Mich., a strong factor in the American Air Mail Society, gave an address Sept. 21, before the Michigan Stamp Club on air mail, stamps and covers. Members of the Wayne Stamp Society, Ann Arbor and Border City Stamp Clubs were present. Mr. Brooks showed a wonderful lot of pioneers and gave an interesting talk on the progress of air philately. There are thirty-one systems in the country covering a great deal of territory, and nine foreign routes are in operation. There are three societies devoted to air philately with a membership of 900. Mr. Brooks predicted a further reduction in the air mail rate. He was given a rising vote of thanks for his exhibition and talk.

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EDITORIAL

BY actual count, we received during one week recently, eighty-five clippings from publications of different kinds, relating to stamp collecting in one or more of its phases. While some of the notices were exaggerated in their statements, they were a fairly intelligent summary, when taken in the aggregate, of stamp collecting as a whole. No longer is philatelic comment restricted to newspapers of the largest cities, as we find that in smaller places the press is aware of the element of news in philatelic developments. Much as we should like to refer to each of the items separately, they are in such number that we cannot attempt to do so. We wish to say that we appreciate the kindness of correspondents who send in news of the kind, and on occasion, we shall make use of it.

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A CORRESPONDENT asks the question whether any of the British colonies make a practice of charging ten *per cent.* over face for stamps that they have on sale when ordered by non-residents. Judging from his letter, his experience has left him somewhat puzzled as to the procedure of postmasters at various of these colonies and he desires definite information that will aid him in future. We cannot say with assurance just what the expectations of postmasters, here and there, may be, but we have no doubt that some of our readers may be able to give the information desired.

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THE question has been asked of us: What are the latest prices on quantity lots of stamps such as are found in packets, ranging from one thousand to twenty thousand varieties? The memory of many collectors exists of the standard price of ten dollars for one thousand varieties, but now we find a price of about fifty cents, wholesale, for this number of stamps. Five thousand may be had for around $15, and ten thousand for about $55. The 20,000 packet is listed at $350 by one wholesaler. The figures quoted are gleaned from the lists of foreign dealers and are not submitted as "firm", but are cited merely to show how much easier it is nowadays to make a representative collection than it was in the age when every stamp counted. Yet, in the late '70's it was possible to buy a packet of six hundred stamps for ten dollars; and we should say that the 600 stamps in question would have a catalogue value at present of much over a hundred dollars, to put it conservatively.

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FROM Mr. Michael Miller, Baltimore, Maryland, we have received a copy of the *Sun* of his city dated September 22, 1929, with a full-page article, "France betrays a National Hobby. Ragged boys, noblemen, waiters, are rabid stamp collectors." A large illustration of "Paris' Open-Air Stamp Market" catches the eye with its familiar types of frequenters shown to the life and the text by Francis Dickie is sprightly and readable. He went to Paris in 1927 without the least bit of philatelic imagination; in fact, his ignorance of collecting was complete. However, his experiences from then on were such as to impress him strongly and he now makes the unqualified statement that the French people have a hobby "more general and popular than bicycle riding," which is called the king of sports in the open, in the form of stamp collecting, which is the king of indoor sports. Mr. Dickie writes that he is confirmed in the belief that the French "are an entire nation of stamp collectors," and he proceeds to prove his case by reciting incidents that show the avidity with which French collectors of all classes pursue their quarry. The tribute is one that will surprise the public in America where collectors may be said to be still in the segregated class. Our feeling in France last year was that at any place or any occasion one could speak of stamp collecting with the assurance that one's words would not excite curiosity, but rather would be received with understanding and a welcome.

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A CORRESPONDENT, Mr. Arthur L. Johnson, Chicago, asks us if we can tell him what has become of five boys that were interested in stamp collecting when he was on "the near south side" in Chicago, about 1883. This is a large order and we cannot attempt to fill it, although several of those named became members of the society that antedated the Chicago Philatelic Society, if we remember old records correctly. However, another question deserves notice and it is to the effect that one of his early exchangers of stamps was Ellis Parker Butler of Muscatine, Iowa, and he wants to know if he is the famous author now living at Flushing, N. Y., whose stories have brought him world-wide celebrity and who sometimes resorts to the philatelic theme to embellish his tales. We think that they are one and the same person, and our correspondent is not the first one to recall that he traded stamps with Ellis Parker Butler when he was in Iowa, a contact having been established by means of an exchange notice in one of the boys' papers of the times, such as *Harper's Young People.*

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A RECENT visitor, Mr. T. A. Hayward, Pueblo, Colorado, recalled the old days of the Denver convention when that bustling society of another day, the Philatelic Sons of America met in the Colorado capital in 1905. Mr. Hayward is on his way east and he may visit the seat of his early philatelic endeavors, none other than Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, where young Hayward, as a boy, joined forces with a youthful coadjutor, F. A. Ellis, and published the *Keystone Philatelist* in 1872 and 1873. His partner soon felt that while fame might be food for the soul, he wanted substance rather than spirit, and he sold his interest to Mr. Hayward, who kept the faith and published the paper for a year. The first subscriber was John Kerr Tiffany, of St. Louis, who was destined to become one of the beacon-lights of philately, the first (and for many years) president of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Tiffany had not gone to Harvard at this time, we believe, but he was already much interested in philatelic journalism or literature, and some years later, while at Harvard, published a list of all the publications that had appeared on the scene from first to last. Mr. Hayward says that the only complete files of his paper that he knew of in later years were in the Tiffany collection and his own library. Mr. Hayward advertised the departments of the U. S. at the accepted prices of the day, 50c for Navy complete, and 15c for Treasury. Executives were always scarce and were to be had, in common with the other departments only in used condition, as a rule. Adhesive stamped envelopes to be returned to the departments enclosing the addressees' answers were often denuded of their stamps and ordinary stamps used in their place. It may be said that the supply of Executives was augmented by the philatelic enterprise of Jesse Grant, stamp collector (son of President Grant), and his friends at Washington, but after the use of departments was discontinued, the dealer of St. Louis, E. F. Gambs, emerged with sheets of Executives that he obtained from a clerk at Washington. Later, Mr. Gambs removed to San Francisco from where he advertised for years before his death.

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THE newspapers recently gave varying degrees of prominence to a despatch from Baton Rouge, La., telling that a co-ed at the Louisiana State University had received as a gift from Queen Marie of Roumania, "a complete collection of postage stamps." Miss Bourgeois, the recipient, was requested by the queen to choose a memento of Roumania, and nominated postage stamps.

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Air Mail News

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(This department covers air mail news from the purely philatelic standpoint. Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If your letter calls for a reply please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. This is your department, so make your contribution as generous as possible.)

Once again I write this 3 days ahead of schedule, same alibi as last week, plus the fact that I leave in the morning to go through another college opening rush at Battle Creek, Mich., my second place of business. Just 7 days since the last write-up, but look at this coöperator list. Biggest we've ever had, and I can't help getting a little thrill over the fact that 68 people find enough interest in this stuff to send in their bit during one week. Such interest is bound to keep me on my toes. Here's the list: *Frederick D. Markee, *A. H. Lomax, ***Robt. O. Briggs, Anna M. Schafer, *Maurice S. Petty, *Frederick Hambrock, Jr., Geo. D. Kingdom, *****Omer C. Thompson, *Ebert Rhodehamel, Henry O. Meisel, C. F. Cornish, D. E. McPherson, Norman Rosenstein, Jos. Glenszewski, **Everett G. Emerson, ***H. D. Egolf, Todd Fagan, Jesse Thompson, Elton Manuel, J. W. Stoutzenberg, M. C. Emsley, Charles E. Horn, Geo. Nowobilski, Herbert Barnett, Roy Hamilton McBean, J. A. Arce, Stewart Currie, ****P. R. Hudson, **A. W. Arter & Son, *R. A. Chenoweth, *Jake Siskel, *Lt. W. R. Smith, J. A. Stevenson, Otto Edenharter, Paul B. Hoeber, Jr., Henry C. Johnson, *Geo. R. Calder, *Earl Thomas, **Dominick Fabian, *J. C. Adams, *Alois G. Thienal, Jr., **Nelson E. Willits, Howard C. Rushmore, C. P. Manson, *Cecil F. Blogg, *A. J. Moeller, Wells Dewey Burnette, Geo. W. Kesler, **Robt. M. Hayes, *Morton Shulman, *R. W. Dormer, Frank C. Clark, Billy Burr, Geo. H. Kieley, F. R. Gellenbeck, *Dr. Harry Ioor, *H. H. Merwin, *A. J. Steinhardt, *Herbert Levinson, *L. B. Wood, *Emerson C. Erb, Sr., C. F. Barnes, S. G. Miller, Boleslaus Jarzembowski, John B. Jackson, R. K. Mack, Sr. I especially appreciate the large number of complimentary covers, not only this week, but all the time. I can't possibly acknowledge them personally, so I hope this will serve instead.

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Two new publications to mention. Since the late, and very lamentable disagreement between Bob Brooks, and the other A. A. M. S. officers, Mr. Brooks has continued the publication of the former A. A. M. S. Bulletin as an individual enterprise, as all former recipients are aware. The A. A. M. S., in the person of Secretary Gatchell, has undertaken a new advance air mail information Bulletin, which is being sent free of charge to all members keeping a supply of stamped addressed envelopes with Sec. L. B. Gatchell, Binghamton, N. Y. First numbers are highly creditable, and future ones should not be missed by members. Both bulletins are maintaining a fine "hurry up news" service, and their sponsors have a real job.***The Berkshire Exchange announces the new "Standard Airpost Catalog," for November publication, at $1.75. On Nov. 20, the first number of *The Airpost Journal,* a new monthly magazine, will make its appearance under Berkshire sponsorship, and it will be looked forward to with considerable interest.

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Lots of Fallen Timbers 1st day covers, with and without unofficial cachets. I went through Maumee, Perrysburg, and Toledo on the 14th, and each reported about 40,000 covers mailed, and still at it.***First night flight, an additional daily service starts on CAM 28, Oct. 1st. St. Joseph, Mo., will be added to the route, with official cachet. Two trips each way—day and night.***Effective Sept. 15, Flint, Mich., was omitted as a stop on the eastbound Bay City-Cleveland route on No. 27.***Air mail pickup tests were continued for some days at Youngstown, then halted for a time to allow some changes in the arrangement of the apparatus.

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Camden, N. J., service on CAM 19 opened on schedule Sept. 15th. R. W. Dormer tried to get me a cover through with the Fallen Timbers stamps, but it didn't work. Thanks for the thought, anyway. Cachet same as for other route 19 points, all black. Philadelphia lost service on its own field at this time, the trip on the 14th being the last. A last day cover arrived with no return on it, but it looks like Herbert Levinson's writing.

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New route 32—Portland, Spokane, Pasco, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver—had a real beauty of a cachet, and colors! They looked sort of nice, after all the plain blacks. Don't know how they got away with it, though—that is Portland, which sent through red, black, and green. Numerous special letters, newspapers, and other souvenirs of community interests were used for this flight, and add much interest to the covers sent me. Vancouver did not have the regulation cachet, but 1 cover received bore a 7 line box type in green, probably of local origin. Seattle and Portland mail was dropped there, and the morning plane stopped for a pickup, while the evening plane went via Portland. 12,000 covers left Pasco via the 1st flight. The 1st night flight on CAM 5 left Pasco the same evening for the east, and 516 covers, of which 250-300 were for collectors, left for the east. Cachet is interesting, as it very evidently is the official No. 32 cachet, on which a new top has been grafted with the words, "First Night Flight CAM 5."***Herbert Barnett reports cover mailed from Grand Dalles, Wash., on which was written in red ink, "Hold for first flight CAM 32." Grand Dalles was on the route as an emergency port, but not as a regular stop. Anybody know if these actually were put on the plane there?

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By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

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Newfoundland Prices

By A. C. LeDuc.

The 1930 catalogue shows many deserved increases in prices of the stamps for this popular country. By actual count, it is found that the 19th century issues for this country show 16 increases in the unused column and 13 in the used column, and a solitary minor decrease. The 20th century issues show marked activity with no less than 65 upward changes for unused stamps, and 38 for the used with no reductions whatever. This is a total of 81 increases in the unused column, and 51 in the used column, and after deducting the one decrease this leaves a net total of 131 increases over the 1929 catalogue. Truly this is a remarkable showing when you realize the comparatively small number of stamps listed for the entire country. It has long been known that the catalogue was lagging behind in its prices as compared with dealers' prices and those realized at auction. This has been especially true of the pictorial issues of the 20th century and the air mails.

Double Paper

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

During the printing of the Bank Note Issues in the early seventy's, experiments were made with what is known as "Double Paper," that is—a very thin sheet of almost tissue paper attached to a thicker backing sheet. These two were so put together that in the case of a single stamp it is often difficult to note the double paper. The paper, however, is usually thicker and gives the appearance of a soft paper stamp, although they were produced by the Continental Company at the time of the use of the hard paper. The idea of the "double paper" was that after the stamp was cancelled, if any effort was made to wash or clean it that the thin section of paper which received the ink in printing would separate and easily tear, and thus prevent cleaning.

Junior Dictionary

Perce en Arc.—A French term for a form of rouletting in which the stamps are separated by rows of small semi-circular cuts.

Permits.—Printed notices appearing on third class matter to indicate that the necessary postage has been prepaid. These permits are used by firms mailing large quantities of circulars, catalogues, etc., under government regulation, and serve practically the same function as precancelled stamps.

Perot, W. B.—The postmaster of Hamilton, Bermuda, who, in 1848, issued special 1d stamps for the prepayment of postage, thus anticipating the regular issue produced in London by about seventeen years.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor,*

614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited, either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

Prof. Gumm

Dear Prof.: Do you believe that so many new U. S. issues are best?—Willie.

Ans. : Sure. I sell them the perforation holes.

—R. E. Dunlop.

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Postmaster Fred Irish broke all salesmanship records Friday by selling 32 cents worth of one-cent stamps to a man and his wife in the afternoon.—Arkansaw Thomas Cat.

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Toofus, the office boy, knows an absent-minded peckerwood who carefully soaked his wife, and then kissed some mission mixture goodbye. Well, that isn't much worse than Strip O' Three's young lady who dreamed she was going to the post office in her nightie, and woke up to find that it was so!

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He washed his stamps; and all confess
He leaves the Treasury vexed.
So, who shall say that cleanliness
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Recently Ches. W. H. criticized Monaco for not rouletting Monte Carlo stamps, and C. Cam of Philadelphia replies, Dear Ches: At Monte Carlo, a Roue Let the croupier take some crooked stamps, but the Duke did not like a bank perforated that way. Poor advertising.

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Last Words of Famous Men

Scotchman: (At an auction, after a Mauritius had been run up to $32,000)—"And TEN CENTS!"

—Capt. A. C. Townsend.

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A DIRTY TRICK

There was a crooked friend o' mine
Who traded crooked stamps.
He made up crooked rarities
Beneath his crooked "lamps".
He sold them to his crooked friends
Who gave him crooked money;
The cop who catches crooked men,
He said, "Now ain't that funny?"
—Phil U. Tellem.

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A Philatelic Hot Tomale

If you don't like this you don't have to read it. No fooling.***To scorch a brother in dog days: Hand him a good one ventilated with the original owner's initials.***Zape! This weather puts a Marcel in hinges.***A pretty girl passed through the Fun Office, and Toofus, who was gazing at an approval sheet, never looked up. How that boy loves stamps. ***Ever notice how that defacing line always runs smack through some differentiating mark you want to see?***Too many cooks spoil the broth, and too many collectors indifferent to that stamp illustrating law will spoil everything.***Bob Dunlop says he writes so many stamp jokes that his pen smokes.—Sudan Camels, no doubt.***A dash of paprika from C. Cam of Philly is addressed to the Fun Forum, "Re-serve" Ave. Like our hash, C. C.?***Dear Office Parrot: I am a girl of 19 and I love a man who is 49. I hesitate to marry him for he is only a general collector. Please advise.—Daddy's Baby. ***In 1934, the U. P. U. Congress will meet in Cairo. It is darkly hinted that Egypt may issue another commem at that time.***"I poured bug powder on a bi-sect last night. He was biting me," said the flapper next door.***Know any stamp tattle? Send it in and I'll garble it so you won't know it. No fooling.***I thank you.

—The Office Parrot.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 597)

Leamington-Pelee Island Canadian vice will go again this winter. Plent time to get in covers for the 1st trip U. S. *Postal Bulletin* of Sept. 11th g full details to forthcoming Canadian tic service. Ask your Postmaster to you see it. *Bulletin* of the 12th giv complete list of existing Canadian ro in case you are interested.

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Effective Sept. 19, mail for Salv was accepted on FAM 8, going by ai far as Guatemala.***Effective Sept. service Brownsville-Mexico City changed from 3 times a week to daily addition to the 3 times a week ser Brownsville-Vera Cruz, San Geroni Tapachula-Guatemala City. First fl covers on this Guatemala extension postmarked Brownsville, Sept. 1st, are backstamped Guatemala, Aug. 12 M., and "Correo Aereo Internaci Sept. 6." Letter from the P. M. at V Cruz says covers I sent arrived too for the flight, but he thought I'd be appointed, so he postmarked them the and sent them out. Wonder what backstamps will say when they retu He says, also that "the route Vera C Guatemala which you mention does yet exist," if I know my Spanish. C quite understand that.

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Plans for Los Angeles-Guatemala, Mexico service are apparently all and F. R. Gellenbeck, to whom a lo us sent covers, asks that we now s stamped envelopes for their ret Tough luck for all of us, especially him, as he's spent numerous hours this. Address—241 S. Mariposa, Angeles.

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Last Zepp covers back from Friedr shafen, as the final terminal of the rou the-world trip. Los Angeles used big cachet, Lakehurst the ordinary p mark of Aug. 31. All are backstam Sept. 4. The Freidrichshafen-Freidr shafen round trippers are very r indeed.

Airport Dedications, Etc.

Dedication Administration Bldg., K sas City, Mo., Oct. 10. C. of C. provide cachet if wanted.***Nov. Boeing new port at Burbank, Cal.—c ers to Boeing Air Transport, San Fr cisco.***Raleigh, N. C., now set for fall, and Ross Shumaker, State Coll Sta., Raleigh, will care for covers. First Anniversary shortest air mail at San Jose, Cal., Oct. 15. Cachet CAM 8; covers to P. M. or to Dr. C. Barnes, San Antonio Bldg., San Jose. First flight from new Medford Airp Medford, Oregon, Oct. 2. Covers to of C., or P. M. Special cachet.***D ver, Colo., Oct. 4, to C. of C.***Bru wick, Georgia—soon—cachet by Bd. Trade.***Florence, Ariz., Oct. 12—chet by C. of C.***Austin, Tex.—3 t months—cachet by C. of C.***Sto Lake, Iowa—soon—cachet by C. of C. Abilene, Tex., Oct. or Nov.—cachet C. of C.***New Haven, Conn.—seve months—cachet by C. of C.***Nebra City, Nebr.—soon—cachet by C. of C. Lincoln, Neb.—soon—cachet not decid but covers may go to C. of C.***Lau Miss.—between Feb. and March—cac by C. of C.***Marlin, Tex.—soon—cac by C. of C.***Newport, R. I.-Mo Hope Bridge Opening and Air Page —November—covers to C. of C., or Jon N. Manuel, 7 Walnut St., who off to handle.***West Bend, Wis., dedica soon. No further information.***H isburg Pa.—Armistice Day—to C. of

ONOR TO DR. N. P. McGAY

he Cleveland Stamp Club, Sept. 18, a dinner in honor of Dr. N. P. Gay, President of the Society of Phil- c Americans, and presented him with autiful silver loving cup. Dr. Mc- had been invited to what he thought ld be a small supper party, but upon arrival he found that nearly all of Cleveland members of the C. S. C. in attendance.

DR. MCGAY, Pres. S. P. A.

oward Codding was toastmaster and ches were confined to the guest of r and Mr. Codding. Miss Virginia rien, junior member of the Cleveland np Club, was guardian of the cup assisted Mr. Codding in making the entation. Dr. McGay at the close of speech of acceptance announced that lso had a surprise for one of those ent and presented the toastmaster, Codding, with a paid-up life mem- hip in the S. P. A. He also present- him with the section of the Club's rds authorizing the gift.

) ITEMS—

IE Buffalo, N. Y., Stamp Club is ntering in upon a very busy season. first meeting was held Sept. 27 and tings will be held Friday evenings at Buffalo Museum of Science, Hum- t Park. Francis J. Sleght is Presi- . Theodore Gundlach, Vice-Pres., Geo. B. Graham, Sec.-Treas.

IE Cleveland Stamp Club, Sept. 10, unanimously selected the following ers for the coming year:—Pres., Paul lson; Vice-Pres., F. S. MacAdams; X. Veneskey; Treas., Frank Haw- Directors at large, Dr. N. P. McGay, s Frances Norton, Howard Codding, s. Molnar, H. Walk and C. P. Lippin- With the addition of nearly 20 out- own members Sept. 24 the Cleveland np Club emerges from the "local" s. The membership is now over 125 has not yet reached its second birth-

E hope our P. M. G. will make this great country of ours better known ugh the medium of pictured postage nps, and in place of victory, fighting humiliating groups, let us have great 's portraits like Commander Byrd of arctic fame, beautiful scenery and e deeds, to tell the story which the messenger carries on the face of our elopes, far and near. The postage np, now so universally used, was first ught of and perfected by Sir Rowland , having the portrait of Victoria, his ntry's loved and honored Queen, first ed May 3, 1840. Today her portrait till used on many of the British Co- al stamps. Thus, for some years a nan's beautiful face inspiring thoughts harmony and peace was the sole fea- of this far-reaching little postage np.—MRS. E. M. APPLEBY.

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When we mention the Pony Express almost everyone is thrilled, even the non-philatelist. We turn a few pages, passing the $5, $2 and $1 Pony covers and come to the 25c and 10c Pony covers. Here my friend looks up in amazement. Is something wrong? Could it really be possible that such low rates were charged when for all of his fifty years he had thought "Pony Express" covers were charged for at from $2.50 to $5 a half ounce weight? Even $1 seemed unreasonable, but 10c, impossible!

So we light cigars, as it was up to me to make a little talk on Pony Express history, Nevada conditions and to prove to him that these 10c Pony covers were really carried by a Pony Express. I reached for my data and turned to the following advertisement: Wells Fargo & Co.'s—Pony Express—On and after Monday, the 11th inst., we will run a Pony Express Daily between Sacramento and Virginia City, carrying letters and exchange papers through from San Francisco in 24 hours, Sacramento in 15 hours, and Placerville in 10 hours. Rates: All letters to be enclosed in our franks, and TEN CENTS PREPAID, in addition, for each letter weighing half an ounce or less, and Ten Cents for each additional half ounce.

Dated Placerville, Aug. 7, 1862. Wells Fargo & Co., Au. 8. TF.

With the "franked" government stamped envelope (3c of 1861) selling at a "bit" or 12½ cents, the additional pony rate made the total cost 22½ cents.

The 10c brown, or/and chocolate Pony stamps *may* have been used from Aug. 11, 1862. No first day covers are known to the writer. Just how long this rate was in effect has never been determined and no students have ever found data as to the exact time this California-Nevada 10c Pony rate was changed to 25c (or 35c to 37½c franked rate). No writers I have followed have even made a guess. In fact, almost all data on the "cents" varieties is unknown even though students have been seeking it. (Wells Fargo & Co., and Britton & Rey, Printers: records were destroyed by fire; and so, it seems that information must come through the coöperation of all philatelists.)

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Canceled W. F. & Co. Sacramento, Jan. 10 (1863).

25c Blue, Pony Cover

Canceled W. F. & Co. Sacramento, Jan. 22 (1863).

The three Sacramento covers listed are addressed to the same man at Carson City. The Pony advertisement of Aug. 7, runs to December 7, 1862. No further advertisement or news items has been found; and therefore cannot we say that the 25c Pony rate came in use about the middle of January, 1863?

To check this statement, are there any readers who know of the 10c adhesive used in the months, February to July, inclusively? An August or January date with year would be very interesting.

None of the "cents" value was cancelled with the well-known San Francisco Pony (running horse) large oval handstamp of 1860, and 1861, as on the Dollar values. It is possible that the "Pony Express Sacramento" oval handstamp was used on the 10c, early in 1862; we would like such an item. If this stamp was in use only five months, no wonder it is so scarce. The 10c seems to be many times rarer than the 25c blue, and copies in fine shape, tied to the cover, are twenty times rarer than covers with a fine 25c blue. Anyone having particulars are requested to coöperate with the aim of clearing up this "cents" mystery. It is possible that you will be lucky enough to find an early date.

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United States

Washington Notes

I am officially informed that right at the present time insofar as new announcements from Washington are concerned, that there is absolutely nothing to be published regarding new stamps. The 2c Ohio Canalization stamp will be issued on October 12, as previously mentioned, and with that out of the way, the Department will be marking time until after the new year.

The question of the rotary stamps curling, is, however, still being given serious consideration and experiments have been perfected, which it is believed when carried out will result in a more satisfactory product. Heretofore, in the same operation, the stamp has been printed and then gummed, and it has been thought that the offset on the gum from the ink has resulted in the pigments of the ink affecting the gum, whereby it loses much of its adhesive quality.

In accordance with the new experiment, the stamps are first printed and dried. They are then gummed and dried, and gummed the second time, giving us the rotary issue with the double gum. While this does not necessarily give the collector a new variety, nevertheless, when the finished product is available we may be able to discover some peculiarity that will distinguish the stamp from the normal variety. The Bureau has already been authorized to proceed with the printing and gumming of the 2c stamp in this manner and their appearance may be looked for later in the year.

Air Mail Rates

Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of the Air Mail writes that the Department is planning to carry a complete list of the Air Mail Services to Foreign Countries, together with the rate, in the next issue of the monthly supplement to the Postal Guide. They will also shortly carry this information in a special sheet inserted in the *Postal Bulletin,* and further make a copy of this in the Postal Supplement so that postal window clerks will have this information available at a moment's notice. Collectors will do well to obtain copies of these through their post offices, so that in franking air mail letters abroad, they will be able to obtain the correct rate with little trouble.

Plate Varieties

Mr. M. R. Taschenberger has submitted for inspection a copy of 1887-1c blue, wherein some foreign matter adhering to the plate has resulted in a small imperfection to the right of the left eye shown in the portrait of Franklin, giving us the appearance of a portion of the right eye being seen.

Mr. Frank M. Lyle has submitted for inspection a vertical strip of the ½c rotary wherein the same portion of each stamp is without ink. This is possibly due to the fact that a certain portion of the sheet had become dry resulting in the paper not taking up the ink as supposed.

Prestamp Telegraph Cover

Mr. Frank E. Wood has submitted for inspection a most interesting prestamp cover consisting of a letter dated—Boston, December 10, 1846, and addressed to Worcester, Mass. The letter sheet shows a rectangular marking in red reading in three lines—"N Y & B Telegraph —Boston—Dec. 9, 1846." In addition, there is a further circular Boston postmark reading—"Boston, 5 Cts. 11 Dec." Evidently the clerk at the telegraph office forgot to change his dater, as the letter was written on the 10th, shows a Boston postmark of the 11th, and no doubt the telegraph marking should have been one of these two days.

The cover has been submitted to one or two who are greatly interested in prestamp covers, but they can throw no light upon the existence of such a telegraph company doing a business of carrying mail. The letter is a personal one which shows that the marking is not simply a return address. Both the telegraph marking and the postmarks appear in the upper right corner.

We will be glad to hear from any of our readers who could give us any information on the subject.

1851, 3 Cent Precancels

The Postmaster at Winchester, N. H., during June to September, 1856, must have been a lazy old cuss, for it seems that rather than sell his postage stamps in unused condition and then cancel them after he received them on letters, saved time by pen-cancelling an entire sheet, then cutting them apart and using them as they were needed.

Mr. W. F. Goerner submits for inspection no less than three covers of this period bearing stamps which would indicate their cancellation previous to their use on the letters. The one cover dated June 17, contains two horizontal ruled lines, whereas the two additional co have wavy vertical lines. Covers earlier and later date are also submi showing that the precancelling was sibly done only for a few months.

Brazil. — According to informa received by *Stamp Collecting* a new se semi-official air post stamps was issue June 17th last by the E. T. A. (preza de Transportes Aereos) opera the air service between Rio and Can under a government concession. T are said to be used only upon parcels letters exceeding the normal weight. design common to each of the four ues shows an aeroplane within a ci of stars, with the words "Correio Aer in a panel at the top, and "E. T. A Bresil" in the lower spandrels. The reis is in brown and red, 1,000 reis and red, 2,000 reis green and red, and 5,000 reis yellow and red.

Cuba. — *Stamp Collecting* annou that a commemorative stamp issue foreshadowed for January next in c nection with the opening of the "C retera Central" or National Highw 1,100 kilometres in length.

Curacao. — *L'Echangiste Unive* reports that the total printing of three "Luchtpost" provisionals issued July 6th last was 8,000 of each deno nation.

Japan.—Color changes are impe ing in the series now current, and take place on exhaustion of the exis supplies as follows:—4 sen red-ora 8s olive, 20s claret, 30s orange and gr and 50s yellow-brown and blue. T information comes to us from *Sta Collecting.*

France. — It is reported in *Philatelic Magazine* that for convenie the French Post Office will in the fut make up in reels of 1,000 and 500 stam instead of 1,200 and 600 as at pres When the present stock is exhausted reels on sale will be as follows: Reels 1,000, 15c, 25c, 40c, 50c and 10c, prec celled, and reels of 500 stamps, 1fr The price of the reels is fixed by dec of May 9, 1925, at face value plus charge of 50c per reel.

South Africa.—Mr. J. Robertson a vises that two new stamps are in pre ration to be used in connection with n air mail service organized by Major M ler, with a Government subsidy of 8,0 pounds, and due to commence operati about August 26. The values are 4p a 1sh, and the design will be an aeropla on a green background for the 4p, a on an orange background for the 1sh.

Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswi England, have sent the n

Latvia.—Dr. Meijerowitz memor set for chronicle. These stamps are sued perforated 11½, and also imper rated with Swastika watermark. Valu are 2+2s yellow-orange, and 6+6s gre on yellow.

Nicaragua. — The 25c orange h been overprinted "Correo Aereo 19 P. A. A."

Mr. R. Roberts of London, Englan sends for our inspection a very beautif line engraved set of Air Mail stam printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons unwatermarked paper, perf. 12½. A values are large format, of similar desig which depicts a winged horse with bac ground of clouds and stars. The denom nations and shades are 8c orange ve milion, 16c deep blue, 24c purple, 3 bistre brown, 40c chocolate, 60c blu green, 80c bright blue, 90c blue, 1P2 olive, 1P50c purple-brown, 3P red, a 4P50c black.

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126c 1.50			236a 1.20

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8a ..... .25	101b 7.00	153c 4.00	161a ..... .50
8c 10.00	102a ..... .30	154b ..... .10	161b 4.00
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E last meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter, No. 18, of the A. P. S. was Sept. 19. Philip H. Ward, Jr., a talk on the Minneapolis conven- Eugene Klein also told about his it trip to Spain. Both were given of thanks.—C. C. SILVESTER.

JR popular contributor Harry E. Huber is on a visit to Havana, Cuba. sends us a card of greetings and s that he saw Lindbergh and his pass over Havana, Friday, Sept. 20, air mail for the south.

YEARS has been the minimum age requirement of membership of the onne, N. J., Stamp Club, but the club announces that it will admit a al group of boys as passive members een the ages of 16 and 18 with yearly of $1.00. They may have all the ntages of members except voting and ng office. Boys interested may write Sec., Frank A. Magner, Box 351, onne, N. J. Club meets Friday even- at Rm. 219 Bergoff Bldg., Broadway nd Street.

the Baltimore *Sun* of Sept. 22, ap- eared a full page feature article on ince betrays a national hobby." There supplementary heading, "Noblemen, ed boys, waiters are rabid stamp ctors." There is a fine half tone of open air stamp market on Avenue riel, and if we had space we should ery glad to reprint the entire article. s written by Francis Dickie, and we indebted to R. S. Blomfield and Isa- Finkelstein for clippings.

OU asked for information re: 5c Air Mail "Blue Moons," I found (3) in Francisco P. O.
Right pane, Blue 19618, Red 19605
Right pane, Blue 19618, Red 19613
Right pane, Blue 19618, Red 19624
ne are full moons about ⅛ inch above ie. Have seen some in shape of oval; e are almost perfect circle. Have found any in shape of crescent.—A. STAYART.

SEVEN AND SEVENTY

THE MAGIC NUMBER IN BRITISH STAMP PLATES

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Seven is the mystic number of the Scriptures, the cabalistic figure of Israel, and the symbol of the occult. There are seven virtues and a like number of deadly sins. Seven were the Champions of Christendom, the Sleepers of the Koran, and the wonders of the world.

Philately's magic number is the double seven, and it is a curious coincidence that the most desirable stamps in the imperforate penny reds and the plate number penny reds are 77's.

First Plate 77

It was known for many years that plate 77 in the first series of penny postage plates had been registered twice, but it was not until Messrs. Wright & Creeke's great work appeared (1899) that any explanation for this circumstance became known to philatelists. They stated:

"On plate 77, the first stamp in the second row, which should have been lettered 'B. A.' bore the first letter only, the second letter-block being a blank. The error was discovered and corrected about nine months after registration, and the plate was then re-registered as 77.B.: this fact is recorded in the archives, and the latter plate was not, as has been stated, a duplicate. Copies of the incomplete stamp presumably exist, but we have never seen or heard of one."

The original plate 77 was registered on April 19, 1847, and the re-registration as 77.B. took place on January 12, 1848. Mr. E. D. Bacon has found among the correspondence of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. the following letter under date January 5, 1848:

"Dear Sir,

Mr. Keogh says the plate, No. 77, should have the letter 'A' engraved in the blank space and then be registered again. Please to have it done at once. As no notice appears to have been taken of the missing letter, it is not likely that inconvenience will arise from issuing those already printed, and as they, being printed from a registered plate, are legal stamps, their issue need not be longer prevented. I have informed Mr. Allen, who is prepared to receive them.

I am,
Yours truly,
(signed) E. HILL.

J. B. Bacon, Esq."

It is thus seen that the error had been noted and the circulation of sheets from this plate was temporarily withheld, but subsequently proceeded with. It is strange that copies had not attracted the notice of philatelists prior to the publication of "Wright & Creeke," and even then it was six years before a collector had the good fortune to find a copy. The corrected plate was destroyed on December 2, 1848, after giving a total of 82,400 impressions in its two states.

Belated Discovery

The first copy found by a collector was the one which figured as Exhibit No. 4 at the Exhibition of the Postage Stamps of Great Britain organised by the Junior Philatelic Society at the Old Exeter Hall, Strand, in February, 1905. Mr. S. T. Ellis soon afterwards found a second (*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, Aug. 25, 1906), and the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reported a third later in the same year. The first to appear in the auction room was at Messrs. Venton Bull & Cooper's sale, Nov. 8-9, 1906, when a price of £7 10/- was ob-

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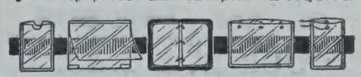

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tained. A few years later £18 was paid at auction for a copy. In recent times the number of known copies has grown, but apart from the specimen on the *imprimatur* sheet no unused copy has turned up. Of the used copies the King has one with the diamond postmark numbered 17 (G.P.O., London); the copy illustrated from my "Great Britain: line-engraved stamps" went, I believe, to America (Worthington coll.), but has since been returned and sold in this country. It is on a portion of the original, but Mr. H. C. V. Adams showed at the recent London exhibition a copy on the entire envelope, the only one known on entire.

Corrected Stamp

Copies of the stamp from the corrected plate with the "A" inserted in the right-hand bottom corner may be identified from the position of the corner letters, the "B.A." stamp in pair with its neighbour "B.B."; the pair was in the late Mr. G. C. Alston's collection. The stamp may be further identified by the slight extension of the bottom frame line at right.

Later Plate 77

In Series II of the One Penny plates, the series with letters in all four corners and with the plate numbers shown on the stamps, No. 77, is also of outstanding interest. At the period when the change to the four-letter plate number stamps were introduced there seems to have been considerable difficulty in laying down the plates in sufficiently exact alignment for perforating, although several years had elapsed since perforation had been in regular use. Plates 75 and 77 were rejected for the irregularity of their lay-out, and were not registered or used. About this time the firm of Holtzapffel & Co. designed a ratchet arrangement by which the bed-plate of the transfer press could be moved uniformly in level and spacing to ensure the plate being capable of printing sheets which would take the perforations well.

Although never registered or used, copies of stamps from plate 77 undoubtedly got into circulation, probably from the *imprimatur* sheets, which on being perforated showed up the plate irregularities. A sheet or more may thus have been passed into stock as the simplest way of accounting for the sheets delivered by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. Specimens are of great rarity.

The first one found was the unused one which the late Mr. W. Hughes-Hughes had and which gravitated to Ferrari, though it was not among the listed items sold at the Ferrari sales in Paris. Its check lettering is not recorded.

A second unused one was acquired by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, and is in the collection at the British Museum, lettered AB—BA.

The third and fourth unused copies were neighbours on the original sheet, lettered BA—AB and CA—AC, the former being in the collection of H.M. King George and the latter was the specimen in the collection of Mr. Per Gjerding, shown at the recent exhibition. This copy was found by Mr. Charles Nissen in 1919.

The Lost "77"

Of used copies, one was found and lost. It was in the collection of my old friend, the late Mr. Henry J. Crocker, who obtained it from the late Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen; it was destroyed along with Mr. Crocker's fine British collection in the fire that followed the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. I have no record of its lettering.

The second one was sent to me in 1915 as a gift to the *Daily Telegraph* "Belgian Fund," the generous donor being Mr. C. E. J. Crallan, of Jersey. It was lettered LL—LL and bore a London E.C. postmark numbered 80. It fetched £50 at the sale, a very moderate figure when it was but one of three or possibly four copies known.

Another Pair of Neighbors

The next used copy turned up about 1920, found in a wholesale lot which was the source of another and more recent discovery. The 1920 copy is lettered IP —PI and is used along with a 4d red, on a portion of the original letter. The postmark is a London head office one, "15."

The wholesale lot referred to was an extensive purchase by Mr. H. F. Johnson, some portions of which he sold wholesale, retaining other portions of the lot for selecting items for his important stock of Great Britain stamps. It was among the balance that during 1924 his partner, Mr. A. O. J. Readhead, found a 1d plate 77, apparently the neighbor on the sheet to the one just described. It is lettered HP—PH, has the London city type-bars postmark (number not distinguishable) and is now in a private collection.

Figmentary 77's

Many copies of plate 77 have been reported on insufficiently sure ground. Most of them have proved to be other than 77, generally 177, which is a plate number commonly met with. Where the postmark or defective printing renders the "1" invisible, or almost so, the specimens can be compared with the known check lettering of 177, and if they tally the stamp is almost certainly not a true 77. Probably every stamp on plate 77 is cut into by the perforations, and a well-centered stamp is not likely to be found of this rare plate.

Another small detail that has been noted is the slope of the downstroke of the "7"s, well brought out in some photomicrographs Mr. Harold Cheavin has made for me. Unfortunately, in the unused plate 77 he had to work from a photograph, not from the actual stamp, and there is some loss of depth in the picture. Mr. J. B. Seymour pointed out in the *British Philatelist* of October, 1911, that whereas most of the sevens in the later penny plate numbers have their tails pointing perceptibly to the left of the angle of the diamond, those in plates 71 to 79 are nearly all (including plate 77) practically dead on the centre.

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"An' would you call it 'Mo-knock-o,' or 'Mon-a-ko'?"

The drawling voice behind me held a familiarity of tone that amused. I did not turn.

"E-ther or I-ther," I replied.

Then he sat down beside me. It was Bill, the guide. Bill, be it said, had slithered to the depths, almost. One grade further and he would have been guide at a dude ranch, than which nothing can be lower in estimation of a real cow-hand.

Speeding up the ancient flivver, the evening before, I cut in ahead of Bill and a string of Bright Angel mules heading for the corral. Bill glared resentfully as I blew him a kiss. He came back strong. Going through the motions of picking cotton—the bitterest insult that could be offered a Texan—Bill then added to the shot by airily bouncing along mule-back. That meant the flivver-incumbent couldn't ride even a mule! It was a beautiful comeback. Oh, yes! The wind-wafted kiss spelt ladies'-man for Bill. But the honors were his. I felt jubilantly squelched, and then and there resolved to see more of Bill and his silk neck-scarf. So here was Bill. He had sought me out to clear his conscience.

"Ah, yes! The gentle William, with, ye gods! his scenery around his neck. One hour more and he loses it. Still buy 'em by the dozen, Bill?"

Needless almost to say the jibe came from Jimmy O', who then proceeded to seat himself beside me. The early rising tourists gazed curiously. It was not often that three harder looking citizens commingled on the brink of the Canyon. Bill wore chaps and spurs,—Jimmy O' was accoutered in engineering garb,—khaki and puttees and Stetson,—while I was togged out in an ancient army hat, army shoes, khaki trousers, and a shirt which showed traces—none too faint—of the hour I had too recently put in under the flivver. The inevitable handkerchief around my neck, cowboy fashion, did not add to the ensemble, for it was there for the purpose of blotting up perspiration, and not adjunct to the residue of the ruins.

The tourists gazed. I heard one of the young girls loudly whisper:

"Why, it's Bill—and the other one is that bridge engineer."

"The one in the middle is that awful gun-man Bill was telling us about!"

This from another fair maid who, liberally endowed with war paint, gazed round-eyed.

Bill grinned as the party passed on.

"You *will* blow kisses at me!" said Bill, resentfully. "Serves yuh right, ole timer!"

Jimmy O' and I chuckled. It was a fair stab. Trust Bill for that!

Bill? Oh, yes! I met up with him over in Arizona when he was just a kid riding an oversize horse.

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"Killed 'em before, at, and after breakfast, eh?" interpolated Jimmy O'.

"Worse!" said Bill. "Said you were lookin' fer a certain bad man, an' when you met up with him,—good night!"

Bill rolled a cigarette, lit it, inhaled, and poisoned the air.

"By the dozen, Bill?" queried Jimmy O', coming back to neckchiefs.

"Gross lots, now," was Bill's answer. "We get a discount."

"Still toll 'em along,—the kids?"

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if I'd come after her. That o' course I wouldn't 'low. She wanted to see the Canyon by moonlight, she said.

"Well, after the mavericks got back, me leavin' her there alone, her brother asks how come. I explained.

"'Sister sure has a penchant fer moonlightin',' says he. 'When do you start, Bill?'

"I 'lowed right then, an' bein' down, I could wait. Well, when I reaches the spot where I left her,—me an' the led mule,—she ain't there. I see her on a rock, though, quite some way off the trail. So I anchored the mules, an' set down to wait, not interferin' with the view. About an hour later she come over to where I was an' says:

"'Mr. William, I am afraid—afraid. That's why I couldn't go back.' Then she cried a little an' laughed a little. I sure was worried.

"'Ma'am,' says I. 'Shall I blind-fold yuh?'

"'Please,' says she. 'But tell me before we reach the brink so I can take it off.'

"Well, I undid my neckchief, wropped it around her head, lifted her into the saddle, an' we started back. We talked all the way,—me tellin' her about the cowboys an' the canyons an' the cattle, an' Three-Bar-X, an' she of things back east.

"Then I took the neckchief off, an' didn't she ask if she might keep it! Well, next day I see her again, an' we made more medicine—talked a heap. B'jinks, she collected! Yes, sir! Had 'em with her at El Tovar! An' she must have me up to dinner in their suite—brother an' a girl bein' present. Nice kid, too."

"Another silken souvenir?" Jimmy O' queried.

Bill did not reply, but continued his narrative.

"She showed me her collection, an' it was some collection! Monaco, mainly. Ever'thing in singles an' pairs an' blocks —includin' the five francs, first issue. Said she'd read a mon-o-graph about it, an' that started her. When I told her the author was one o' my friends—"

"Pet aversions—cotton-picker," interjected Jimmy O'.

Bill withered him with a look.

"She wanted to know all about yuh, an' Three-Bar-X, too. So I told her how you an' them bum lungs that was—both bein' then in Gov'mint service—wrote a lot about Three-Bar-X an' the boys—some of it bein' alas! too true! She 'lowed she'd like t' see that ranch.

"Well, we rocked along fer awhile, and then I hit the trail. Next day they was gone. Couple o' weeks later I get a box by express. An' what d'yuh think?"

"More neckchiefs?" queried Jimmy O'.

"A real Porter saddle—hand-carved an' silvered up—an' a bridle—an' spurs! Yes, sir. From brother."

The post office was open. We ambled over, arm in arm. A letter for Bill.

"Ha! Another mash note," said Jimmy O', with a grin.

Bill read the letter twice. Then he passed it on to me. It bore a name I knew in realms of book- and stamp-collecting, and in the world of finance. But the contents!

These new friends of Bill's had bought Three-Bar-X ranch, and Bill was offered the foremanship! We held a real war-dance, much to the astonishment of the tourists.

"An' when I depart from this here scene o' my joys an' woes," said Bill, "which same will be sudden, I'll take along a couple o' friends o' mine fer to reune with me. Yes, sir," added Bill, impressively, "an' we'll travel in state—we'll go in old timer's flivver!"

"On the way!" chuckled Jimmy O', as the gong rang to summon the Bright Angel trailers.

"I'm resigned," said Bill. "Let's go!"

And so we departed—in state.

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Graf Zeppelin declared in this appeal that it was his duty to secure a valuable objective to the German people, and he must submit a statement in a confidential way to a limited public. "The commission of experts chosen to examine his projects of dirigible air crafts declared that their building was impracticable because their speed would hardly be 5 to 6 metres per second." Graf Zeppelin went on to say:

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(4.) For geographical science, viz.: Africa would be flown over within three days, and the North Pole could be reached from a northern port to and fro within a day.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Date of Issue Changed, 2-Cent Canalization Stamp

Under date of September 27, the Third Assistant Postmaster General announced that it had been decided to defer the first-day sale of the 2-cent red, Ohio River Canalization stamp, from Saturday, October 12, to Saturday, October 19. The stamp, as previously announced, will be placed on sale on that day at Cairo, Ill., Evansville, Ind., Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Ohio, Homestead, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va.

The stamp will not be available at the Philatelic Agency until the following Monday, October 21, but attention is specifically called to the fact that the Agency will not accept first-day covers for mailing.

The change in date is made necessary by the visit to this country of Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of England, who will be in conference with President Hoover for several days during the early part of October. As the President contemplates attending the celebration of the opening of the Ohio Canal, the committee thought it advisable to postpone the activities one week. It is now expected that President Hoover will be in attendance on October 19, and will take a trip down the Ohio River making several addresses enroute.

The proof of the stamp has been inspected, and on first glance, reminds one of the 2c Panama-Pacific. Personally, I consider it most unattractive and it is doubtful if we have issued a postage stamp to date with less artistic appeal. Thirty million have been ordered, and it is not expected that a second order will be placed, as the stamp is produced by the flat bed method, which is more costly.

The variety will be printed in sheets of four hundred, and cut into post office panes of one hundred, with straight edges on two sides. It will be similar in size to our current stamp with the long dimension horizontal, perforated 11, on unwatermarked paper. No imperforates, rotaries or coils will be available. A general distribution will be made to postmasters requesting them.

Air Mail Stamps

I recently had the pleasure of discussing with Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, the question of Air Mail stamps, and he stated that until the Department had decided upon a new series, he would not ask for additional denominations of air mail stamps to take care of the increased growth of the air mail service.

Large packages are now being carried by air mail, and Mr. Glover called attention to several which had been brought to his attention, sent out by large concerns running in postage from thirty to several hundred dollars. With the new rates in effect on air mail to South America, high denominations are necessary, and when the time comes, the air mail series is likely to include eight or ten denominations. Mr. Glover even mentioned that he felt that a $10 air mail stamp would be advisable, in view of the heavier packages now being carried.

It is thought that a new series will be given serious consideration during the early part of the new year, and it is hoped that the air mail stamps will be in different designs, the same as the postage series. The history of the airplane could be very well depicted on the air mail series, while the other industries could be brought out on the postal emissions. It would not be surprising to see envelopes in new design follow shortly after the appearance of the new adhesive issue.

New Envelopes

Through the courtesy of Mr. P. R. Crooker we have been furnished with a list of the current envelopes with new watermarks, which have been located to date. As the list is long, only a portion is being printed in this number, but will be continued. Mr. Crooker writes that quite possibly it is not complete, but he believes that the list contains the majority that have been found to date. From his observations, the old Die H is the scarcest of the dies, being used by the new contractors, and the Die H on blue has been seen coming but from one source.

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.12	5c, with bar	.13	.75	.07
13	10c, with bar	.35	1.50	.40
14	8c, large "8"	.37	1.70	.45
22	1c on 20c	.07	.30	.06
23	2c on 1p	.12	.50	.12
30	8c, with period	.25	1.10	..
31	2c head, reads up	.50	2.00	..
35	8c purp. & blk.	.25	1.10	.18
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20c double sur.	..	1.50
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PRECANCEL PRICES

By A. C. LeDuc.

From the standpoint of a dealer, permit me to draw some conclusions from a comparison of the 1930 Scott's advance sheets and the 5th edition of the Mitchell-Hoover bureau print precancel catalogue.

Granted that the prices in the bureau print catalogue are on a net retail basis. Granted that dealers usually sell at some discount from Scott's catalogue prices, which in the case of U. S. stamps is not as large as foreign stamps in general. Prices on 20th century U. S. have been rising rapidly and the demand is such that they will undoubtedly continue their rises. Good U. S. we will say will sell at 25% discount from Scott's prices in the case of used stamps, as this article is dealing with cancelled stamps whether precancelled or not.

Inasmuch as the compound perforated varieties are still in use we will not discuss them at this time. We will concern ourselves with the rotary press perforated 10 values as these are obsolete. In the 1930 catalogue these are catalogued as follows:

1c, catalog .03; 1½c, .03; 2c, .02; 3c, .03; 4c, .03; 5c, .03; 6c, .05; 7c, .15; 8c, .10; 9c, .15; and 10c, .05.

Suppose that we say for sake of argument that of all the perforated 10 rotary press stamps issued that half were precancelled, which is doubtful. Suppose we put down retail selling prices for these stamps with regular cancellation, we would find them running closely to this table:

1c, .02; 1½c, .02; 2c, .01; 3c, .02; 4c, .02; 5c, .02; 6c, .03; 7c, .10; 8c, .07; 9c, .10; and 10c, .03.

That being the case, no stamp of these values would be worth any less precancelled than those with ordinary machine or package dauber cancel. Instead, a neat bureau print would be far nicer and should be worth more than any ordinary cancellation. If all perforated 10 bureau prints were precancelled the same way and there were just as many cancelled that way as the ordinary machine or dauber, the two methods of cancellation would be on a par. If all bureau print perforated 10 precancels were Chicagoes or New Yorks, and all others of that same issue were the ordinary cancellation, then the two kinds would be on a par and sell at the same prices with the premium going to the Chicago or the New York if it was more pleasing to the eye. However, such is not the case, as we find precancel collectors taking specimens with all the various kinds of precancels. Therefore, the premium is given to the precancel at every turn.

Bureau prints have been issued for a great many towns and cities, so instead of having one precancel cancellation arrayed against the ordinary cancellations we have hundreds. Therefore, our ratio is badly upset. We have instead of theoretical equality, many, many kinds of bureau prints which should command an enormous premium over the ordinary cancellation.

With the foregoing tables of values and comparisons in mind, will someone tell me how in the name of common sense any dealer can afford to sell a neatly precancelled stamp of the rotary press perforated 10 group at a smaller price than can be obtained for one of the same perforation, but cancelled by machine or package dauber?

If one city type of bureau print on one value was equal to half of all those cancelled in the ordinary manner, its premium should therefore be twice the retail value of the same thing with ordinary cancellation. Such is not the case. We could go on expanding this divergence of relative scarcity. Soon we would come to a proper valuation of each value from each city in reference to that vast number of the same denomination with ordinary cancellation. If the Scott catalogue stated that precancellation ruined a stamp then we would assume that their prices were for non-precancelled stamps only. Such is not the case. Their catalogue states that, "The prices quoted are for specimens in good condition." That doesn't say fine nor superb. Personally, I would say that a stamp with a neat bureau print precancel was better than "good" and therefore worthy of a premium.

How can any dealer sell neatly precancelled bureau print San Francisco for the prices mentioned in the Mitchell-Hoover net price catalogue when ordinary cancelled ones sell for higher prices in all instances, except the 2c. If the San Francisco 2c was issued in equal numbers to all the 2c ones of same issue cancelled in ordinary ways, it ought to bring a premium on account of being a neat cancellation. The number of S. F. 2c precancelled would be small in comparison with all those issued and used at all other places, whether precancelled or not.

Certainly a dealer ought to have a guardian appointed over his check book if he continued to sell San Francisco 7c of same issue for 3c when it would bring 10c. Instead of selling for 3c it should not sell for 10c, but far more on account of the neatness of the cancellation as compared with ordinary cancellations on the same stamp. The same argument applies to the 8c, 9c, and 10c of the same set.

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Let's go back to that 7c S. F. Now, if all the 7c rotaries perforated 10 were issued in equal amounts and half were precancelled S. F., and the other half went thru the various sieges of being hit with Post Office daubers, the S. F. neat bureau print would still be a better specimen because of the neater appearance, and should command a premium. However, the 7c was precancelled for many other places, so instead of being on a par with all other 7c ordinary cancellations, it would be several times better because this value was issued by at least 18 other cities in bureau print precancel form.

Supposing each of those 19 cities issued the same amounts of this particular stamp and the total was equal to all of those issued without precancel (which is most doubtful) the 7c from any of these 19 cities would be worth not 10c retail, but 19 times that price.

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By Edw. L. Dithridge.

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During Christmas time nearly all packages mailed at this office will bear precanceled stamps applied on the packages by the post office clerks. The denominations will be, 1c, 1½c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c and $1.00. It is customary in most offices that are issuing precanceled stamps to use them on packages during the Christmas rush, as it saves the time required for canceling the stamps. So the precancel collector might do well to keep his eyes open during December, for a chance to pick up some good precancels.

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WE have received from the *Junior Philatelist,* Box 56, Times Square Station, N. Y. C., a booklet, "Forming a Stamp Club." It is well worth the price asked, 10c, and will be very helpful to any recently organized club.

THE Rochester, N. Y., Philatelic Association meets on the second Thursdays at the Central Y. M. C. A., and at the Municipal Museum at Egerton Park on the fourth Thursdays of each month. At a meeting held Sept. 26, C. C. Benson of the Buffalo Stamp Club gave a talk, and exhibited his hotel cover collection.—GRANT BULKLEY.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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In the Publicity series of postage stamps announced in February, 1927, by W. W. Woodford, Minister of Posts & Telegraphs, as being in preparation, and issued Jan. 3, 1928, Newfoundland's geographical position is shown, and many of its means of communicating with the outer world.

After years of dispute over the boundary line on the Labrador, between Canada and Newfoundland, the Privy Council of the Empire handed down a decision on March 1, 1927, in favor of Newfoundland. On the 1c stamp of the 1928 series the boundary line is correctly drawn, and on the 30c is shown Grand Falls on the Hamilton River, in Labrador, whose drop of 302 ft. is almost twice that of the American Niagara (162 ft.).

Means of communication are pictured on the 2c (Cabot Straits s. s. "Caribou"), 5c (Cross-country express, St. John's to Port-aux Basques, 546 miles), 8c (Trans-Atlantic cable landing), 9c (wireless), and 15c (Alcock and Brown's airplane).

The Newfoundland Hotel (6c) in St. John's East, costing over a million dollars, was opened in 1926, and through it considerable tourist trade is attracted. It occupies the site of old Ft. William, built in 1696. The design of this stamp occasioned much comment locally, the question being asked (by other than the shareholders, of course), why a private venture should be so advertised. The bond issue of $450,000 was guaranteed by the Newfoundland Government in furtherance of its tourist policy.

It had been announced originally, that the s. s. Silvia, of the Red Cross Line to New York, and the s. s. Newfoundland, of the Furness Withy Line to Liverpool, would appear on the 5c and 6c respectively.

Their Majesties (King George and Queen Mary), and the Prince of Wales, are portrayed on the 3c and 4c respectively. Three cents is the inland letter rate, and 4c that to the British Empire and the United States. These two designs are the least pleasing in the whole series.

Newfoundland's War Memorial on King's Beach, St. John's, is the subject of the 10c stamp; the General Post Office, on Water Street, near the Railway station, is shown on the 12c, and the

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The report circulated in December of last year that the 30c Grand Falls had exhausted arose through the omission, due to an error, in printing a new lot of vendor's forms. The 14c and 28c, although issued, were also omitted from the same list.

Pictorial Series of 1923-24

Only the 5c, 9c, 11c, 12c and 24c of the 1923-24 pictorial series had exhausted up to the end of August, 1928, although the 20c followed in September, the 1c and 2c in October, and the 3c in November. The 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c and 15c were still to be had on December 12, 1928. The 10c followed in January, 1929, and the 4c in March, leaving only the 6c, 8c and 15c.

The 40c stamp booklets, containing 8 1c and 16 2c of the pictorial series, exhausted towards the end of 1928; they were still to be had when I was in St. John's at the end of September, 1928. Ten thousand of these booklets were received August 16, 1926, and issued August 17th.

Cabot and Caribou Remainders

The 24c and 60c of the Cabot series, of June 24, 1897, are still available, as also the 36c of the Caribou series of Jan. 2, 1919. On June 30, 1927, there were in the vaults and in the Wholesale Dept. of the G. P. O., St. John's, the following quantities of these stamps—

24c,	Cabot,	19,583
60c,	Cabot,	44,000
36c,	Caribou,	22,671

COLLECTORS CLUB PROGRAM

Courtesy of CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

The following is the program of the Collectors Club, New York City, for the season of 1929-30. The rooms of the Club are at 51 W. 48th St., N. Y. City:—

Oct. 2.—Edward R. Wood, Jr. Exhibit: U. S. 1847-1869, mint, in singles and blocks, also on covers.

Oct. 16.—New Haven Night. Members of the New Haven Philatelic Society will visit us and give displays.

Nov. 6.—Messrs. C. W. Brazer, Geo. Anthony & Beverly S. King. Exhibit: U. S. Proofs and Essays.

Nov. 20.—Ten minute papers with small exhibits limited to twenty pages, by members.

Dec. 4.—Judge R. S. Emerson. Exhibit: U. S. Revenues.

Dec. 18.—Laurence B. Mason. Exhibit: U. S. Covers showing postmarks, stamps and cancellations used in N. Y. City during the period 1775 to 1875.

Jan. 8.—Under the management of H. M. Clark. Joint exhibit of Patriotic Envelopes.

Jan. 22.—Washington Night. Members of the Washington Philatelic Society will visit us and give displays.

Feb. 5.—Henry G. Lapham. Exhibit: Early Australian Stamps.

Feb. 19.—Competition Night. Any 20 pages from a member's collection. To be judged for its interest and not for its rarity.

March 5.—Theodor E. Steinway. Exhibit: The Bedford-Jones Historical Collection of France.

March 19.—Air Mail Stamps. General exhibit by members.

April 2.—Hans Lagerloef. Exhibit: Specialized collection of Monaco in 3 volumes.

April 16.—"The Oranges" Night. Members of the Philatelic Society of the Oranges will visit us and give displays.

May 7.—W. E. Hawkins. Exhibit: Particulars later.

May 21.—"Franks" General Exhibit by member. Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., will show his fine collection of Presidential Franks, and other members are asked to contribute interesting items of any country.

June 4.—B. H. Honan. Exhibit: St. Lucia.

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Cayman's Postal System, 1889-1901

By Harry E. Huber.

Unlike the other dependency of Jamaica, the Turks & Caicos Islands, whose Post Office was established on December 11, 1854, and distinctive postage stamps issued April 4, 1867, the only means of forwarding letters from the Cayman Islands, until early in 1889, was by masters of sailing vessels, who on reaching destination, usually one of the southern ports of the United States, attached postage stamps and mailed them. Letters for the islands were sent in care of the General Post Office, Kingston, or the Cayman Islands agent there, Mr. George Orrit, and forwarded as opportunity presented.

Of the group, Grand Cayman, lying 178 miles northwest of Negril Point, Jamaica, is the largest, being 17 miles long and from 4 to 7 miles broad. Little Cayman is 58 miles to the northeast of Grand Cayman, and is separated from Cayman Brac by about 7 miles of sea. The two smaller islands are practically the same in size, i.e., 9 miles by 1 mile, and 10 miles by 1 mile, respectively.

Cayman Brac and Little Cayman were discovered by Columbus on May 10, 1503, on his fourth and last voyage, on returning from Porto Bello to Hispaniola, and were named by him Las Tortugas, from the numbers of turtles with which the shores swarmed. The smaller islands were first colonised, and for many years formed a valuable source of food su to Jamaica; later, the settlements v abandoned.

Between 1734 and 1741 Grand Cay was formally colonised from Jam and many patents of land in the is are on record in the Island Record O in Jamaica. On November 28, 1741, 1 acres (the present site of George To were granted to William Foster.

To some extent the present inhabit are descended from the settlers u these patents and their servants, as patentee was compelled to carry with a certain number of white men and sla According to Long, there were, in 1 106 white persons in the island. T had a chief or Governor of their choosing; magistrates appointed by Governor of Jamaica, and conducted t own affairs. The acts or resolution these magistrates and representative the people were validated by the pas in Parliament on June 22, 1863, of perial Act 26 and 27, Victoria, cha 31, "An Act for the Government of Cayman Islands." In section 3 of Act, the Justices and Vestry were g "power in their accustomed manne make such resolutions as to them seem fit for the following purposes, i alia, respecting the imposition and co tion of rates and taxes, and respec the custody and expenditure thereof."

In 1887, Sir Henry Norman, Gove of Jamaica, sent down Mr. L. R. as a special commissioner, to inquire the state of affairs in the Depende and as a result of his report (Sep 1887), Mr. Edmund Parsons, a Justic Peace of George Town, Grand Cay was appointed on May 21, 1888, Cu Rotulorum, or as the Grand Commis reads, "Keeper of Rolls and Record Peace of Grand Cayman, and the o Cayman Islands." This office Mr. sons held until the appointment of F. S. Sanguinetti as Resident Com sioner on August 22, 1898.

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A. H. DAVIS.

NEW DANISH STAMPS

N. Y. CITY, Oct. 5.

e Danish P. M. G. has just author- the issue of two new air mail stamps pplement the existing set of three s, 10, 15 and 25 ore. The new val- will be 50 ore grey, and 1 krone n. Although my cablegram does nention it, I presume the new values be in the same design as the existing ctive air mail stamps of Denmark. ew stamps will be used very shortly.

A. E. PADE.

KING FUAD'S FANCY

his recent flying visit to London, ac- ng to *Stamp Collecting*, King Fuad able to snatch a few hours from af- of State in which to inspect the fa- "Mackenzie Low" collection of tian postage stamps to be sold in Street next month. His Majesty especially interested in the magnifi- array of proofs and essays, many of are missing from his own collec- and it is understood that the royal elist will be an extensive bidder these come under the hammer. It be recalled that some ten years ago King Fuad acquired the important specialised collection of Egypt formed by M. Albert Eid, son of the French consul in Cairo, for a figure in the neighbourhood of $25,000.

NFLD. 1923 6c PICTORIAL

ST. JOHNS, Oct. 4.

I have read Mr. Huber's very interesting article on the surcharged 3c on 6c. He states that all the stock on hand of the 6c, 1923 pictorial was used up with these surcharges. However, I found that I could still buy these 6c pictorials at the wholesale stock department of the G. P. O. only a few days ago.

FRANK F. WILLS.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—The first meeting of the new Board of Directors of the S. P. A. was held Sept. 21, in New York, with the new President, Dr. McGay, in the chair. Eight out of ten directors were present, including F. L. Coes of Worcester, Mass. The convention of 1930 will be held in that city.

—B. G. Bushnell has changed his address from Chicago to 1265 Burdsal Parkway, Indianapolis, Ind. Patrons will please take notice.

—We are indebted to C. R. Stollmeyer for a first flight cover from Port of Spain, Trinidad. It is very barren of official markings, the only thing about it being a rubber stamp "first flight FAM 6 from Trinidad." However, there is every reason to believe that the cover formed actual air flight service, and we thank Mr. Stollmeyer for his courtesy. The carriage is paid by the current 6d and 1sh stamps.

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HE WORLD WAR ON STAMPS

By BEACH CONGER, JR.

nost ten years have passed now since lose of that great and disastrous, -making World War. So recent resh in our minds it seems that we ot need to be told its history. And nly generations of the years to come now about it. But beside that com- lace textbook, "The History," fu- philatelists will read the events in stamp albums, if they assemble the stamps. I will endeavor to give you ea of how to form such a collection stamps now printed. In 1929 un- edly more stamps will be printed emorative of events of the war. But rial today is plentiful, and the ener- and ambitious collector will find on perusal of the new Scott's 1930 ogue, which to the time of writing ot yet appeared.

e collection may consist of three , according to the taste and choice e individual collector, more or less. first part covers the war itself; sec- geographical changes as a result of war; third, governmental and eco- c changes resulting from the war. stamps alone and stamps on cover, ith cancellations alone can be used. atter to suit the collector. Contrast vs furnishes interest, and such items German Empire stamp cancelled ig and a Free City Danzig stamp d side by side enrich the collection. ian "Feld-Post" letters, or soldier s with cancellations will be of value e first section, explanation of which ws.

e beginning of the war may not have commemorated philatelically, but irst set might consist of the Bulga- set of 1921, commemorating Bulga- entrance into the war in 1915. The eriod of the war now is entered. You emember the rapid advance of the German troops through Belgium and France. German stamps were surcharged for use in Belgium and France, both with French and Belgian values. Several of these stamps with early dates will be of interest. Unfortunately many of them were cancelled with the Berlin cancellation, thus omitting local postmarks, but some may be found thus cancelled. On the Eastern front progress was also being made, and 1915 finds German stamps overprinted "Russich-Polen" and "Gen.-Gouv. Warshau" for usage in Poland and General Headquarters in Warsaw. Here, however, local cancellations were used and stations and advances of the armies may be shown. Austria's progress in the earlier part of the war cannot be noted very well, as not many copies of the "Feld-Post Marken" were cancelled to show positions to my knowledge. In the other sphere of the war, however, the success was reversed. 1914 and 1915 finds German Cameroon and Togo stamps surcharged for joint Anglo-French occupation, those of Samoa and New Guinea with British surcharges, and 1916 provides German East Africa stamps with Belgian occupation surcharges. In Europe, meanwhile, philately has not brought forth much of historic value, except Roumania's entry into the war, which promptly occasions surcharge of Austrian, Bulgarian and German stamps for use in Roumania. And thus we come to the last of the actual war. Italy, during 1921, issued a set commemorating a last minute victory over the Austrians at Piave in 1918; a second one is now in preparation. Also during 1918 and 1919 Italian and Austrian stamps were surcharged for use of Italians in Trieste and Trentino during occupation. Peace at last. United States, Japan, Belgium and the Bahamas all show thankfulness through peace stamps, although that of the United States is also called Victory stamp. Financial end of the war may be displayed by War Tax overprints of the various British Colonies and Red Cross and Charity stamps of the different nations. And to complete this part, France used a special cancellation "Congres de la Paix" on the dates of the handing over of the peace treaty to delegates, and the signing of the treaty in the hall of mirrors at Versailles.

Now for the second chapter, geographical changes. Let us start with Germany. The territories not taken away from her are made into Plebiscites, and at once issue their own stamps. These are Allenstein, Marienwerder, Memel, Saar and Schleswig-Holstein. The Schleswig-Holstein question is soon voted upon, part going to Denmark, part to Germany. Denmark issues a commemorative celebrating the return of Northern Schleswig. Danzig is made a Free City under guardianship of the League of Nations. All the colonies are taken, and the German stamps are surcharged with mostly French and English inscriptions. Belgian Congo stamps are surcharged for use in German East Africa in 1922. Austria has one plebiscite, Carinthia, which makes itself known in 1920. Austrian stamps are also surcharged for Czechoslovakia. Fiume becomes a Free City and immediately issues commemorative after commemorative. Roumania at last obtains Bessarabia and commemorates the 10th anniversary of the return this year. Down in Asia Minor Turkish stamps are overprinted by French authorities "Cilicia." The British make known their occupation of Baghdad and Mesopotamia also on Turkish stamps. Now for the big free for all. Russia, broken up by internal warfare dissolves completely. The following countries issue their own stamps during 1919 and 1920: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Batum, Central Lithuania, Estonia, Far Eastern Republic, (Siberia), Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukrainia. All of these may not have been in Russia itself.

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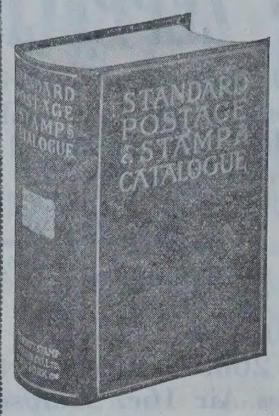

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A CORRESPONDENT at Washington says that he is advised that the issue of the 2c stamp commemorative of the completion of the canalization of the Ohio River, which was announced for October 12, 1929, will be postponed for one week. While the post office department announced that the date of issue would be October 12th, at the seven cities that may be said to be associated with the great project, it now deems it advisable to defer the date of issue to October 19th; and postmasters are asked to acquaint collectors with the change of time. The Philatelic Agency will have the stamp on sale on Monday, October 21st, and adhering to the rule established recently, no first day covers will be accepted there for mailing.

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OUR correspondent says that the proposal of a new stamp to commemorate the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Society is being given consideration by postal officers, according to "oral" statement. No action has been taken since "the quota for commemorative stamps has been exhausted" for 1929, and naturally, the postmaster-general is now taking a breathing-spell. Even the most conservative soul could predict with confidence that Massachusetts will get its stamp, since, as observed by the *United States Daily*, the head of the department will "keep in mind the importance of this latest application for a new stamp." We may as well quote further from this paragon of papers which prints the facts only under due authority: "Issuance of commemorative postage stamps is limited each year because of lack of funds to approve all the applications that the Department receives for special recognition of some historical event. It was stated that these stamps involve additional expense because of the requirement of special mechanical equipment, which is not required in the production of ordinary postage stamps." Thirty years ago or so, the department at Washington, after safely delivering the Omaha issue of 1898 to a mildly expectant world, said good riddance, in effect, and added that suggestions for further special issues would be as welcome as the visit of a bank examiner. Too much work was required for the somewhat attenuated results achieved. The Omahas were slow sellers, comparatively speaking, and the dollars loomed up larger then than they do now. However, times change and the wind that is prevailing at a given time may be a variable one.

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MR. A. A. PORTER, Chicago, writes: "I have just seen Mr. McArthur's article on an early precanceled wrapper, 2c of 1863-64, that was used in sending out a publication, it seemed. I am sending you an entire envelope, 2c brown on orange, Reay, 1870, the envelope stamp on which is canceled by three horizontal bars in black, printing press impression. The return card is that of "Fairchild's Club List, Rolling Prairie, Wis. One Hundred and 75 Papers and Magazines at Low Club Rates. Agents Wanted at Every Post Office in the United States." . . . The postmark is: Rolling Prairie, Wis., Oct. 26.

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SOME time ago, that excellent Italian philatelic journal, *Filatelia*, published an account of a curious mistake that forgers of the "Estero" surcharge on the Italian stamps that were given this wording; and we have received the following translation from Mr. H. J. Bertocchio: "Inasmuch as the surcharge is well reproduced, nevertheless, we are much surprised that the falsifiers could dispose of their product, on account of the ease with which it could be detected. It is known that the stamps of Italy were used for the offices in foreign lands and in the Levant, from the year 1863 to 1883, surcharged 'Estero.' However, on each denomination a slight modification was made on the corners of the designs, which vary in this manner from the ordinary stamps used in Italy. While there are some of the 'Estero' stamps of the first issue, the 10 and 30c, with all four corners not altered, they constitute varieties interesting and valuable. The description of the changed ornamentation on the 1863 issue of Italy, de la Rue series, issued with 'Estero' in 1874, follows: on the 1 and 2c, the corners have been emptied, leaving a small black quadrangle in the center. On the 5c, the slanting corner line has been removed, and on the 10c, the chief horizontal line has been taken out. The 20, 30 and 40 centesimi have blank corners, and removal of salient lines may be seen on the 60c and 2 l. It is evident that the 1879 set of Italy, surcharged 'Estero' in 1881, all of which have modified corners similarly, was used for forging purposes, thereby making it easy to detect the fraudulent surcharges."

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THE National Philatelic Exhibition, Minneapolis, the corporation that so successfully promoted the first annual stamp show, under the auspices of the Twin City Philatelic Society and sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, has achieved another distinction that will prove most gratifying to those who subscribed to the underwriters' shares. A rebate of 75% has been made to the subscribers, and it is expected by the management that another return will be made, the amount to be determined later. This is a remarkable example of well-directed enterprise and we predict that the suggestion made in the letter accompanying the check to each contributor that it is fitting that the recipient join the Association for Stamp Exhibitions will be favorably received. The dues in this organization that did yeoman work in shaping the destiny of the first stamp show are two dollars a year, and for convenience' sake one may ask that this sum be deducted from the next rebate.

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SEVERAL weeks ago the Sacramento *Bee*, California, in speaking of the activities of Mr. W. R. Parker as a historian of the western letter-carrying expresses, says that it is the plan of Mr. Parker to write a book on the subject of the California companies. Mr. Parker for some time has been in the Upper Feather River country, whose beauties are almost indescribable. He says: "Think how the private expresses got through here seventy years ago, especially in winter, on regular schedule without a miss. The fee of $5 up to an ounce of gold dust, about $18, a letter, really seems cheap postage, under the circumstances. The regular service would have been a matter of months, perhaps, six or eight, in winter." Mr. Parker has found some old California newspapers on the subject nearest his heart that will yield him valuable data, and he aptly says that material of the kind is more difficult to find than the covers themselves. A book on this fascinating subject from Mr. Parker would be most welcome, and we trust that it will be an accomplished fact in due time.

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WE are pleased to hear the report that Mr. J. A. Galbraith, the New York dealer, is recovering from a severe illness over a period of several months, and that soon he will resume business again.

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A WRITER who is preparing a stamp article for the general press asks us who was the first stamp dealer. The question is a difficult one to answ in fact, one dare not risk a definite sta ment. No doubt, there were a numb of persons who handled stamps for pr in the very early days of whom there no general recollection. We believe t the great Moens, born in 1833, and w died in 1908, was the first dealer prominence. In Brussels, Belgium, he sued a price-list in 1862; and since was a book-seller and publisher, it is f to assume that his liking for stamps clined him to deal in them before t time. Moens started with philately, a for years he was its leading light.

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E. J. Newcomer tells me that the lately mentioned cachet from Vancouver for CAM 32 was evidently applied by the postmaster, as covers sent direct to him had it on them.***Ralph Moffatt reports that Boise Chambers had special cachets

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K G L Post Frm.—On the early stamps of Denmark (value in skilling) or Danish West Indies (value in cents).

Kamerun.—Cameroons.

Karolinen.—Caroline Islands.

Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post. — On many of the stamps of Austria.

K. K. Post-stempel.—On the early stamps of Austria (values in "kr") and Austrian Italy (values in "centes").

Korea.—Corea.

Kphth.—Crete.

Kr. (or "Kreuzer"). — Shown on many of the stamps of Austria.

Land-Post.—On some of the local stamps of Baden.

Lion.—The most prominent feature in the design of the early Persian stamps.

Magyar kir. Posta.—Hungary.

Marianen.—Marianne Islands.

Maroc.—Morocco (French offices).

Marruecos.—Morocco (Spanish offices).

Marschell-Inseln.—Marshall Islands.

Mejico.—Mexico.

Mocambique.—Mozambique.

Modonesi.—Modena.

Royalty Via Stamps

By Max Schachter.

In 1840 Great Britain in its first issue started the custom of picturing a ruler on postage stamps. When other countries adopted stamps, they followed Great Britain's idea. Stamps show many interesting portraits of rulers. When King Alfonso of Spain became king he was only three years old. He is pictured at this age on the issue of Spain and her colonies in 1889-1890. We see him again in a different pose, older in 1898. We watch him grow on later issues of Spain, but not on the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico or Cuban stamps, because of Spain losing these colonies after the Spanish-American War in 1898. Another child portrait on stamps is that of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in 1890. The latest example comes from Roumania with its boy King Michael. Three striking pictures of Francis Joseph of Austria reveal him as in 1848, 1878, and as an old man in 1908, reminding us of his long reign. Many other stamps in our stamp gallery give us interesting pictures of rulers.

Bits of Information

Rejistro. — This word appears on some of the registration stamps issued in the Republic of Colombia and means literally "registry."

Relais.—This word found upon Persian stamps indicates the special use to which the stamps are put. In the absence of railway communication passengers, goods and mails are transported by wagons drawn by horses in relays of 20 or 30 miles. Passengers in the post wagons pay extra for the privilege and a "relais" stamp is affixed as a tax to the passengers' tickets. They are not postage stamps.

Skiernewice.—A Polish city which in 1918, upon the declaration of Polish independence and the withdrawal of the German army of occupation, surcharged the German "Gen. Gouv. Warschau" stamps with the word "Polska."

Skilling Banco.—The early stamps of Sweden bore values in skilling banco, 48 of which were equal to a riksdaler. The skilling banco was worth a little more than 1c in United States currency.

S. L.—These letters signifying "Sierra Leone" are shown in the lower part of the design of the large stamps now current in this British colony.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor,*
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited, either prose or verse. You may sign them or not, as you please. Address the editor as above.)

Condolence

A small boy whose grandfather had died was told that he must write a note of sympathy to his grandmother. He wrote: "Dear Grandma: What a pity about poor grampy! Please send me some more stamps. My bicycle is broken. There's a new boy at school who's got six toes. With love, Roger."

—Sent in by A. J. Kommers.

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You birds are all wrong as to the stick in Gen. Sullivan's right hand. The question is settled forever by our California sleuth, Chas. F. Becker, who says it is a Snipe-Shooter—"A stick with a steel point on the end to pick up cigar butts. See? I guess I know a Snipe-Shooting stick when I see one," says Charley.

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Two little boys
Tied two tin pails
To the stumpy ends
Of two pups' tails.
The pups went South
Like Miami gales—
Both letting out
Some New South Wails!
—Capt. A. C. Townsend.

(Hot "doggerel"! Somebody else pass us a weeny.—Ed.)

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"I've got the hiccough," said Lowe Gear. "Somebody scare me."

Sandy Spinach held up a pane of Sullivans—*well centered!*

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Prof. Gumm

Dear Prof.: My stamps look shabby. How can I give them a finished appearance?—Sloppy Joe.

Ans.: Wash them, and ask a P. O. inspector if they aren't pretty.

—R. E. Dunlop.

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"Aren't these punched initials war?"
"War? I don't get you."
"Huh! So you've never heard of Sherman?"

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Vanishing Cream

"If these new U. S. issues keep coming," wails Bob Dunlop, "I can see the cream of my bank account vanishing."

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Max Smith knows a prizefighter who has had thousands of bouts with stamp hinges, and has licked them every one. This same scrapper gets some knock-out bargains from the "WEEKLY."

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A lotta Bargains underneath the Bough,
Mine Album, eke my Teezerines, and Thou
Beside me silent in the Wilderness,—
Oh, Wilderness, were all O. K., and how!

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The Opine Club

I do not like this way of spelling "Buroprints."—W. B. Hoover.

No good purpose can ever be achieved by repairing a stamp.—A. J. Sefi.

We've said it before and we say it again, that humor connected with stamp collecting is all too rare.—Mal Ganser.

The greater and keener the collector, the larger and more numerous will be his transactions in stamps.—Fred J. Melville.

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Ha—We Know Him!

"There is a collector," says Red of Berwyn, "who is so dumb that he thinks Buffalo Bill was the specialist who made the current 30c famous."

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 613)

for the 1st night flights on routes 5 32, and mailed about 100 west and east.***Postmaster B. D. Chilson of H Hawaii, writes that commercial air vice will start about November, but there is no word whatever on mail far. *Do not* send covers to the P. as he is under orders to return them, if you have some other local correspo ent, have him keep his eyes open.

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Leslie A. Boone sends me a cover the Brownsville-Guatemala flight, wh occurred Sept. 1st. He tells me that official opening as announced for S 2nd was changed just the day previo to Sept. 1st instead, and that less th 400 letters in all, collectors' and comm cial, for all points on the route in M ico, as well as for Guatemala, were c ried.***Chas. de Lagneau shows me advance copy of the cachet for the S Juan-Paramaribo flight, a large size r tangle in purple, design a seaplane o an old time sailing vessel. Cachet w applied by Miami P. O. to all cov mailed there, as the large number wo have caused congestion at San Juan.* Venezuela has given a contract for carrying of air mail to the U. S., serv to start in December, with 32 passeng flying boats.

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Canadian prairie service given a tr last December will soon become perm nent with the inauguration of regul service in the very near future. *Pr able* cachets will be for the followin Calgary to Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regin Edmonton to the same; Winnipeg to C gary, Edmonton, Regina; Regina to Wi nipeg, Calgary, Saskatoon, Edmonto Saskatoon to Regina, Edmonton, Win peg. Covers to be marked "Via A Mail, Winnipeg to Regina," etc.; regul 5c postage (Canadian). E. R. Tavend 1211 Colbourne Crescent, Calgary, offe his services to all readers in sending receiving Calgary covers.

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Mr. J. Robertson of Johannesburg, Africa, sends me covers from Durb and Germiston, mailed Aug. 29th, on t inaugural flight of the Durban-Capetov service. No special cachet used, but co ers are postmarked the 29th, have t "By Air Mail-Per Lugpos" label, and a franked with the new 4d air stamps. I ward flight took place the 26t carrying in all about 8,000 letters, abo ⅔ originating in South Africa, and ⅓ England and Ireland, according to i formation from Francis J. Field.

Airport Dedications, Shows, Unoffici Flights, Etc.

Coming: Boston, Mass., dedicates e larged airport about Nov. 1—cachet b C. of C.***Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 11- likely cachet by Chamber of Commerc ***Fresno, Calif., Nov. 9—possible c chet by C. of C.***Harrisburg, Pa., ded cates Nov. 11th—send to C. of C.***L Angeles, Cal., Nov. 9-17, Western Ai craft Show—9 days, 9 colors. Send co ers empty to Director of Cachets, Mar C. Emsley, 1168 S. Hill St., Los Angele who will also provide a special set c commemorative envelopes, includi everything, for $2.***Mt. Hope Bridg Opening and Air Pageant, Newport, I I., now set for Oct. 24—covers to C. of *****

Alamosa, Colo., dedicates Nov. 10-1 Covers to Frank R. Divers, Alamos ready to go. Special flight probab here.***O. H. Phinney sends me the be one yet. Trinidad, Colo., dedicated Sep 22, tried for official cachet, and, of cours didn't get it. Nevertheless, they had

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e carry such mail as they had in to blo. *But*, they had no cachet, mail postmarked Pueblo, Sept. 23, 11.30 M., and backstamped the same. C. of ent only 1 of Mr. Phinney's letters, ng the lack of cachet for their reason supposing he didn't want the rest.*** ango was set for Sept. 28 and 29, and inaugurating a *regular* private air service to Pueblo, which would save ours between these cities alone.

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oss Shumaker sends me a cover with ecial cachet used at Raleigh, N. C., he opening of the Eastern Air Ex- s commercial service, New York- ni, stopping at Raleigh. Raleigh air- dedication late this fall, cachet by of C.***Newark, N. J., postpones ition Show till next spring.***Tren- N. J., dedicates Oct. 26—cachet by f C.***Providence, R. I., says airport cation far ahead, but will hold covers. Morton Shulman has letters carried ra Eaker twice back and forth across continent, and back again till they e forced down east of Salt Lake City.

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ternational Air Circus, Kansas City, s., made use of the now familiar K. crossroads" cachet, plus an additional ies and the date, in contrasting colors ffering for each of the 9 days.*** horities in charge of Oneida, N. Y., tary Air Circus imposed a charge on rs sent them for cachet, so the local f C. sponsored a cachet of their own. nes in each, the first mentioned in e letters, the second cachet in small rs. And right here let me reiterate the cachet in itself doesn't mean a g to me except to identify or decorate ver mailed on the proper date for the it under discussion. In this case, I no special choice between the two, ide of the financial element, as both isors are recognized civic authorities. Leland C. Metzgar sends me a cover n Geneva, N. Y., bearing the special ver of the Sesquicentennial Sullivan edition, Sept. 21st.

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ecent dedications: Pittsburgh-Greens- g airport at Greensburg, Pa., Sept. 21. Covers flown to McKeesport, e postmarked 22nd and 23rd.***En- rise, Ala., Sept. 22—no cachet.*** rgantown, W. Va., Sept. 27—600-700 led out, cachet in red, with signature ocal officials.***Newark, N. Y., men- ed as of Sept. 2, flew all the mail to hester. Lot of it missed being can- ed there, some were caught and post- ked at Buffalo and Cleveland, and e came in with no postmark whatso- r.***Princeton, Ind., mails covers t. 20—no cachet. Dedication?***Uti- N. Y., Sept. 27—the old CAM 20 ca- t neatly adapted—in red.

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nd some more—2 weeks' accumula- this time—Muncie, Ind., Sept. 28, 29 o cachet, tho they must have received ot of covers.***Big new Pittsburgh- ler airport, Sept. 27, 28, cachet in red black respectively, and cancellations McKeesport the following day.*** ubenville, Ohio, Sept. 14, 15—square k cachet by Legion.***Big Spring, ., Sept. 11-12—round blue cachet— vn to Fort Worth, and postmarked re the following day.***York, Neb., t. 12-13—2 lines in black.***McCook, ., Sept. 13-14—elaborate cachet in and purple respectively, celebrating the opening of the 1st regular news- er air delivery service by the *McCook ily Gazette*. Mussolini beat them to it there, however.***Camden, N. J., Central Airport, Sept. 21—Roy MacBean says he got 114 different pilots to autograph his covers, and he admits missing a few—so there must have been a crowd!

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Not through yet—Athol, Mass., Sept. 13, 14, 15—opening Orange-Athol Airport. 13th and 14th postmarked Athol, 15th Boston. Special flight?***New York Seaplane Airport, Port Washington, Sept. 14—unusually effective cachet in blue.*** Carroll, Iowa, Sept. 12—blue or black—bad accident here—plane burnt, and 2 passengers with it.***Boone, Iowa, Sept. 14-15—various colors, in an Iowa map. ***Williston, N. D., Sept. 25—no cachet. ***Westfield, N. Y., Sept 5—dedication?—no cachet.***Chillecothe, O., Sept. 15—C. of C. returned all letters—no cachet—or covers either, I'm afraid. Same with Tamworth, N. H., Sept. 18th.***Fremont, Neb., Sept. 10, cachet "All-Nebraska Air Tour."***Staunton, Va., July 4—no cachet—dedication?***Holdrege, Neb., Aug. 23 or 25—same question.***Buena Vista, Colo., Sept. 2—apparently only 35 covers mailed—typed inscription, and signatures. ***Placerville, Calif., was due Sept. 15, with cachet. Anybody get any? Same for Falls City, Neb., Sept. 9.***Charleston, S. C., Sept. 10—no cachet, and have seen no covers.***Wagner, S. D., Aug. 3—no cachet.***Stockton, Calif., July 6—ditto.***Gainesville, Ga., just reported for last May 25—5 line box cachet in blue by C. of C.***Endicott, N. Y., likewise—2 line box in purple by C. of C., July 9. ***Waynoka, Okla., dedicated July 4—no cachet.

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Miscellaneous items: Milwaukee, Aug. 26, had a cachet for the Portland-Cleveland Air Derby.***Findlay, O., Airmail day reported red as well as black.*** Elkhart, Ind., Indiana Good Will Tour—privately prepared printed sticker in commemoration.***North Platte, Neb., used the "Buffalo Bill's Home Town" cachet for May 21, Lindbergh Day.***Here's one we all seem to have overlooked. The annual Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, has the usual style cachet, plus a special official cancellation, "R. P. O. Exhibit Car, Spg. Mass.—date," and covers were mailed Sept. 15-21.***R. S. Daykin sends a cover from Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 17—but no cachet, and no letter within. Whatizzit?***Muskogee, Okla., a full size cachet for the stop of the Mexico-K. C. Air Derby, Sept. 26—blue—and right here I looked at my watch—and it's just 20 minutes till the 11.44 P. M. train—the last that will get this copy in on time, so be patient, and we'll try to catch up by next week.

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Mustn't forget the coöperators, though. Here's one boy that deserves a hand about this time. George Nowobilski, Stowe, Pa., has regularly for some weeks been sending me a weekly resumé of his incoming covers, and I guess we'll have to put him in the hall of fame along with the Petty-Schafer-Hudson & Co., combination. The rest of the good helpers follow: E. J. Newcomer, E. R. Tavender, Ralph Moffatt, *Everett G. Emerson, Francis J. Field, Elton M. Manuel, R. B. Rowan, *J. W. Stoutzenberg, Frank C. Buell, *Mrs. Jessie W. Clark, R. O. Briggs, *O. H. Phinney, Frank Kocher, Maurice S. Petty, B. D. Chilson, Charles Minick, Jr., Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., *Leslie A. Boone, *Arthur W. Gilbart, Jr., *Leland C. Metzgar, *Joseph Goldberg, Allen P. Harding, A. V. Dworak, Roy H. MacBean, Zix and Shockley, Wells Dewey Burnette, *D. E. McPherson, M. C. Emsley, **J. Robertson, Morton Shulman, Chas. de Lagneau, **E. D. MacLennan, Selvy A. Davis, Norman Rosenstein, O. W. Pittman, Floyd H. Flickinger, M. B. Sewell, George Wehlau, C. W. Horn.

STOP PRESS NEWS

This WEEKLY is dated Monday. It was printed on the preceding Wednesday and Thursday, and mailed Friday and Saturday. "Stop Press News" can be received as late as Tuesday, but advertising copy six days earlier on Wednesday. Just remember this schedule and note that news from Wednesday to the following Tuesday will be received at our Beverly office.

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RADIO AND PHILATELY

By George M. Mathewson.

The article relative to Mr. C. N. Kraus, Radio W1BCR of Providence, R. I., has prompted me to write this letter. I have been experimenting with short wave radio receiving and transmitting sets for a good number of years myself in addition to stamp collecting. My entrance into philately can be attributed to short wave radio as I was communicating with foreign radio enthusiasts, and naturally received a great deal of mail from them. My wife used to save the stamps from the mail with the idea in mind of starting a stamp collection. Personally I never gave the idea much thought as I was wrapped up in my radio experiments and communication with foreign points of the world. An office associate who was interested in radio from a broadcast standpoint was conversing with me one day and during the course of the talk I spoke of my wife's desire to start a stamp collection. He became interested and offered to help her get started. The outcome was that I purchased a packet of cheap stamps, an album, hinges, and a Scott's catalog for her. My friend called at my home and explained to both of us the art of stamp collecting, and I myself became interested, and as a consequence have been collecting stamps and air mail covers ever since. I have on a number of occasions used my radio set as a means of collecting stamps. Have communicated with radio friends in foreign lands and have prevailed upon them to send me stamps of their country. Have also worked the same system for first day covers. I am still interested in short wave radio, but it has waned considerably since I became a philatelist. I know of no other amateur radio operators who are interested in collecting other than Mr. Kraus whom I know through association via radio. Incidentally my call letters are W1BQD. The statement that perhaps others of the radio field might be in the philatelist field has caused me to write this letter.

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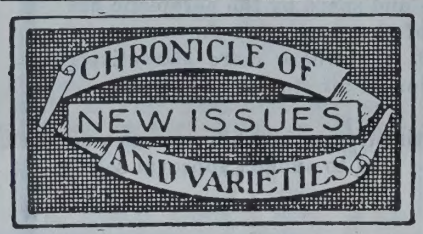

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Station, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, cor. Robbins Road and Locust Ave., Lexington, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

(*Continued from page 605*)

So far, the 1c, Die A has been found in three sizes, on white, amber, and blue. The Die C has been seen in two sizes on white and one size on blue. The 1½c has been located on Die A on white in three sizes, and Die H2 in two sizes on white and amber, and one size on blue. The 2c Die A has been found in seven sizes, and in most sizes on the three papers. The Die A2 in three sizes of three papers, although some papers are not found on certain sizes. The Die H always high back under the new contract has been found in two sizes on white, and one size on blue. So far, it has not been located in amber. The die H2 comes in six sizes, some on white, some on amber, and some on blue. Extra quality envelopes have been noted in this size only. The 4c are all on extra quality white in two sizes, while the 5c is available in three sizes on white.

A portion of the detailed list follows:

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2661j	Size	5	White	Low	
2661l	"	5	"	"	
2662j	"	5	Amber	"	
2663j	"	5	Blue	"	
2685j	Size	8	White	Low	
2685l	"	8	"	"	
2686j	"	8	Amber	"	(precan.)
2687j	"	8	Blue	"	(precan.)
2700j	Size	13	White	"	
2700l	"	13	"	"	
2701j	"	13	Amber	"	(precan.)
2702j	"	13	Blue	"	
2708l	"	13	White	Window	

One Cent—Die C

2721j	Size	5	White	High	
2721l	"	5	"	"	
2722k	"	5	"	"	Ex. Q.
2724j	"	5	Blue	"	
2735j	Size	13	White	"	
2735l	"	13	"	"	
2736k	"	13	"	"	Ex. Q.

1½ Cent—Die A

3264j	Size	5	White	Low	
3264l	"	5	"	"	
3268l	Size	8	"	High	
3270j	"	8	"	Low	
3270l	"	8	"	"	
3275j	Size	13	"	"	(used)

1½ Cent—Die H2

3283k	Size	5	White	High	Ex. Q.
	"	5	Amber	"	
3288l	Size	13	White	High	
	"	13	Amber	"	
3290j	"	13	Blue	"	

Four Cent—Die A

2992k	Size	8	White	High	Ex. Q.
2997k	Size	9	"	"	Ex. Q.

Five Cent—Air Mail

Size	5	White	High	Watermark 28
Size	5	"	"	" 30
Size	8	"	"	" 28
Size	13	"	"	" 28

Brazil.—The semi-official 1,300 reis, air mail vignette issued by the "Condor Syndicate" has been converted into an Express Delivery stamp of 700 reis by surcharging with the new value supplemented by the initial "E" according to information furnished by *Stamp Collecting*.

Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 500 reis blue, design A76, perf. 13x12½, new all over watermark "EU BRASIL" in block capitals. Mr. Roberts further informs us that all his supply show the watermark inverted.

French Colonies.—A public competition is being held among French artists, who are invited to submit designs for a series of stamps to be issued in connection with an International Colonial Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1931. The suggested design has, according to the rules, to allow for the inclusion of "the name of the colony" from which we assume that a key type series will be placed on sale throughout all the French colonies with just the name of each colony given. The stamps are to be the usual pictorial size (22mm x 36mm) and the design should picture "France as an empire builder; the greatness of the French Empire and the glory of its founders." *Philatelic Magazine* prints the above interesting information.

Japan.—The Aero Philatelic Society of Corea advises the *Philatelic Magazine* that the new Air stamps mentioned last April will be issued this month (September), and will be 8½ and 16½ sen for post cards, and 18 and 33 sen for letters. No other details are yet available.

Mexico. — In a recent issue of *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* it is reported that when the Carranza Air Mail stamps were issued on July 12th last enormous crowds gathered at the various Post Offices and the stamps were doled out in limited quantities. It is also reported that the whole issue was 100,000 sets, and they were sold out the day of issue.

Nicaragua.—Mr. R. E. R. Dalwick reports to *Stamp Collecting* that the following varieties are constant in the setting of the overprint on the air mail stamps of this country, viz.:—(a) large "A" in Aereo, (b) large "A" in P. A. (c) two large "A's" in P. A. A.

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THE WORLD WAR ON STAM

(*Continued from page 611*)

but under Russian influence. As Ru cancellations are always more ille than others, not many contrasting st will be obtained. But the multitud stamps, if properly written up, will an excellent survey of the terri changes after the war. Poland, Cze slovakia and Jugoslavia are all new st made up mostly of Austrian-Hunga country.

Part three and finis. The economi sults are shown in the inflation pe stamps. Some of the German ones, pl side by side with a 2pf 1902 will s up the fall of the mark. The sam possible with Austria, Russia and countries. Use the highest values tainable, i.e., Germany 50 billion m Russia 200,000 rubles, and Austria kronen. France's recent inflation is played by the sinking fund stamp rec issued. Now for governmental cha Austrian stamps are now inscribed " terreich" instead of "Kaiserliche U. enigliche Post", standing for Imp and Royal Post; Hungary's stamps labelled "Magyar Posta" instead of M yar Kir Posta. Germany made no cha but in 1919 issued a set commemor of the first National Republic Assen Russia celebrated the 10th anniversar a Soviet Republic with a nice set in Besides all stamps are now inscribe S. S. R., which signifies Union of cialistic Republics.

In the above manner a collection be assembled to show the event or ev which lead up to so many changes revolutions in the world, and also counts for the heavy amount of sta issued yearly in Europe by almost b rupt states. My list may not be comp new sets are coming out every week, the collector by perusal of the new logue and new issue columns may or add as he chooses.

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V PHASE OF COVER COLLECTING

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w collectors, if asked to explain the ction of their hobby, could do so uately. Most would probably say they collect simply because they it, but that would be explaining the ction in terms of itself. Perhaps hree prime motivators of the philatare: the novelty, the beauty, and the rical lure. And I have started a collection which is to me an ement of the three in liberal quan-, "president's birth date" covers. r collecting, I know, is carefully led by a large number of collectors, here is a phase which should interest ge majority.

ie idea was suggested to me by a w collector a little over a year ago, I have followed it up enthusiastically my collection is nearly complete. ining the birth dates of our presidents ooking up towns named after them, I ed to work. A few days before the day of a president I would prepare ver and mail to the postmaster of the , say Coolidge, Kansas, with a cours letter asking him to mail it on date with a legible postmark if pos-. The results obtained were marvel- practically every postmaster coated graciously. I used envelopes ewhat smaller than the standard busi- 6¾, and used imperforate black dings for franking. These, of course, arbitrary; I have since thought that ould be carrying the idea out more oughly to use where possible stamps ing the president's own likeness. I ld be pleased to hear expressions n other collectors on the subject, and the convenience of those who shall to adopt this hobby I am submitting t of the towns and dates.

Washington, Ill., Feb. 22; Adams, Ind., 30; Jefferson, Iowa, April 13; lison, N. C., Mar. 16; Monroe, La., il 28; Adams, Tenn., July 11; Jack- Miss., March 15; Van Buren, Ark., 3; Harrison, Ga., Feb. 9; Tyler, ., Mar. 29; Polk, Pa., Nov. 2; Tay- Ariz., Nov. 24; Fillmore, Utah, Jan. Pierce, Ala., Nov. 23; Buchanan, Va., il 23; Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12; John- Vt., Dec. 29; Grant, Ky., April 27; es, Kans., Oct. 4; Garfield, N. J., 19; Arthur, Nev., Oct. 5; Cleveland, n., March 18; Harrison, Calif., Aug. McKinley, Minn., Jan. 29; Roose-, N. Y., Oct. 27; Taft, Fla., Sept. 15; son, Wyo., Dec. 28; Harding, Mass., 2; Coolidge, Kans., **July 4.**

Bahamas To Celebrate

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE ISLAND'S STAMPS

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

The British West Indian colony of the Bahamas which is about to celebrate in stamps the tercentenary of its colonisation by Englishmen, can claim the distinction of having issued seventy years ago what is generally conceded by artists and philatelists alike to be one of the most artistic postage stamp designs of the British Empire.

At the time of the appearance of this stamp (June, 1859), the packet service in the Bahamas, as in the other islands of the West Indies, was maintained by H.M. Postmaster-General, British postage stamps of the period being available at Nassau, the capital on the island of New Providence. Those so employed may be recognised by the serial cancellation "AO5."

A postage stamp being required, however, by the Colonial Postmaster for purely local use, the Governor of the colony wrote to the Colonial Office in London, under date of July 6, 1858, requesting that a die might be prepared for "an interinsular postage stamp of one penny," and enclosing a sketch of a pineapple and a conch shell, two typical products of the Bahamas, which it was suggested might be incorporated in the design.

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The commission was subsequently entrusted to the London firm of Perkins, Bacon and Co., who then held the contract for supplying postage stamps to both the Home and Colonial Governments. A composite design embodying the head of Queen Victoria (after the beautiful Chalon portrait) with the emblems suggested by the colonial authorities was submitted and approved by the Treasury and the Colonial Office in October of the same year, but it was not until May, 1859, that the first consignment of finished stamps was despatched by the Crown Agents. They were finally placed on sale at Nassau on June 10.

The many varieties of the 1d interinsular stamp make a most interesting study. Originally issued imperforate, a second supply delivered in October, 1860, was distinguished by the addition of a clean cut perforation gauging 14 to 16, while in June, 1861, a further consignment was received having a very rough perforation of the same gauge.

Twelve months later the printing contract was transferred to Messrs. Thomas De La Rue and Co., who continued to print from the original plate at first upon paper devoid of watermark, but later watermarked Crown C.C. (1863), and finally Crown C.A. (March, 1882), until the plate was ultimately discarded on the introduction of surface printed stamps in 1884.

Many Varieties

Several varieties of perforation may also be found in the De La Rue prints of the 1d "Interinsular" stamp, 11½ to 12, 13, 12½, 14 and 12, characterising successive printings in the order named.

Among the more modern postage stamps of the Bahamas is a highly effective pictorial design showing a famous landmark in the vicinity of Nassau known as the Queen's Staircase, a long flight of 67 steps hewn out of the solid rock to facilitate the passage of troops between the harbour and Fort Fincastle.

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CAYMAN'S POSTAL SYSTEM, 1889-1901

(Continued from page 610)

Early in 1889, a Post Office was established at George Town, Grand Cayman, and Mr. Parsons was supplied with Jamaican postage stamps from Kingston. The notice of the Postmaster for Jamaica (Fred. Sullivan) relative to the establishment of this postal service, is dated April 12, 1889.

"Postal Arrangements between the Cayman Islands and Jamaica.

The undermentioned arrangements have been approved:—

ii. From the Cayman Islands

Letters, etc., originating in the Cayman Islands and intended for delivery in Jamaica, or for transmission to any place overseas, will be treated by the Jamaica Post Office as though they originated in Jamaica.

The Custos of Grand Cayman is supplied with Jamaica postage stamps, so that all such correspondence may be fully prepaid.

Signed, FRED. SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.
General Post Office,
12th April, 1889."

The following is extracted from the 22nd annual report of the Postmaster of Jamaica, for the year ended Sept. 30, 1889.

"25.—Arrangements were concluded during the year under review for the exchange of mails between the Cayman Islands and Jamaica by schooners which ply between these two places. The rates of postage in Jamaica, inland and foreign, apply equally to correspondence posted in the Cayman Islands."

2.—Postage Rates

The postage rates in effect in Jamaica at this date (April 12, 1889) were as follows:—

	Letters.	Post Cards
Inland		
For town or office delivery, per half ounce,	1d	½d
Between Post Offices in Jamaica, per half ounce,	2d	1d
Registration,	4d	
Overseas		
Letters to Great Britain, U. S. A., and all countries of the U. P. U., per half ounce,	4d	
Post cards,		1½d single 3d reply
Registration,	4d	

On December 27, 1889, the rates on letters and post cards throughout Jamaica were reduced to 1d and ½d respectively.

On June 1, 1890, the letter rate from Jamaica "to the U. S. A., Canada, and other places when dispatched by vessels not under contract with the Imperial Government" was reduced from 4d to 2½d per half ounce (The provisional 2½d on 4d brown, occasioned by this reduction, was issued about June 4, 1890). The reduction was made to apply to "the United Kingdom, as well as all other places in the Universal Postal Union" from January 1, 1891. The registration fee, local and foreign, was reduced on June 1, 1893, from 4d to 2d.

The system of franking official correspondence was abandoned on April 1, 1890 (until December 31, 1897) in favor of prepayment by means of overprinted stamps (½d, 1d and 2d), which were intended to serve as a check on the abuses of the franking power, and also as a means of accounting for the heavy Government postage to the Post Office Dept.

3.—Postage Stamps Used at Grand Cayman

It would seem, therefore, from the rates in effect on April 12, 1889, that there was real need for postage stamps of denominations ½d to 4d inclusive, at the Grand Cayman Post Office. Writing in 1908, Mr. Parsons stated that he had never been supplied from Kingston with Jamaican postage stamps above the 4d denomination, although, of course, all denominations were valid for use at Grand Cayman. Mr. Parsons was also supplied with Official stamps (½d Kingston overprint, as well as the ½d, 1d and 2d London overprint). Stamps of other denominations than those supplied Mr. Parsons from Kingston could have been received through the post as small remittances, or been brought back to Grand Cayman by returning seamen, or visitors to Jamaica.

Oddly, however, Jamaican stamps above 2½d denomination are not known with genuine Cayman cancellations, in spite of the fact that the foreign letter rate on April 12, 1889, was 4d, and remained so for over a year in the case of U. S. A., Canada, etc., and for over a year and a half as regards Great Britain, and other Postal Union countries.

About June 4, 1890, the provisional 2½d on 4d brown was issued in Jamaica, and although the definite 2½d lilac and ultramarine in the DLR keyplate type did not replace it until February 25, 1901, the surcharged 2½d on 4d is not known with the Grand Cayman cancellation.

It would therefore appear that multiples of ½d, 1d, 2d and 2½d stamps were used to express all postage rates.

Even after the establishment of the Post Office at Grand Cayman, letters continued to be sent from the islands as before, by master mariners, and mailed in foreign ports, usually in the southern states of the United States. In this manner considerable time and postage was saved, on letters for the U. S., which receives much of Cayman's correspondence because of the large Cayman population in the southern states.

4.—Grand Cayman Postmark Type i

The first cancelling stamp, of rubber, used at Grand Cayman, type i, consists of two concentric transverse ovals, the outer measuring 40 x 25mm, and the inner 27 x 13mm, between which is "Grand Cayman" at the top, separated from "Post Office" at the bottom, by small circular ornaments. The date is in one line across the center; the earliest known is AUG. 7, 1890, and the latest NOV. 16, 1894. The cancellation was applied in violet, and being of such large size, single stamps, unless on entire, or on piece of cover, bear only a portion of the postmark.

Type i cancellation is known on the following stamps of Jamaica:—

½d green, Queen Victoria, 1885.
1d lilac, DLR keyplate, Mar. 8, 1889.
2d green, DLR keyplate, Mar. 8, 1889.
2½d lilac and ultramarine, DLR keyplate, Febr. 25, 1891.

Official Stamps

½d green, Kingston overprint, Apr. 1, 1890.
½d green, London overprint, 1891.
1d carmine, London overprint, Apr. 1, 1890.
2d gray, London overprint, Apr. 1, 1890.

I have the cancellation complete on the ½d and 2d on piece of cover MAY 20, 1891; 1d, on piece of cover, NOV. 16, 1894; on a pair of the 1d MAY 13, 1892, and partially on the 1d carmine, Official London overprint.

5.—Grand Cayman Postmark Typ

Early in 1895, type i rubber handsta was superseded by one of metal, a sin lined circle, 24mm, lettered "Grand C man" at the top, and "P. O." at the b tom, with the date in the center in t lines, FE 5—1895, applied in violet. though type ii postmark was proba used until the end of 1898, or very ea in 1899, it is known on fewer stan than type i. Oddly, Jamaican stamps not known with Grand Cayman da during 1897 and 1898.

The earliest date known for type i JA 7—1895, and appears as an en ro marking on the front of a letter mai at Lucea, Jamaica, and addressed to C man Brac; the latest date, AU 18—18 is also an en route marking on a le originating at Cayman Brac, and sent Jamaica via Grand Cayman.

Type ii marking is known on the 1d and 2½d Jamaican stamps, and ½d, 1d and 2d Official stamps, Lon overprinted. I have it on a vertical p of the 2½d lilac and ultramarine, only the month "AP" is legible. Impr sions from type ii postmarking stamp generally illegible.

6.—Grand Cayman Postmark Ty iii

Type ii cancellation seems to have b superseded late in 1898 or very early 1899, by type iii, a double lined cir 26½mm and 24mm respectively, lette "Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands," w the date in the center in two lines. T earliest date reported is JA 10—99, wh I have on the 2½d lilac and ultramari The day, month and year are quite f quently found reversed as to position, 23 OC-00, and 27 99-AP.

Type iii marking was in use until D cember, 1906, and appears on Jamai stamps, and (after Febr. 19, 1901) Cayman Islands distinctive post stamps. (There is also a type ii marking, very similar to type iii, with letters and figures differer formed; the impressions are always cl and the outer circle is heavier than inner one. This, however, is not kno correctly used on Jamaican stamps, a on but few Cayman stamps, during 1 and 1907.) Grand Cayman type iv ma ing, which does not concern Jamai stamps used in the Cayman Islands, i single lined circle, 25mm, inscri "George Town, Grand Cayman," w date in the center, in two lines, DE 1 06 is the earliest date known, and appe on a ½d King Edward VII, Postag Postage, multiple CA watermarked.

On May 24, 1899, Jamaica joined Imperial penny postage union, and lett from that date could be sent from Jam a and the Cayman Islands, to any part the British Empire, at 1d per half our instead of 2½d as previously.

Type iii cancellation is known on ½d, 1d and 2½d stamps of Jamaica, not on the Official stamps, as the use these ceased December 31, 1897.

This cancellation also appears on 1d Llandovery Falls, of Jamaica, red, sued in Jamaica on May 1, 1900 (first lot was shipped from London Jamaica on Apr. 3, 1900).

The latest date known for type marking on Jamaican stamps is 19 DE 00, on a pair of the 2½d lilac and ult marine.

The 1d red and black, Falls, of maica, issued Sept. 25, 1901 (first shipped from London, Apr. 30, 1901), also known with various Grand Cayn type iii dates MY 28 00, OC 26 01, e but inasmuch as this stamp was issu some seven months after the Caym were supplied with their own distinct stamps (½d and 1d on Febr. 19, 190 Jamaican stamps were not valid a longer in the Cayman Islands, inasmu as they benefited only from the sale their own stamps. The revenue from sale of Jamaican stamps, of course, w remitted to Kingston.

Type iii cancelling stamp was still the George Town Post Office for seve years after type iv replaced it, and maican stamps with type iii marking not always above suspicion. Subsequ to the issue of surcharged stamps in 19 and 1908, there was such a demand Jamaican stamps used in Cayman Islan and also used Cayman Islands stam

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that many of these were obligingly (?) manufactured right on the spot by someone who had access to the original type iii cancelling stamp. Fortunately, the dates are not always correct (as witness the 1d Jamaica, Falls, red and black, MY 28 00, more than a year before the stamp was issued in Jamaica), and the cancellation was sometimes applied to Jamaican stamps which had already been used, properly, in Jamaica, in such a manner as not to completely obliterate the original Jamaican cancellation.

7.—Cayman Brac Office Opened, 1898

After the Post Office at George Town, Grand Cayman, was opened in 1889, letters for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, from the outside, were frequently routed via Grand Cayman, and in such instances, received the Grand Cayman postmark as an en route marking. Usually it was applied to the face, and not the back. However, as communication between Grand Cayman and the Lesser Caymans was more irregular than between the Lesser Islands and Jamaica, much mail continued to be forwarded from Jamaica by Cayman Brac by sailing vessels going there direct, and vice versa.

However, in 1898, an office was opened at Stakes Bay, Cayman Brac (H. W. Rutty, Postmaster). The first cancelling stamp, of rubber, received from Jamaica, gave an impression in the form of a horizontal rectangle, 31 x 16mm, with CAYMAN BRAC—CAYMAN ISLANDS, in two lines, applied in black. Similar rubber stamps were used in Jamaica at times, and the date inserted in pen and ink. However, Cayman Brac never supplied any dating. Cayman Brac type i marking, therefore, unless on a cover with backstamps, is very difficult to "date." I have it on the 1d lilac of Jamaica, on entire, for office delivery at Stakes Bay.

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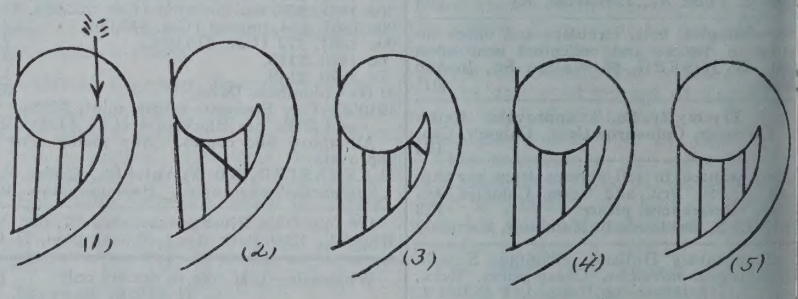

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There is a charming little story told by my friend J. C. Morgenthau; in common with all who knew him, I think we must always speak of him in the present tense, whether in simple tenderness or in a larger belief that he is not, after all, so very far away.

I must reproduce the tale after my own fashion, you understand, and not in the words of J. C., who gave it to me to use in print. If you've heard him tell the story, you found that it brought out the philosophic content of his vigorous brain, and its element of romance was a mere afterthought. I, on the contrary, being a confirmed romantic, find myself vastly more interested in the tale itself than in its philosophic angle. So bear with me cheerfully and be not too insistent upon the severe items of name, date and place.

The philatelist is a living paradox. He collects stamps selfishly and hoards his treasure as any miser his gold; yet he seeks the company of his ilk, and may commonly be found engaged in passionate discourse upon his hobby, or surrounded by a coterie of more youthful persons whom, like Socrates, he seeks to corrupt after the dictates of his own conscience and to set upon the road of his own aspirations. There was such a philatelist named Tremont, who had formed a stamp club among a number of boys in his neighborhood, and who used his own collection as a basis for the talks he delivered at their club meetings.

Upon one of these occasions, Tremont delivered an address upon bi-colored stamps, which in rare instances appear with inverted centers and are technically known as inverts. The word has a dangerous sound, and I am not quite certain that in these days of Mr. Sumner, and the various vice-suppression crusaders, it is a very safe matter to indulge in the free use of such a term; however, there it is, and we must make the best of it.

When Tremont had finished his address, the ensuing discussion was broken by the shrill tones of one Johnny Appleton, who was by no means content to stand silent upon his peak in Darien.

"Hey, Mr. Tremont!" he piped up in no little excitement. "I got one o' them things in my collection! I got one o' them inverts!"

"Good!" rejoined Tremont, with a smile. "Trot it out, Johnny, and we'll give it the once-over; but don't get all worked up thinking you have a treasure. The chances are you have nothing but a curiosity."

"Sure," said Johnny stoutly. "That's why I kep' it. Got it from my uncle in a little old collection he once had, and give me to start mine with. I'll get it out for you."

Johnny proceeded to get it out, and Tremont found himself dazedly regarding a fifteen cent revenue of the U. S. third issue. This erudite description means little except to a philatelist; but the important point was that the center of the stamp was indubitably printed upside down. The stamp was certainly an invert, and an extremely rare one.

"What's it worth?" demanded Johnny, with increasing excitement in view of the impression his curiosity had made. The other boys crowded around eagerly enough, and Tremont hesitated.

"Hard to say, Johnny," he returned. "It's genuine, all right, but not in the best of condition. At a venture, I'd say you might get a thousand dollars for it."

"Gee!"

Now there ensued such a Babel as has not been described in print since the time of Maitre Rabelais, and I am quite certain that my genius would be unfitting to the task. Unless I mistake, indeed, who am not very learned in these matters, the worthy chronicler of Genesis did not attempt any lengthy description of the original Babel. Moreover, a mere building strike among Semites could not possibly

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"Gee!"

Tremont took the stamp and the matter under advisement. Johnny had never seen or dreamed of a thousand dollars in cash; and nothing was more unlikely to occur in his life. Besides, Tremont would not encourage his eagerness until the stamp had been expertised.

Faith is a very singular thing; an observation not altogether original with me. The lack of faith, however, is an actual human faculty. I am not positive whether a negation may rightly be affirmed to be a fact, but in this instance one must consider actualities and not grammatical hairs. It was only natural that, once the heat of astonishment had cooled away, the other boys, their parents and friends, and even Johnny himself, should wake up next morning with a highly skeptical reaction making itself evident. Even Tremont, one suspects, viewed the matter as one of those unfortunate delusions to which we are so liable; and which, whether they turn upon stamps or jobs or ladies, leave upon our lips the somewhat acrid taste of the unripened fruit of what-might-have-been.

Besides, however it may be in other lands or environments, New York does not permit its children to believe in fairies, and any thousand-dollar-cash stamp found in Johnny's album would be nothing less than a tangible fairy. Regardless of possible conflict with Sir Conan Doyle and other authorities, I cannot believe that fairies do appear, and most sensible people agree with me; because when fairies appear to us soberheaded folk, we recognize them as being something entirely different. That is the chief drawback in not being a simple-minded peasant—or, if you prefer, it is the chief curse of civilization. Opinions vary on the matter, unfortunately.

Tremont, then, walked into the shop of one Farthing and handed over the stamp. Farthing viewed it through a glass, and then viewed it through benzine; which, as every philatelist knows to his cost, are two extremely different viewpoints, and make one recall that poem of M. Heredia wherein the bridal couple leaving the church meet the bier as it enters.

"A beauty, except for condition," said Farthing. "You want to sell it?"

"At least," said Tremont, sitting down with a sigh, "I want to talk about it."

So he talked about it, knowing that he was dealing with an honest man.

"Well," said Farthing, at last, "I can get a thousand for that stamp—net to Johnny. But he's only nine? Then consider the law, my friend. A boy of nine does not own a thousand dollar stamp. He may own a three-cent stamp, but that is quite another thing. I understand that you are only anxious to help him, yes. Still, I am afraid that when Johnny's father learns about the affair, he will—oh, you know!"

Tremont nodded, and went to call upon Johnny's father. He knew well enough how it is with thousand-cent stamps, not to mention thousand dollar stamps, where non-philatelists are concerned. There is something magical about this word "thousand," and it has a terrible effect upon most of us. We at once think of ten thousand, a hundred thousand; it is difficult to prevent our imagination dealing in multiples, because if a thing is worth a thousand, why not ten thousand? That is the peril in evoking the imagination of ignorant persons, and that is why many stamp dealers are in a singular quandary when it comes to electing honesty as a goddess.

However, the father of Johnny Appleton proved to be a gentleman; and since this pleasing discovery, automatically brings to an end the story of every passionate pursuit, so it ends the tale of the thousand dollar invert. The stamp was sold, the thousand was placed in the bank, a trust-fund being created, and when Johnny Appleton reaches the age of twenty-one—he will probably wish he had kept the stamp and sold it for ten thousand later on, the way prices are mounting!

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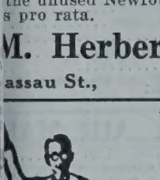

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By A. Wagner, Essen, Ger.

Essen, Sept. 24, 1929.

In regard to the 3 new charity stamps of **Denmark** for the benefit of the cancer fund, already recorded on pages 511 and 534, it is stated that these stamps will be sold at the post offices until Nov. 30, and at the window, serving stamp collectors up to and including December 31, 1929. The stamps will be good for postage for 5 years.

Referring to the new 10fs ultramarine stamp of **France** recorded on page 534, the following notes may be of interest.

The stamp designed by H. Cheffer, whose name appears in the right hand bottom corner, depicts the port of La Rochelle, the Santonum portus of the Romans, the capital of the Department of Charente-Inférieure, with a population of about 42,000, situated on the Atlantic coast between Bordeaux and Nantes. The remainder of the medieval fortifications, which even today influence the port scenery, are clearly visible on the stamp. The cathedral, making a somewhat ponderous impression, was completed in 1762, and is to be seen in the centre in the rear. Towards the end of the 16th century Richelieu besieged the fortress, which had been the principal point of support of the Huguenots, and starved it into surrender, thereby breaking the political power of the Huguenots. After their defeat the importance of the place began to shrink, so that even nowadays its historical value is much greater than its commercial importance. It was at La Rochelle that the famous natural philosopher Réaumur was born.

Germany.—The official stamps of the 10pf and 15pf denominations have changed their colors in accordance with the color-scheme of the Universal Postal Union.

The new colors are as follows: 10pf, perf. 14, vermilion; 15pf, perf. 14, carmine.

It may not be generally known that the amount of mail matter remaining undeliverable in the different countries, forming the Universal Postal Union, is very considerable. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1928, the German dead letter office had to destroy no fewer than 3,500,000 undeliverable pieces of mail. There was no other way to get rid of them, as they bore the addresses of the senders neither inside nor outside, which rendered it impossible to return the stuff to the latter. Taking an average postage of 10 pfennigs per sending as a basis, it follows that the enormous sum of 350,000 Marks equalling $84,000 U. S. currency was lost due to the negligence and unthoughtfulness of the public.

Hungary.—The King Stephen stamps mentioned on page 524 were sold at the windows only during the month of August; they will, however, be good for postage until the end of the year.

Latvia.—On August 21 five new charity stamps appeared for the benefit of the Monument fund in honor of the late Siegfried Meierowitz. M., born in 1887, became leader of the foreign affairs of the Republic and participated in the peace negotiations after the Great War, as far as the several Baltic republics were concerned. M. was a member of the Genova conference, and exactly 4 years ago (September, 1925) the application of Latvia for admission to the League of Nations was accepted.

It will be remembered that in 1925 M. was killed in an accident near Riga.

The values are 2s plus 2s, 6/6, 15/25, 25/35, 30/40. The new stamps show the profile-likeness of M., are perforated 11½, and were printed at the Riga Government printing works, the colors being ochre, dark green, violet-brown, blue and ultramarine respectively. In conformity with previous issues of charity stamps two figures appear at the bottom of the stamp, the one to the left denoting the postal value of the stamp, and the other to the right the postal value plus the premium. 80,000 sets in all are said to have been printed, one-half of them being perforated, and the balance imperforated.

Saargebiet.—Collectors should give the stamps of the Saar particular attention. At the conference at The Hague, supplementing the financial work of the Paris experts, an extraordinary important Franco-German agreement was arrived at, according to which negotiations between the two contractors will shortly be entered into with a view to solving the difficult Saar problem. Probably the region will be turned over again to German control before the date stipulated by the Versailles Treaty, which means that then the special Saar stamps now current will be withdrawn, and regular German stamps be put into use again.

At the moment of writing the stamps in question can still be secured without any difficulty. Collectors interested in them should fill up on them now while they are cheap.

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By A. F. Gamber.

The Kansas City convention is now a matter of history. What a glorious time everyone had there, from Wednesday evening to Saturday noon! Looking back, it is hard for one to say in what respect the arrangements could have been improved upon.

Those members of the Midwest Club who are not interested in precancels deserve special thanks for the splendid manner in which they coöperated with their confreres, to make the affair a huge success. One of the number, with not the slightest interest in our hobby, was everywhere in evidence, helping in every possible way. Webster's Unabridged lacks words adequate to express our gratification for such a helpful spirit. Should the time ever come when any of our precancel branches are asked to help out a non-precancel enterprise, let them recall how loyally our Kansas City brethren were aided.

It is the writer's opinion that Messrs. Jerrems, Keiter, Thresher, of those most interested in precancels, deserve the lion's share of the credit for the arrangements made and for the smooth way in which they were carried out.

The few who had drifted in by Wednesday evening found the time all too short for renewing old acquaintances and improving upon new ones. Some of us heard the milkman making his early rounds before we finally turned in. Thursday morning the convention opened exactly on time with five officers on hand (that man Mitchell is insistent on faithfulness to schedules). With the annual reports out of the way, the results of the balloting were announced: President, Dr. Mitchell; Vice Presidents, Newcomer, Carroll, Berolzheimer, Bledsoe; Secretary-Treasurer, Spaulding; Directors, Hoover (N. R.), Gloeb, Gamber. There then ensued an hour or so of snappy catalog discussion, the services being led by W. B. Hoover. Considerable hot air was released during this discussion, but to the critical eye it was hard to see what else was accomplished. Perhaps this was sufficient.

Thursday evening was given up wholly to a great big bourse. Although a member of the biggest precancel firm in the country was present, the whole convention was remarkably free from any attempt to make big sales or to use high pressure tactics. This was a welcome change from some previous conventions. Such meetings are for the purpose of promoting fellowship and personal acquaintance, not for some dealer to carry home a pocket full of jack realized on a big sale that later may turn sour.

On Friday it was decided to suspend, at least for the time being, the Society's publication, the *Precancel Gazette*, the ownership of the title remaining with the Society. The *Precancel Bee* of Omaha is now our official organ, and the Society thus temporarily anyway relieves itself of the burden of anxiety attendant upon publishing its own magazine.

The invitation of Cleveland to come to that city in 1930 was unanimously accepted. The writer recently had the pleasure of spending an evening with the members of the Cleveland branch, and can report that they are already in the midst of preparations for this coming event. This club has on its roster several men perfectly capable of staging a real convention. Located as it is, it should attract a great number of collectors from a wide area. Not since the Detroit convention of 1924 have those living in this part of the country had the chance of attending that they will have in 1930, and everyone should at once begin his budget for the trip. Those farther east who have not attended any of the middle west conventions through fear of Indian uprisings, may go to Cleveland in perfect safety, the Indian problem in Ohio is practically non-existent. We ought to see all the old faces, and a lot of new ones, at Cleveland in 1930. Be assured that the Cleveland members are doing and will do all in their power to make your visit pleasant.

The exhibits, while not as numerous as they should have been, were most excellent. In the city class Alvin Krause's 32 frames of Milwaukee deservedly won first. Wernstrom's San Francisco took second, and Hoover's New York City, third.

In the state class Mrs. S. G. Rich's Georgia won first, Ralph W. Porter's

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e collection of S. J. Jones, recently
ribed at some length in the *American*
atelist, won still another first; Al-
ht's 17c collection came in for sec-
and Porter's errors, third. In the
s prior to 1908 Jerrems took first, A.
oens won second. The Society's ref-
ce collection of fakes and forgeries
a special award.

his is one respect in which we can all
a great deal to make future conven-
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e interested attention of outsiders,
give the judges more work in making
r decisions.

n one respect the exhibits were an
ualified success—the Kansas City
nbers largely refrained from exhibit-
leaving the field open for outsiders.
fact the local club was kept in the
kground throughout the whole affair.
vas the Society first and the local club
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as it should be, but has not always
n. Our annual conventions are not
l for the purpose of glorifying any
l club or group.

m sure everyone of us left Kansas
y happy, and contented to have been
n a small part of such a successful
monious meeting. Once again we all
h to thank the whole Midwest Club,
ardless of its members' philatelic in-
sts, for the fine manner in which they
perated to make our stay so pleasant.
w begin to plan for Cleveland!

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This country continues to enjoy a popularity among the collectors who consider it in the light of a U. S. Protectorate. The following are extracts from our complete list, a copy of which will be sent upon request. Nos. in parenthesis refer to quantities issued.

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125	A19	1c green	.03	.02
126	A20	2c vermilion	.05	.02
127	A21	3c brown	.08	.04
128	A22	4c carmine	.10	.06
129	A20	5c blue	.75	.03
130	A23	7c gray	.40	.30
131	A24	8c carmine	.30	.25
132	A25	10c red orange	.25	.05
133	A26	15c slate green	.30	.25
134	A20	20c blue green	.35	.30
135	A19	50c red	.75	.75
136	A27	1pi claret	1.25	1.00

1914 Overprinted Gloz On Stamps of 1906 & 1908

181	A19	1c green (50,000)	.12	.10
182	A20	2c vermilion (50,000) ..	.15	.10
183	A21	3c brown (17,600)	.40	.30
184	A22	4c carmine (12,800)	.25	.20
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(Items about errors, shifts, defects and plate markings, also color varieties and new numbers, will be welcomed. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

With this issue we start our report on the current 5c air mail plate number combinations. For some time now, readers have been sending in lists of these combinations ranging from a single item to several hundred in length until the total number of known combinations has grown to 831 to date. These have carefully been checked by our West Coast correspondent, W. H. Hopkinson, who has kindly devoted considerable time in verification of each item. As readers are aware, there have been forty-four center plates, and seventy-one border plates prepared for this issue, and, if we were to compute the total number of possible combinations on a purely mathematical basis, we would expect in time to have 3,124 different combinations. However, the problem is far from being as simple as that. For various reasons no such number of combinations exist, nor are they likely to. Later we hope to explain why certain combinations cannot exist, but at present must confine ourselves to just a list of the actual combinations. To print each individual combination would take too much space, so for the sake of brevity, where possible, we will group solid blocks and list single items. If you haven't made a chart showing possible combinations of this issue it is suggested that you do so and make your entries as chronicled below. Take a large size sheet of paper and place the seventy-one border numbers across the top and the forty-four center numbers along the left side. Rule between the numbers and you are ready for the check-off. The chart is naturally divided into three groups. Group I consists of the first twelve center plates in combination with all borders. Group II includes the next twelve center plates in combination with all borders, and group III covers the remaining twenty center plates also in combination with all borders, but only nine of which have had printings reported to date.

Group I

Border plates in combination with center plates 19545 to 19580, inc. All possible combinations of center plates in this group with border plates 19549 to 19605 have been reported with the exception of center plate 19580 with borders 592 and 605. This gives us a solid block of 250 combinations. The remaining items in this group are as follows (first two numerals omitted): center 545, border 614; center 547, borders 606-613-614-616; center 548, borders 606-613; center 573, borders 606-607-612-613-614-622-623-624 and 626 to 631 inclusive; center 574, borders 606-613-615-620-621-626-629-630; center 575, borders 606 to 614 inc., and 623 to 630 inc.; center 576, borders 606-607-612-613-614 and 622 to 629 inc.; center 577, border 606; center 578, border 606; center 579, borders 606-613-615-620-621.

Group II will appear in the next column. Meanwhile, readers having any combinations of this issue not included in the above are requested to send them in at once for chronicle.

J. H. Brackett informs me that he has a large block of the 2c 1922 imperforate with plate number 14334, which has not been mentioned in any list of imperforate numbers as far as he is aware.

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are unable to accept this kind offer. However, the subject is of considerable interest, and an article based upon Mr. Hawk's holdings, coupled with such additional notes as may be gleaned from column readers, would be of service to all. We will be pleased to receive notes on this subject, and perhaps, if interest warrants, something will be attempted. Certainly Mr. Hawk's offer is coöperation *plus!*

Our West Coast correspondent, W. W. Hopkinson, is slowly recovering from a recent illness, and during his convalescence his philatelic activities have been taken over by Mrs. Hopkinson, who is also "one of us," i.e., interested in Bureau issues, particularly the air mail field. Mrs. Hopkinson will keep us informed of anything new, and will report all new combinations on the air mail stamp, as usual. Which is also coöperation *plus* Since the publicity given to the "blue moons" in our columns recently, Mrs. Hopkinson writes that these have entirely disappeared from all local offices, "which have been stripped of all 'blue moons' it seems." Oh! *OH!* Someone has been reading our stuff! But why take all?

Readers in all sections of the country are urgently requested to report all plate numbers found on stamps of all issues at their local offices. Numbers will be chronicled in each appearance of the column, and will be of considerable assistance in checking items heretofore not reported. It frequently happens that printings from certain numbers remain undiscovered. Some may be rare, as perhaps very few exist and it is pertinent that information be published at the earliest opportunity, and while copies may be obtained. Please coöperate with us in this matter, which is of interest to all. Your name in the column will serve as acknowledgment of data received, as the editor cannot possibly answer all by mail. Thanks!!

We acknowledge with thanks, letters from Robert M. Storms, who kindly sends several air mail specimens for inspection; Rex L. Bell, who sends a box of used current plate number specimens; Mrs. W. W. Hopkinson and J. E. N. Paul, air mail notes; A. Wagner, John J. Spencer, Clarence E. Bell, Henry L. Parsons, and George Griffin, with notes on various subjects.

Thomas H. Hawk has kindly offered to send his entire collection of Harding plate number blocks for inspection. These blocks contain much that is of interest to the plate specialist, for, as Mr. Hawk remarks, "There are quite a few shifts in this issue and they will be found on many of the blocks in my collection." All of which shows the advantage of plate number specimens. At present we attention to the fact this heading, which I used immediately preceding his notes in a recent issue, is too broad and apt to be misleading, especially re the 1c 11 x 11. To quote further from Mr. Southgate: "11 x 11 waste sheets do exist on the 1917 issue, but I doubt if they do on the 1922 issue. The three cent don't I believe. This practice of using coil waste was discontinued several years ago, and now patching of coil rolls is resorted to to save waste. Some sheets at the start were cut into 100 panes and 70 panes. These were, I think, 1c 1917 issue, 170 subject coil 11 x 10 waste all right. The post office clerks did not like the 170 subj. sheets as they did not fit their stamp containers, but I guess there was trouble either with accounting, or maybe it was no convenience to have some 70 subj. panes kicking around so they gave it up. I never quite understood why they did not cut into 100's at once, but probably it would be an accounting difficulty. The presses count the number of sheets of 170, and it might mix things up to work them up into 100's."

OUR REVIEW

By C. A. Howes.

We have received the 34th edition for 1930 of the popular Yvert & Tellier-Champion French catalogue, which commands a ready sale among American collectors, particularly those who have a liking for the stamps of France and her numerous Colonies. It is in the usual handy "pocket size," but is rapidly outgrowing this term in thickness as the yearly flood of new issues requires the addition of many pages; yet the paper used seems to be as thin as the good quality required for showing up the cuts and preventing them from showing through on the other side will allow. The illustrations throughout are somewhat reduced in size, but are quite clear, and enlargements of various varieties are added to help the collector in identifying them. Many notes are also added for the collector's information.

The catalogue is the usual alphabetical arrangement for all countries, colonies included, except that foreign offices and departments or states follow the parent country; a table is given showing this grouping. All major varieties of stamps are given full numbers in the lists, and all minor varieties are sub-lettered in smaller type under the full numbers, so that those who wish to ignore the minor varieties can readily do so. Although the stamp cuts are reduced to three-quarters of the originals, the surcharges are all reproduced in full size, and varieties are enlarged to a size sufficient to show the differences clearly. The prices are of course in French francs, now stabilized at nearly 4 cents or 25½ to the dollar.

One feature that appeals to many is the inclusion of telegraph, telephone and "officially sealed" stamps in the lists, as well as the usual postage due, official, registered, air post, war tax, special delivery, parcel post, newspaper stamps and various others for special services. It is a good "all around" catalogue for the co lector, very handy, clearly printed ar readily understood by the English spea ing philatelist even though he knows b little French. Published by Yvert Tellier, 37 Rue des Jacobins, Amier France, and Th. Champion, 13 R Drouot, Paris, at 42 francs ($1.65 Ame ican).

We have received from the publishe of the Dutch magazine *De Philatelist* tv brochures (numbers 3 and 4) of a seri entitled "Dutch Philatelic Library," o on the "Life of Columbus on Posta Stamps," and the other on the "Lar Mail Stamps" of the Dutch East Indie The former contains twelve quarto pag of the story of Columbus' life as show by the various "Columbian issues" postage stamps issued during the perio of the four hundredth anniversary of h discoveries, illustrated by the stamps i sued by the various countries which co memorated the events in this manner.

The second contains seventeen pages text and illustrations covering the hi tory of the "land-mail" postage dues stamps for collecting the charges on ma matter carried by the inland postal se vice of the Dutch East Indies. The stamps are not listed in all catalogues, b "Scott" has always given them a pla and the present work would seem justify their standing.

A third brochure in similar form, b ing a reprint from *De Philatelist*, is nun ber one of a series of "Philately Story," the present one being the "Sto of Hawaii on its Postage Stamps." contains six folio pages of text illu trated by Hawaiian stamps as well as New South Wales and Niué, to sho Capt. Cook's portrait, and three Unite States stamps of the current issue show Cleveland's, Harrison's and M Kinley's portraits. It is a little disa pointing that the stamp cuts are not a half-tones, most of them being indiffe ently executed wood cuts apparentl such as used to adorn our former stan catalogues and albums. The only drav back from enjoyment of these attracti brochures is the slight knowledge th most of us have of the Dutch languag

The first two were published by *L Philatelist*, Post box 897, Rotterdar Holland. "Life of Columbus" at cents U. S., post free, and "Land Ma Stamps" at $1 U. S., post free. The la one (Hawaii) by De Haagsche Postzege handel, Noordeinde 90, The Hague, Ho land, at 50 cents Dutch, about 20 cen American.

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AUDULENT USE OF STAMPS

The *Australian Stamp Journal* brings our attention a case of interest to our ders which was heard in the Dunedin lice Court, July 17. Wm. L. Hooper, o trades under the name of Wilcox ith and Co., a firm which is no doubt wn to many collectors through ad- tisements in the philatelic press, plead- not guilty to the charge of fraudu- tly placing on a postal packet a stamp ich had previously been cancelled. ter a lengthy hear, Hooper, who had en convictions against him for previ- offences, was fined $1,000, with court ts of $2.50.

ST. OLAF SET FOR NORWAY

According to our French exchange, *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, Norway getting ready to issue a set of stamps connection with the jubilee of St. af. The designs, besides showing a trait of Olaf, will also include a view Drontheim Cathedral, and an episode ich took place in the battle of Stik- tad.

6c NEWFOUNDLAND OBSOLETE

St. John's, Oct. 12.

I have just learned that the 6c stamp of the present Newfoundland issue has become obsolete. It shows a view of the Newfoundland Hotel, St. John's. I presume that this value will be re-issued in the new printing—time will tell!

Frank F. Wills.

PENN. PRECANCEL CLUB

Philada., Oct. 12.

The Penn. Precancel Club was formed Thursday eve., Oct. 10, at the rooms of the Phila. Stamp Club, 1626 Arch St. Gearhart Frantz sponsored the meeting by sending invitations to 30 precancel collectors, of whom 14 responded. After short addresses by Messrs. Frantz, and W. B. Hoover, an organization was completed and the following officers elected: Pres., Gearhart Frantz; Vice-Pres., Geo. L. Dutton; and Sec.-Treas., August H. Schoell, 5324 Wakefield St., Phila., Pa. Dues were placed at $1.00 a year, and it was voted to apply for branch membership in the P. S. S. Next meeting will be Nov. 14.

August H. Schoell.

NEW ARGENTINE SET

Buenos Aires, Sept. 26.

On Oct. 12 we have an annual holiday to celebrate the discovery of America. It is known locally as "Dia de la Raza," which means "Day of the Spanish Race." This year the Argentine postal authorities will commemorate the double event by the issue of a set of three stamps, 2c, 5c and 12c, to be printed by the Casa de Moneda, and to be placed on sale on the date above mentioned. Millions will be printed and the stamps will remain on sale until the supply is exhausted.

A. H. Davis.

CINCINNATI'S PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Cincin- i Stamp Collector's Club, Branch No. S. P. A., Oct. 3, at the Metropole tel, the wonderful collection of match l medicine stamps of J. M. Westphal Joliet, Ill., was exhibited. This col- ion is the most complete in every ail that the collectors of Cincinnati e seen. There was also present H. H. ffin of the Garfield Perry Club, Cleve- d, and Mr. Stein, Chicago, Ill. The grams for the coming year were dis- uted, and many evenings of pleasure l be had. Meetings will be held the t and third Thursdays of each month the Hotel Metropole, and all collectors invited. Program follows:—

Sept. 5—Stamp Hunt. *Sept. 19*—Air il Stamp Exhibition by John Klein. *Oct. 3*—Club Benefit Sale. *Oct. 17*—itors' Night. *Nov. 7*—Exhibit of U. G. M. Mosler. *Nov. 21*—Auc- n. *Dec. 5*—Junior Meeting. Talk on ntract Air Mails, by Wm. Bertsche, *Dec. 19*—Talk and Exhibit of Air il Covers, by H. C. Carpenter. *Jan. 2* Stamp Hunt. *Jan. 16*—Talk and Ex- it of Double Transfers, Shifts and fsets. Emil Jost. *Feb. 6*—General Ex- ition for All Cincinnati Stamp Collect- . *Feb. 20*—Social Evening. *March 6* Auction. *March 20* — Exhibition of itish Colonies. Wm. Bertsche, Sr. *ril 3*—Talk on Ireland. Dr. J. Stunte- k. *April 17*—Exhibit of Rare U. S., luding Inverted Centers of Pan-Amer- n Issue. D. B. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio. *y 1*—Nomination of Officers. *May 15* Address by prominent collector. *June* -Election of Officers. *June 19*—Ban- et.

PHILATELY AND CONGRESS

By F. L. Coes.

Some time ago there was a decided effort made by the Officials of the Collectors Club of N. Y. to correct a tariff abuse, and Secretaries of the various Clubs were asked by those interested, to get their representatives in Washington to protest Paragraph 1671, Schedule 15 of the Tariff rules and free list, with the idea of correcting it for the benefit of the collecting and trade interests.

Pages 9339 and 9340 of the "Tariff readjustment—1929", Volume 15 (XV), Schedule 15, bear evidence to the fact that the Collectors Club of N. Y. thru Hon. John C. Ketcham of Michigan, was personally represented, and that one other Club, thru its representative, Hon. Geo. R. Stobbs of Worcester, Mass., had a letter read into the record.

It seems as if this fact ought to give the kicking members of some major and many minor societies interested, food for thought. Either, their acting Secretarial representatives did not see fit to take the trouble and time required to indite a letter to their Representative in Washington; or, the said Representative did not see anything in it for himself and just neglected to be "on the job" for his area.

Before we put it up to the gentlemen who go to Washington, why not take a census of the secretaries of the Clubs and find out just who omitted to do their duty, and who did it. Unanimity of effort will do many things. Just plain decency ought to cause the official entrusted with the interests of a Club to consider this and take time enough to comply with the request for action on anything as vital to collecting as this section of the Free List, and its administration.

Similarly, if these Secretaries did their duty (and can prove it) they have a good excuse for making political whoopee around the ears of their district representatives in Washington.

It is unreasonable to expect that the efforts of our esteemed co-worker from New Jersey can be directed always and successfully at the improvement of every ill considered ruling of the tariff and the other items that bear heavily on stamp collecting and interest. But it is unreasonable also to expect that anyone else will aid or be interested if we leave the Collectors Club, and the few Collector-Representatives to do all our work.

About this time we begin to look for motion against the "illustration" ruling. If this kind of coöperation is what has delayed that phase of sensible collecting aid, it is time we, as Society and Club members, got a few *ACTING* secretaries Yes? This free list publication has every ear mark of plain neglect by many Club Secretarial incumbents. Who suffers? What will the same push do to help the pictures?

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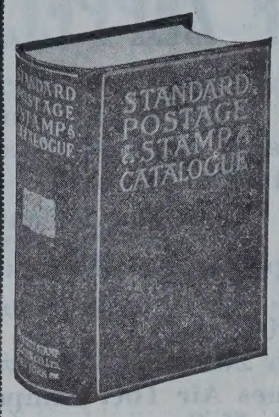

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A FRIEND in Washington says that there has been a conference in that city between the Postmaster General and representatives of the air mail carrying interests that may foreshadow a change in air mail rates and perhaps in air mail stamps. At the same time, he says that nothing definite is to be said on the subject, as no results pointing to the possibility have yet been achieved. The Postmaster General is said to want an adjustment of rates that would make them uniform in the sense that the new scale could apply to all the air mail routes. Our correspondent adds that the new regular issue that has been announced as a certainty with the coming year is not to be considered "at this writing" as having developed to the degree that such a statement is justified.

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FROM all indications, the first anniversary celebration of the Appleton Philatelic Society to be held at the Conway Hotel, Appleton, Wisconsin, will partake of the features of a convention of philatelists. There will be an exhibition in the lounge of the hotel, which will be open to all, and to which no admission will be charged; and in the evening the banquet will be held in the Crystal Room, at 7 P. M., with the secretary of the society, H. M. Brehm, acting as toastmaster. The date of the meeting is November 23, 1929, and invitations will be sent to many collectors residing in Wisconsin and adjacent states. The president of the Appleton Philatelic Society, which has done so much to place stamp collecting to the fore in its section, is Mr. M. F. Hatch.

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A READER of the WEEKLY, Mr. B. LaCosta, who is traveling in Italy, says that the exhibition that opens at Turin on October 12th is attracting much attention, not alone from collectors, as he says, but from the public as well, in view of the fact that the Prince of Piedmont is the patron. His Royal Highness is the son of Queen Elena; and the Queen is known to be an advocate of collecting, and is said to have a good collection. The stamps of Italy and the Italian states will have the place of honor at the Turin exhibition, and some wonderful lots of these issues will be on view.

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MR. SAUL NEWBURY has returned to Chicago, after having spent some months in Europe, and he remarks upon the general interest in philately that is manifested there. The work that we must attend to in this country is to so spread the idea of stamp collecting that it will penetrate to the farthest reaches; and the time here has never been so propitious as at present for the long pull and the strong pull.

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DR. ELMORE G. STROM sends the following lively letter: "In order that the waiting world may no longer be kept in suspense, I am sending you particulars of my discovery by air mail." (Doc must be rich in money as well as in mind, as he uses a 15c air mail stamp, which we can sell for nearly fifteen cents.) "In W. Somerset Maugham's frankly pagan' work, 'Of Human Bondage,' the principal character, fatigued by his duties as a floor-walker in a London emporium, remains at night in his mean quarters, maintained by the proprietors of the store for the help, while his fellow robots seek the allurements of the street; and 'his companion on these occasions was Bell, the lad in the haberdashery, who stayed in often to arrange the stamps he collected. As he fastened them with little pieces of stamp paper he whistled monotonously.' Later in the book, 'the noisy lad of sixteen, whistling three notes' is again shown at his stamps, but it strikes us that the sentiment of the setting did not appeal to the writer, who, however, may have been unresponsive to the calliope effect instead of the philatelic ensemble. At any rate the whistling boy enjoyed a serenity of soul that was unknown to the other workers." The work that Dr. Strom mentions was published some lustrums ago and his discoveries may not be new, in consequence.

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MANILA, Philippines, is airing a stamp scandal, in the newspaper press; and Mr. Ernest H. Oesch, Davao, Philippine Islands, has sent clippings from the Manila *Bulletin*, telling of the investigation of the irregularity involving stamps—but not stamp collectors. The charge is made that from 1924 to 1928, thefts of stamps have been committed by a number of postal officers. The inquiry has resulted in charges against four Manila post office chiefs and arrests are impending. The idea of a "perfect crime" seemed to have been in the minds of the culprits, and the few persons in possession of the combination of the safe in which the stamps are kept are under scrutiny. The theory is that quantities of the stamps that were stolen are still in the possession of the suspects. A loss of 217,800 pesos was sustained by the substitution of 2 centavos stamps for the 2 pesos denomination.

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STAMP news has space in newspapers throughout the world, and we do not delude ourselves that the philatelic awakening is peculiar to our own country. The British colonies are to the fore in this respect, and Australia, Africa and Asia send forth through regular departments in some of their newspapers philatelic tidings that are readable and reliable for the edification of their readers. The "Stamp Topics" column of the *South China Daily News*, Hong Kong, and the items in the *Straits Times* of Singapore are good examples of this service; and American news is given its place in the summaries. That the world now knows of collecting is an observation that admits of no successful contradiction, and with this foundation the work of building up an interest in philately is facilitated.

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MR. A. M. MOSS has sent us a list of cities that are on air routes, and it is a revelation of the growth of the service. The starting points and the terminals alone make a formidable table, and when the cities at which planes make stops to discharge and take on mail are included, the showing is impressive. Mr. Moss says that *Air Transportation* publishes complete time-tables monthly.

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WE have received from Mr. N. S. Stark, a copy of a stamp, or rather two stamps, that is on an original document that is sightly. A thousand dollar bond of the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad Company, dated July 1, 1869, bears the impressed one dollar internal revenue stamp impression in red, and right below it is that of the 25c impression in the same color. These printed impressions of stamped revenue paper embraced many varieties, in the Civil War period. We have not seen a specimen of this kind for many a day, and it recalls the time when interest was keen in this branch of collecting, and when there was a number of collectors of these varieties. Collectors who got a few of the stamped check varieties, for instance, became interested in the subject and pursued it, using the old Sterling catalog as their guide, and a few famous collections developed. Nowadays, one does not hear much of this off-shoot of collecting but who knows but that there will not be a swing of attention to the stamped revenue paper in days to come. We are glad to have the bond, and if there is some philatelic banker who would accept it as collateral for a loan, so much the better.

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COLLECTING certainly has become complex. A reader takes us to task for speaking of "canalize" and "canalization" in connection with the new commemoratives, but, mister, some other fellow started it—his name was Uncle Sam. Another reader of æsthetic tastes says that he wants old covers that bear beautiful hand-writing on them; and we do not know whether it is calligraphy or philately that has the upper hand with him.

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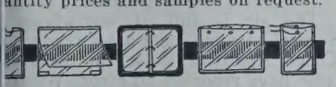

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NE of our subscribers, C. R. Mason of Sanford, Fla., advises us that y week after reading the WEEKLY laces it in the city library so that it be available for the collectors of city, especially the 75 boys in the Y. M. C. A. stamp club. We heart-commend Mr. Mason's thoughtful-. He advises us that the local daily r is beginning the publishing of a ly stamp column on Saturday night.

E have received from A. E. Pade, Woodside, N. Y., a very comprehen-wholesale price list on Denmark ps. They are priced singly, by sets, by the hundred and thousand. We mmend the list to our dealer patrons.

IE 1st flight between Brindisi and Patras took place Aug. 20. Only 30 rs and 5 cards were carried. The day of acceptation for Air Mail des-l to Southern America (Brazil, Para-, Uruguay and Argentine Repub-was August 31. The few pieces from Rome and Genoa were con-d to Ventimiglia and then to Mar-es, from there they were carried by ch plane.—S. BAYER.

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First covers from the new FAM 5 and 6 extensions have been coming in this week. Cancellations noted so far: "Castries, St. Lucia, 1st Air Mail", regular circular cancellation form; St. Kitts, regular cancellation, plus 2 line black cachet "Air Mail—First Flight"; British Guiana, rest of postmark undecipherable, box cachet "British Guiana by Air Mail"; Port of Spain, Trinidad, regular postmark, plus red and white label "By Air Mail—Par Avion"; Saint Thomas, U. S. V. I. —no cachet on covers received as yet, though announced that there would be; Paramaribo, Suriname—purple circular cachet, wording in border, map in center. Lloyd Flickinger reports a registered cover from Trinidad, no cancellation on stamps, or starting postmark of any kind, but backstamped Miami and Jacksonville, Sept. 30. Report has it that many of the intermediate point to point items are very short, some as few as 60, and we'll probably see some good prices asked —and paid—for the complete set.

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Don't believe we've mentioned the Newfoundland "Bluenose" flight. Mail was sent from St. John's to Harbor Grace by truck, there put aboard the plane "Bluenose", and flown to North Sidney, arriving 3 hours after departure. Official flight, reported about 1,000 carried, of which only about 100 were backstamped.***From *Stamp Collecting* we take the following figures for Zeppelin mail from Japan: For Los Angeles—859 cards, 1,124 letters; for Lakehurst—1,014 cards, 1,170 letters; for Germany—747 cards, 541 letters—a total of 5,455 pieces, of which 300 were from Yokohama Post Office, 100 from Osaka, and a few from Shizuoka, Karuizawa, and Nikko. Balance were from Tokio.

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Addition of St. Joseph, Mo., to CAM 28, Oct. 1st, with same cachet as first flight on this route. At the same time, night flying as a second daily service started on the route. Wonder how many thought to get first day *and* first night flights from here. Omaha, St. Louis, and Kansas City all used cachets for 1st night flight, provided by contractors and Chambers of Commerce. Through some slip-up, some of the Kansas City covers missed the cachets, which may be obtained if you'll send the covers, accompanied by proper return envelope, to Leo L. Ross, 1900 Chelsea Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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Postal Bulletin of Sept. 28, announced that about Oct. 15, the Alaskan Airways, Inc., would make a special flight from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Flat, via McGrath, Takotna, Ophir, and Iditarod; and to Circle, via Beaver and Fort Yukon, and return. Hurried a few covers off—don't know whether I'll get anything or not. ***First Air Express service over CAM 27 brought forth an unusually attractive cachet by the Thompson Aeronautical Co., contractors. Date was Sept. 14.***Douglas P. Ball sends me an interesting flown cover from Ecuador. Being official diplomatic correspondence, it bears no government postage stamps, but does have the necessary air mail stamps.***Effective Sept. 30, CAM 31, the Chicago lake front shuttle route, was discontinued.

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Want to see something different? Clarence D. R. Clark sent a bunch of CAM 32 first flights on the new air mail "business reply" envelopes. Look kind of funny without any stamps on them.

Airport Dedications, Shows, Etc.

Announced this some time ago, but will give it again, in case you missed the first notice. C. of C., El Paso, Texas, special cachet Oct. 24-26, 75th Anniversary of the Gadsden purchase. Covers to J. Delano Bartlett, Box 11, El Paso. ***Nov. 2, Kansas City, Mo.—dedication new administration building at airport —to C. of C.***Recent Salinas, Calif., dedication was for a new and much improved port, replacing the small one dedicated some time ago.***Also, it seems that the Connelsville, Pa., dedication cachet of Sept. 7, is the real thing, instead of that used last November. The dedication was set for last Armistice Day, but local con-

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Junior Dictionary

I. E. F.—An overprint applied to many of the King George stamps of India since 1913, for use on the mail of the British Indian troops wherever situated. The letters stand for "Indian Expeditionary Force."

I.E.F. "D".—These letters together with the word "Postage" were overprinted on certain Turkish fiscal stamps in 1919 for provisional use in the town and division of Mosul, Mesopotamia. The letters represent "India Expeditionary Force, Troop D."

I Gildi.—An overprint applied to certain stamps of Iceland used during the years 1902 and 1903. Its literal meaning is "in validity," and it refers to the fact that the stamps so overprinted could only be used for the defrayment of postal charges during the years named above.

Imperforate.—A philatelic term applied to those stamps issued without perforation or rouletting of any sort. In general use it is usually contracted to "imperf."

Imperforated.—The term "imperforated" is an ungrammatical form.

Imperial Crown Wmk. — The name given to the type of Crown watermark shown in the paper of most of the British stamps issued from 1880 until 1911.

Impresos.—An inscription shown on several of the stamps for Cuba and the Philippines issued during Spanish dominion for use on printed matter. The word means, literally, "prints."

Impressed Watermarks.—These are watermarks produced, not while the paper is in the form of pulp during the process of manufacture, but by applying suitable dies under great pressure to the finished product of the paper mills. The stamps of Switzerland, issued during the period 1862-1904, will furnish excellent examples of impressed watermarks.

Imprime (or "Imprimes"). — An overprint meaning literally "printed" (also its plural), applied to various stamps of Turkey intended for use on newspapers and other printed matter.

Impuesto de Guerra. — An inscription, meaning "Impost of War," or "War tax," shown upon the war tax stamps of Spain, and also overprinted upon some of the stamps of Porto Rico.

Study Your Stamps

M. Q. E.—These letters overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps signify they were intended for use in Martinique.

Multiple Watermark. — A multiple watermark is a repetition of the same design, so arranged that several portions of the design show on a stamp in place of one complete design (single watermark).

Napoletana.—Naples. (See under "Two Sicilies" in Scott's catalogue.)

N. C. E.—These letters overprinted on French Colonial stamps indicate they were intended for use in New Caledonia.

Nederland.—Netherlands (Holland).

Ned. Indie (or Nederlandsch-Indie). —Dutch Indies.

Nieuwe Republiek, Zuid-Afrika.—New Republic, South Africa.

Nlle Caledonie.—New Caledonia.

Norddeutscher Postbezirk. — North German Postal District. These stamps were used just prior to those for the German Empire.

Norge.—Norway.

Nouvelle Caledonie.—New Caledonia.

Ships on Stamps

By Max Schachter.

Let us take our album and sail the seas with our philatelic ships. First we come to China with a Chinese junk pictured on a stamp issued in 1913, which is quite common. Many people live and die on these boats, never setting foot on dry land. Malta, a British possession in the Eastern Mediterranean, presents us with a stamp showing Valetta Harbor with various ships. The Danish West Indies

in an issue in 1905 pictures a sailing vessel. These islands were bought in 1917 by the United States to serve as a protecting base to the Panama Canal. Cuba, in its first issue as a republic portrays a steamship on the 5 centavos. The Hudson-Fulton commemorative in 1909 shows Robert Fulton's "Clermont". All of us know the most valuable stamp in the world, the black British Guiana, is a ship stamp. Come let us take the steamship pictured on the 10c stamps of the Pan-American issue and sail home.

Bits of Information

Single C A.—A watermarked device consisting of a Crown over the letters C A found in connection with many British colonial stamps. It is so-called to distinguish it from a similar device, much used of recent years, in which parts of more than one crown and the letters are shown on one stamp, this latter being known as "Multiple C A."

Single-Line Machine.—This is the style of perforating machine which makes only one row of holes at a time.

Se-Tenant. — (French "joined together.")—Used in speaking of a pair of stamps of different values or of different design, or with different types of surcharge, etc. The 5c red error of the United States in a pair with the normal 2c will serve as an example.

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Intelligence Test

Following the lead of the Wizar Menlo Park, we offer our readers a of questions whereby they may ga their general mental acuteness. D tackle these on a full stomach.

1. Define the terms, differential ing, off-set printing, re-entry.
2. Give the reason for the three h punched in some Hungarian stamps.
3. How many horns had that fabu animal, the cornucopia?
4. Which stamps offer the better vestment, those of French Guano, those of British Guano? Why?
5. Give latest quotations for wive Tahiti.
6. Correct this sentence: No, I d want any World-Flight Zepp cover.
7. Are you married? Give reason any.
8. Have you cheated on this exam tion?

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That Battle of Fallen Timbers st sounds to Bob Dunlop like a hair t ad. Well, Bob, here's hoping the i won't be the usual Fallen Arches typ

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First Stenog.: "The gum on stamp tastes terrible."

Second Stenog.: "Why doncha do me and stick yer wad under the chair

Max Smit

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Stamp collecting encourages keen servation. No wonder then that st students are always the first to call attention of their governments to coun feit postage—they investigate.

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Hey, Writers!

The air is full of war-whoop d Several of our scouts after reading "Coded Approval Book" in the Aug. issue have reported an error. We hav space to quote their cracks in full, bu new member of the F. F. F. tribe, P Hoeber, Jr., says in part, "How co they found a two-cent Harding imp in that approval book during the war? thought that stamp was issued in '23, am I getting old?"

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Her father was just a vendor stamps, but Oh, how she could stick!
—Chas. C. Ryckman

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Slow Pokies

"Despatch is the soul of business." Chesterfield.

Yeah, and some of this stamp sw ping business hasn't much soul either.

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GOAT GETTER NO. 7

The dude who says,
"Oh, yaws, 'tis true
Your stamps are nice I. C.",
And then proceeds
To twist them 'round
To see if they're O. G.
—Phil U. Tellem

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Oh, yes—an exodus is on from Sc land to Danzig. Word has spread t it is a free city.

—Ches. W. Hodgson

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In the color race, we'll back these Br ish Colonials against the field. Boy, th streak it!—if you soak 'em too much

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Duke Screwloose of philately has be found. C. W. H. says the Count thin that all Charity stamps come in missi mixtures. His Grace also thinks th se envelope dies to color the ink.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 629)

ns caused it to be postponed till this CAM 11, however, sent their plane nd picked up the mail which had been in for the expected dedication. Last ember was 1st flight from the port, Sept. 7 evidently was the actual dedi-n.***The Scottish Rite emblem is to cancel the stamps on a cover d Sept. 20, commemorating the dedi-n of the new S. R. Cathedral at napolis.

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nual Eastern States Exposition noted week, mailed 1,500 covers for the 7 . Those of Sunday and Monday, days were all mailed Monday, Sept. 305 blue, 250 red. Tuesday's were all oyed in the crash of the mail plane. —150, 19th—200, 20th—165, 21st—**Findlay Air Mail Day—2,410, by of C.***Goshen, Ind., dedication—31—832, Sept. 1—641, Sept. 2—.***Logan, Utah—about 50, by C. of Chanute, Kans., 150 each Sept. 7, y C. of C.***St. Louis Legion Con-on and Endurance Fliers' cachet—1—1,011, 2—777, 3—907.***Kenton, , dedication—about 5,000—by C. of Port Arthur, Tex.—mark this one C. of C. says "dedication of airport called off", but they mailed the cov-anyway, Aug. 27.***Amarillo, Tex., 7-8—5,000 in all, by C. of C.***El Derby Fliers' cachet—93, by C. of C.

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ternat. Air Circus at Kansas City ed as follows: Sept. 21—690, 22—23—522, 24—370, 25—383, 26—460, 165, 28—425, 29—605.***National Races at Cleveland as follows: Aug. ,316, 25—793, 26—1,049, 27—1,041, ,063, 29—877, 30—882, 31—1,357, 1—985, 2—1,368. No freaks or col-arieties. Mark C. Emsley, who so ently cared for the cachet work at show, has been made Director of ets for the National Aeronautical ciation, and as such will be in charge is work at all major shows, the west affair in November, as previously unced, being his next job. We con-ulate both Mr. Emsley, and all air collectors.

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rdon Bennett Balloon Races at St. s brought 2 different cachets. Jr. C. . for 25c per cover, furnished post-signature of balloon pilot, and car-of cover in one of the balloons. r cachet, however, was not available covers sent in, and J. W. Stoutzen-to whom many covers had been prepared a special cachet himself to ify these covers. These are mailed ouis, Sept. 26, Balloon carried let-were mailed at point of landing, and re seen the following: Celina, Ohio—y—Capt. Kepner winner; Danville, "Stadt Essen" (Germany)—Pilots kugl and Froebel; Chi. Dec. and cy R. P. O. (Melvin, Ill.)—"Bar-'—Pilots Kaulen and Ebener; Bed-Ind.—"Danmark"—Pilots Schen-n and Rasmussen; Stinesville, Ind.—nce"—Pilots Blanchette and Scholl; a cover postmarked Louisville, Ky., no signature or balloon name. 681 ese went out altogether.

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organtown, W. Va., dedicated Sept. red cachet by C. of C.***Pueblo, ., sends cover Sept. 21, with sticker ed on inaugural date air passenger xpress service from Pueblo to (✓) El , Texas, (✓) Kansas City, Mo.***D. IcPherson reports the CAM 17 anni-ry cachet from all points on routes nd 3.***Sioux Falls "Airfair" ca-et is reported for Sept. 16-21. eoria, Ill., Air Circus Sept. 28 ip cachet by C. of C.***Sheldon, ., Sept. 26, 27—dedication—red ca-over stamps.***Florence, Colo., ded-d Sept. 2, flew covers to Pueblo, e postmarked, printed cachet.*** burgh-Butler dedication extended to . 30, due to rain and pile-up of pro-1st 2 days—cachet used on a few. lewman, Calif., Sept. 28-29—"The m Pitcher of the Pacific"—only about mailed in all.***Devils Lake, N. D., cation, black cachet, postmark of No. tauqua.

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Should have depended on my coöperators. A contemporary printed the news that Washington, D. C., C of C. would provide a cachet for the Army Air Conference, Oct. 3-5. I copied it, but am now informed that it was all a mistake, and no cachet was used. Sorry!***Was Gallup, N. M., Sept. 23, a dedication? No cachet.***Casa Grande, Ariz., dedicated Oct. 4-5—cachet "First Prosperity Jubilee".***Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 5-6—city seal.***Punxatawney, Pa., Oct. 4—flown to McKeesport, black cachet, they charged 10c for this, including postage. ***"This letter was carried by Airplane over the City of Waukegan, and was one of the first letters mailed at the Edison Square Postal Station Officially opened Oct. 5, 1929." All this in green, just received.***National Air Tour cachet, sponsored by Thompson Aero Corp., mailed at Dearborn and Detroit at the start of the tour Oct. 5th—about 200 all told.

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And here are the faithful: *George A. Zimmerman, *R. A. Brooks, Clarence D. R. Clark, James H. Cooke, *Todd Fagan, Wm. Allen Ward, Maurice S. Petty, *F. D. Markee, *Leon Berman, **A. Cormier, L. Hagen, Lloyd Flickinger, Howard C. Rushmore, C. S. Douglas, Frank C. Clark, R. A. Drew, O. W. Pittman, Leo L. Ross, C. S. George, W. Nock, *Perham C. Nahl, D. E. McPherson, Buell A. French, A. V. Dworak, F. W. Cummings, A. C. Roessler, Nelson F. Gerken, *J. P. Penning, Allen P. Harding, *A. W. Arter & Son, *E. MacLennan, **H. C. Keeley, *Raymond Freshwater, *Douglas P. Ball, *O. H. Phinney, J. Delano Bartlett, J. Gordon B. Grimes, D. R. Levy, *E. G. Emerson, Herbert Levinson, Maurice Koblitz.

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The writer is using plain white sheets in place of the quadrille sheets and has no difficulty in aligning and grouping. This is accomplished by means of a special mounting board. This board, which is exactly the size of the loose-leaf sheet, has a frame around it which is one-quarter of an inch higher than the surface of the board. The arrangement is done, not with the stamps to be mounted, but with bits of heavy cardboard cut to standard stamp sizes. It will be found that ninety per cent. of the stamps handled will all be of a few standard sizes for which bits of cardboard may be kept and used repeatedly.

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The writer has been using a new method of mounting which will, at first thought, appear very crude. It is suggested, however, that the reader think the matter over and then try it out. Three years ago, the writer mounted a large number of stamps by sticking them in an album with pure rubber dissolved in benzine. From time to time these stamps have been examined and no deterioration has been found in either the stamps or the rubber. They may be instantly removed by applying a drop of benzine. In this manner uncancelled stamps may be mounted and unmounted without any effect upon the gum. You cannot tell by examining the gum that the stamp has ever been in an album. The writer is now mounting no stamps with hinges. Ordinary stamps are stuck in the albums with rubber. Valuable specimens are put into Cellophane envelopes and the envelopes stuck into place.

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Plate No.	Denom.	Class Ord.	Series.	Subjs.
19810-813 inc.	2c	"	1922	400 Curv.
19814-823 inc.	2c	"	1922	170 "
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19836-837 inc.	2c	"	1922	170 "
19838-841 inc.	2c	Ohio River "	1929	400 "
19842-843 inc.	2c	"	1922	170 "
19844-847 inc.	2c	" Bk.	1922	360 "

Envelopes

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Two Cent Die A

2769l	Size	3	White	Low
2770j	"	3	Amber	"
2774j	Size	5	White	High
2774l	"	5	"	"
2777j	"	5	"	Low
2777l	"	5	"	"
2778j	"	5	Amber	"
2779j	"	5	Blue	"
2781j	"	5	White	Window
2781l	"	5	"	"
2782j	"	5	Amber	"
2783j	"	5	Blue	"
	Size	6	White	"
	"	6	Amber	"
	"	6	Blue	"
2785j	Size	7	White	High
2785l	"	7	"	"
2786j	"	7	Amber	"
2787j	"	7	Blue	"
2789j	"	7	White	Low
2789l	"	7	"	"
	"	7	Amber	"
2790j	"	7	Blue	"
2791j	"	7	White	Window
2791l	"	7	"	"
	"	7	Amber	"
2792j	"	7	Blue	"
2793j	Size	8	White	High
2793l	"	8	"	"
2795j	"	8	Amber	"
2796j	"	8	Blue	Low
2798j	"	8	White	"
2798l	"	8	"	"
2799j	"	8	Amber	"
2800j	"	8	Blue	High
2801j	"	8	White	Window
2801l	"	8	"	"
2802j	"	8	Amber	"
2803j	"	8	Blue	"
2804j	Size	9	White	High
2804l	"	9	"	"
2805j	"	9	Amber	"
2806j	"	9	Blue	"
2812j	Size	13	White	"
2812l	"	13	"	"
2815j	"	13	"	Low
2815l	"	13	"	"
2816j	"	13	Amber	"
2817j	"	13	Blue	"
2819j	"	13	White	Window
2819l	"	13	"	"
2820j	"	13	Amber	"
2921j	"	13	Blue	"

Two Cent Die H

2881j	Size	5	White	High
2881l	"	5	"	"
2884j	"	5	Blue	"
2902j	Size	13	White	"
2902l	"	13	"	"

Two Cent Die H2

3243l	Size	3	White	High	
3245j	Size	5	"	"	
3245l	"	5	"	"	
3246k	"	5	"	"	Ex. Q.
3247j	"	5	Blue	"	
	"	5	Amber	"	
3251k	Size	7	White	"	Ex. Q.
3253l	Size	8	"	"	
3254k	"	8	"	"	Ex. Q.
3259j	Size	13	"	"	
3259l	"	13	"	"	
3260k	"	13	"	"	Ex. Q.
	"	13	Amber	"	
3261j	"	13	Blue	"	
3257k	Size	9	White	High	Ex. Q.

Two Cent New Die

Size	5	White	Low		Wmk.	28
"	5	"	"		"	30
"	5	"	High		"	28
"	5	"	"		"	30
"	5	Blue	Low		"	28
Size	8	White	"		"	28
"	8	"	"		"	30
"	8	"	High		"	28
"	8	"	"		"	30
Size	13	"	Low		"	28
"	13	"	"		"	30
"	13	"	High		"	28
"	13	"	"		"	30
"	13	Amber	Low		"	28
"	13	Blue	"		"	28
"	13	White	Window		"	30

30c Foreign Exchange, Imperforate

There has recently been found on the west coast a magnificent horizontal strip of twelve of the 30c Foreign Exchange in imperforate condition. This is believed to be the largest piece known, as those who are posted upon the subject state that the variety has only been found in pairs and strips of three heretofore. A beautiful block of four with margins on four sides was also located in the same lot.

Philippines

The Associated Press under Manila, October 2nd, headline, announces a further large theft has just been discovered at the Bureau of Posts at Manila, bringing the robberies to approximately $187,000. The new disclosure finds a loss of 157,000 of the one peso denomination for which two centavo stamps had been substituted. No announcement is made that the peso stamp has been rendered invalid for postage, as was the case with the two peso when the loss was discovered. This is, no doubt, Scott's No. 300, issue of 1917 to 1929, unwatermarked and perforated 11.

The clipping states that Flore Reyes, former head of the stamp divi is now facing trial relative to the It is not stated whether Reyes was pected of being involved in the l shortage.

Jose Tampico, Director of Posts, was attending the London Unive Postal Conference when the irregular were first uncovered, returned rece to deny responsibility or any knowl of property losses. A present disp states that he is attempting to shift responsibility to Juan Ruiz, the Ac Director. Tampico has been grante leave of absence during the investiga of the Bureau's condition.

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...s will be welcome. If reply be necessary,
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...prus.—According to information
...ved by *Philatelic Magazine* the cur-
...4 piastre and 12 piastre stamps are
...usted, and they will not be re-issued.
...he latter value only 15,000 were sold.

...ominican Republic.—*Die Postmarke*
...s that a set of three Parcel Post
...ps inscribed "Bultos Postales" and
...ng the date "1926" has made a some-
... belated appearance. They are the
...entavos, carmine (Parcel Post); 50
...vos, orange (Parcel Post); and 1
... green (Parcel Post).

...ench India.—Mr. R. Roberts ad-
... that he has received the values noted
...w in the types of A5 and A6, but
... values in Caches, Fanons and Ru-
...; 1c black and grey, 2c black and
...le, 3c black and brown, 4c black and
...ge, 6c bright green and dull green,
... bright green and red, 12c yellow-
...n and bright green, 16c black and
... 18c vermilion and dull carmine, 20c
...n and blue, 1F crimson and dull
...n, 1F6c black and vermilion, 1F12c
...ht blue and deep blue, 1F16c green
...lake, 2F12c brown and mauve, 6F6c
...c and violet, 1R blue and green, 2R
...c and rose-red, 3R pale mauve and
..., and 5R black and rose on greenish.
...the 4c red, 6c blue, 12c pale green, IF
...vn, 1F12c pale violet, 1F16c straw,
...mauve, postage due stamps with in-
...otion "INDE FRANCAISE", and value in
...ons and Caches.

...aly.—*Stamp Collecting's* Rome cor-
...ondent advises that a new issue of
...Post stamps is authorized by a Royal
...ree recently published.

...icaragua. — Economist Stamp Co.
...rt that the following new shades
... been issued in the 1914 types: 1c
...-green, 2c rose-red, 3c ultramarine,
...live-brown, and 25c violet. Also the
...range of the same type has been
...printed "R. de C."

...yria.—Further information regard-
... the exhibition series mentioned some
... ago *Stamp Collecting* states that the
...istrial Exhibition is to be held at Da-
...cus from September 5th to October
... and the following current stamps of
...in will be specially surcharged: Post-
... 0.50p, 1p, 3p, 5p, 10p and 25p; Air
...l, 0.50p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 5p, 10p and 25p.
...se stamps will be available only at
...nascus, and can be purchased only in
...plete sets. They will be on sale dur-
... the period of the Exhibition.

...ruguay.—The beautiful set of Air
...t stamps reported in the issue of Oc-
...r 7th last as of Nicaragua were er-
...eously listed as they were issued by
... above country, and an illustration of
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SOME SOUTH SEA DESIGNS

By A. L. CHAPPELL.

Among the more popular stamps of the South Seas are the pictorial labels which were issued for Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Island in 1920. There are six denominations in that series, and the designs are common to the four islands, only the colours of the stamps and, of course, the names inscribed on them differing in the four sets. Five of the designs are scenic, but not appropriate to all four islands. The other design is a portrait of that great discoverer, Captain James Cook. Now Cook discovered most of the islands in the group which bears his name, but only one of the islands whose names appear on the stamps we are discussing. Still, Cook's portrait should be among the designs. As we shall see, there are worse anachronisms in this series.

The Cook Islands consist of Rarotonga, Mangaia, Atiu, Mauke, Mitiaro, Aitutaki, Takutea, Manuae and Te Au-o-Tu (Hervey). Aitutaki, the most northerly of them, is in 18 degrees 54 minutes south latitude and 159 degrees 41 minutes west longitude. Mangaia, the most southerly, is in 21 degrees 57 minutes south latitude and 157 degrees 7 minutes west longitude. Rarotonga, the principal and most beautiful of them, is also the most westerly, being in 160 degrees west longitude; its latitude is 21 degrees 20 minutes south. It is quite easy for a navigator to sail through the group and see only one island. Captain Cook discovered Manuae and Te Au-o-Tu, two islands within one reef, in his second voyage to the South Seas, and named them the Hervey Isles, in honour of Captain Hervey, R.N. (afterwards Earl of Bristol), who then was the First Lord of the Admiralty. In 1777, in his third voyage, Cook discovered Mangaia (where he could not find a safe anchorage, and so did not land), Atiu, and Takutea (at neither of which he landed himself). Rarotonga was not known to Cook; the discovery of it, so far as Europeans are concerned, was recorded by the great missionary, John Williams, in 1822. Aitutaki had been discovered by Captain William Bligh in 1789, a few days before the mutiny on the *Bounty*. Several writers have said that Cook discovered Aitutaki, but perhaps they have been misled by Cook's spelling (Otakootaia) of the native name for Takutea, the "O" being only a vocative. Mauke and Mitiaro were not found until missionary days.

The solitary island of Niue (the Savage Island of Cook) lies a long way from the Cook Group, in 170 degrees west longitude and 19 degrees south latitude, and has no geographical connection with that group, but, like the Cook Islands, it is a dependency of New Zealand. Penrhyn Island, or Tongareva, is even a greater distance from the Cook Islands, in another direction. It is in latitude 9 degrees 6 minutes south, and longitude 158 degrees 2 minutes west. Associated with it as dependencies of New Zealand are the islands of Manihiki and Rakahanga. Penrhyn Island, Manihiki and Rakahanga were not discovered until the first quarter of the nineteenth century had almost passed.

It is reasonable that separate accounts should be kept, and separate issues of stamps made, for Niue and for Penrhyn Island, but it is not easy to understand why stamps of the Cook Islands should not be used for Aitutaki, since the island is a part of the group. Even more difficult to understand is the action that was taken in 1919, when the general issues for the Cook Islands gave place to New Zealand stamps overprinted "Rarotonga," these being followed in 1920 by the pictorial stamps labelled "Rarotonga." So several islands in one group use stamps bearing the name of only one of them, and another, Aitutaki, has an issue all to itself. Collectors in New Zealand are not aware of any good reason why the stamps for all but one of the Cook Islands bear the name of Rarotonga. The fact that it is the principal island is not enough.

To some extent the distribution of subjects in the designs for these pictorial stamps seems fair enough. Aitutaki is represented by its wharf; Mitiaro by a picture of native dwellings of the type to which I referred in my earlier article; and Rarotonga by the harbour at Avarua, its principal settlement. Presumably the palm tree on the 3d stamp is to be taken to represent Penrhyn Island, but of this more anon. Captain Cook, whose portrait—a reproduction from the famous painting by N. Dance, R.A.—appears on the 1½d stamp, certainly should be included in these designs, for, though he discovered only one of the four islands which are named on the stamps themselves, he did more than any other man in the discovery of the islands of the great South Seas. It would certainly have been more appropriate, though, if one of these four sets of stamps had been inscribed "Cook Islands."

There remain in this set of designs of the 1920 series, two pictures to be "placed," these being on the halfpenny and 3d stamps. And here we come to a very curious fact. So far as can be ascertained, both of these designs have been adapted from views of another island very far removed from any of those for which the stamps were issued. I am informed that no records of the originals of these two designs were attached to the New Zealand Government's official collection of stamps of the Dominion and its dependencies until some notes were forwarded to the official in charge by a friend who had just been visiting me. While this friend was inspecting my collection of books about the South Seas I drew his attention to a series of beautiful photographs taken by Colonel Stuart-Wortley in Tahiti about 1880. Colonel Stuart-Wortley's important work in photography—references to it are made in the articles on photography in the *Encyclopædia Britannica* and *Chamber's Encyclopædia*—had included the preparation of gelatine plates by a process devised by him specially to resist the effects of tropical heat. His photographs of scenes in Tahiti are still among the finest ever taken in any of the South Sea Islands. Thirty-one of them were reproduced in a book entitled *Tahiti*, the letterpress for which was written by Lady Brassey, and which was published in London in 1882. If any reader of this article has a copy of that book, and turns to the picture facing page 60 of it, he will find the original of the coco-nut palm which is presented on the 3d value of the stamps I am discussing. Some people might remark that one coco-nut palm is very like another, but photographic studies of individual palms do show unexpected diversity. In any case, there can be little doubt, from a comparison of Colonel Stuart-Wortley's photograph with the stamp, of what the engraver of the die for the stamp has

Norway In Sets

Scott		Per Set
82-96, 100-9, Pist horn	(25)	.14
97-99, 1914 Jubilee	(3)	.08
112-17, Lion, type 1	(4)	.03
120-26, North Pole	(7)	.40
127-30, Svalbard	(4)	.14
135-40, 145-8, Lion, type 2	(12)	.08
143-4, 149, Surcharges	(3)	.10
501, Air post	(1)	.10
1929 Postage Due, surch.	(9)	.95
Do. 1, 4, 10, 20, 40	(5)	.10
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worked from. Only a little alteration has been made in the background of the design.

This belief about the source of that design is strengthened when we consider the halfpenny stamp, which is supposed to illustrate the landing of Captain Cook. Here there is decidedly an anachronism, quite apart from the fact that Niue is the only one of the islands for which these particular stamps have been issued which can offer any justification for the design. Cook did *not* land on any of the islands in the group which bears his name. When Cook discovered Niue, on June 20, 1774, in his second voyage to the South Seas, he did land there. "We landed with ease in a small creek," he wrote in his journal, "and displayed our colours. I took two men, and with them entered a kind of chasm, which opened a way into the woods." As a matter of fact, two boats put off from the *Resolution* to the shore, to the northwest side of the island, but, no natives being seen there, Cook rowed southward to the rift in the cliff that he mentions, at a spot called Tuapa. Neither his own account nor the native tradition suggests that he took more than two men with him when, finding a passage through the jagged grey cliffs of the island—for Niue is of coral formation upraised in several stages—he went inland to try to establish friendly relations with the natives. Unfortunately, the natives, afraid of disease being introduced by the strangers, came at him and his men "with the ferocity of wild boars," and after a dart had just missed Cook himself, and his men had had to fire their muskets in the air to discourage the Niueans, the great navigator retreated. His reception caused him to give the island a name which the natives, really pleasant fellows, have regretted ever since they first heard of it.

In none of its essentials does the design which appears on the halfpenny stamp agree with the historical facts. Even Cook's ship is shown at anchorage near the shore when, as a matter of cold fact, ships have to anchor outside the reef. One may doubt whether any coconut palms grew on Niue in Cook's day, although several are shown on the stamp. Coco-nuts were scarce in Niue even in the '50's of last century. Later they were introduced from Samoa to form the basis of the prolific plantations of the present day. Indeed, this design is so different from the reality of Cook's landing that one wonders whether it is really intended to represent Niue. Perhaps whoever was responsible for the design had the erroneous idea that Cook landed on one of the Cook Islands, and intended the stamp to represent that.

Tracing the origins of the designs of some stamps certainly is a fascinating pursuit, yielding some curious results!

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11	"	—	—	—	434	473	—	—	511	—					
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It was to be a gay trip to Three-Bar-X, —through mountain passes and over plains, and then to what is known as "the range,"—that stretch of rough and rolling land in the Four Peaks country.

On the canyon's rim the last day!

"Before we hit the trail, Bill, we'll give Lizzie a square and a drink. She'll need 'em."

"Yeah; an' I want t' tell that hound at the fillin' station what I don't think of him, treatin' flivverites like dirt, but takin' their money, an' eatin' dirt when it comes to Rolls-Royces. I see him do it to my friends all o' two years I been here."

I grinned, feeling that way myself, only more so.

We stopped. The guardian of the gas tank took us in. His nose elevated. On leaden feet he came to our rescue. When his glance rested upon the hostile Bill, he looked slightly perturbed.

"Gas—and oil—and water—and air!" Bill's voice rasped. "Air first!"

The keeper of the tank started to reply. He didn't feed 'em air. That was your job. Bill vaulted out of the car.

"The seal's off it. Get busy."

The seal, by the way, is placed on all artillery by the ranger before one is allowed to enter the reserve.

The tank man grudgingly obeyed. But he sure was busy. I paid him.

"Give 'im an extra two-bits fer his mad haste," said Bill, with a grin. "I ain't got the change."

We started.

"Hold on a minute!" said Bill. "I clean fergot to kiss 'im good-bye!"

I stopped. Bill again vaulted out. A Packard had rolled into our recently vacated place. The man at the wheel had heard Bill. He knew him. He was smiling and chuckling.

"Bill, you sure have nerve! Why, he never did as much for me!"

Bill grinned. "Ner fer me—an' never again. That *hombre* maybe knows one thing more'n he did afore: he knows there's times when the worm turns—an' he's the worm."

The tanker stayed in his cell until we had made a clean getaway. Then he came out and glared. Bill blew a kiss. The Packard man haw-hawed. The expressive back of the tanker turned toward us.

"Feeling better, Bill?" I asked.

Bill chuckled. "Yeah,—some; but I'd feel a heap better if they'd been a little gun-play. Thought he was goin' t' reach fer his artillery when he started in his cell. Any way, I wanted to wound his *amour propre*—an' I did that same."

I looked at Bill.

"Yeah," said Bill, replying to an unasked question, "I got that out-a a book."

Then he burst into song,—his rich untrained baritone echoing among the pines.

And then to Maine.

"Here's the whitest outfit in Arizony," said Bill. "Looks right after yuh—an' no tips. Kid here never fergits, neither. Listen now."

"Hello, Bill! Going out?"

"Yeah," said Bill. "Friend o' mine goin' down the valley."

"Yes. You were here two years ago, sir—same car, too."

I confessed.

"Still collecting?"

I turned to Bill. That worthy grinned.

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Maine to Flagstaff, then toward Pine and Payson,—the road home! At a conveniently retired spot we drew aside, had supper, and camped for the night. Breakfast, and on the way.

"I know a chap down here a-ways," said Bill, as we were reeling off the miles, "used t' c'lect. Cattleman. But, by heck! some misplaced brands nacherly ended him up in Florence. Two years. Must be out pretty soon, now."

We swept down Strawberry canyon, the tops of the tall pines far below us, into Pine. More gas and oil and water. Bill talked with the man at the filling station, when I got out to look at a tame coyote tethered to a wire line.

"Hank's time 's up next week. It's sure a shame. Why, seems like they'll never let 'im alone. Tells me them slip-brands wa'n't burned by Hank a-tall. Course they wa'n't. Chap had it in fer Hank. Seems like the jury didn't b'leeve Hank. I do."

Bill was silent for a space. Then he began to chuckle.

"I got it. You and me—we camp down here three-four mile three-four days. Cliff dwellin's yuh orter see. I'll kind-a help Hank's sister with the steers. Rodeo's this week."

Now there are just three things I'd walk thirteen miles up to my neck in snow to see — books, — stamps, — cliff-dwellings.

"Speakin' o' Hank,—what d'yuh think he c'lects? Afghanistan! He's what yuh might call an expert on 'em. Yes, sir. Funniest thing! I seen a page of 'em, an' I busts loose, Hank bein' what you-all call a 'purist.' 'Why pieces gone from 'em, Hank? No fine ones?' I asks. Hank, he says they cancels early issues by tearin' off a corner of the stamp. I thinks Hank was spoofing until I see a piece in the WEEKLY whaich same backs him up."

Bill grinned at me as we drew near a neat ranche-house. A young woman stood at the door. Bill waved to her. We drove perhaps half a mile further, up a draw, off the highway, and made camp. Bill proceeded to get supper, as I searched out the dead wood. When the meal was ended, and the beds made, Bill piled green stuff on the coals, and the smoke rose. Bill began to smother and free it with a blanket. Indian signals! I had read of it, but never had it been done in my sight before. Bill soon put out the fire by throwing sand upon it in true western fashion. At dusk I heard a coyote bark. Bill's answer was the hooting of an owl. Then he got up, and the darkness enfolded him. Perhaps half an hour later he returned.

"I got a little work t' do next two-three days. You-all find the cliff-dwellings right up the canyon one-two miles."

When I arose at daybreak, Bill was gone. Breakfast, however, awaited me. I found the cliff-dwellings, and, weary, returned to camp late in the afternoon. Bill had supper ready. We ate in silence. Next day and the day after I explored these relics of a forgotten people. Returning early in the afternoon of the third day, I found the flivver packed and ready to go. Bill blew a cloud of smoke from his ever present cigarette.

"Sorry t' keep yuh waitin'—but them there cliff dwellin's sure are entertainin' things. I knowed you an' me 'd enjoy 'em!"

I looked at Bill apprehensively. He grinned and chuckled.

"Speed 'er up a little?"

I felt Lizzie's response.

"Mind if we run all night?"

And so we drove through the mountains in the dark,—through Payson and past Roosevelt dam, along Lewis and Pranty creek, climbed Fish creek hill, on through the mountains past Superstition cliffs. Moonlight on the peaks, and shadows in the canyons. The far-off howl of a coyote,—the distant scream of a mountain lion. As we slowed down on a grade, the headlights picked up a diamond-back crossing the sandy road.

"Let 'im live," said Bill. "The Indians hold 'im sacred. Besides, we aint lost no di'mon'-back,—not tonight, anyways."

"Here," said Bill, as daylight found us near a mesquite thicket. We drove behind its shelter and ate a hastily prepared breakfast.

"Nice weather we're havin'," said Bill.

"Fine," I agreed.

There was more silence.

"Ole Timer, it's this way. I sure drug yuh inter it. Hank's a friend o' mine. That bunch o' coyotes framed 'im. They wanted t' drive 'im out. They slip-branded mavericks an' calves Hank never claimed. At the round-up they got 'im. There was them brands. The judge give 'im two years. Now I know Hank. I rode range with 'im. He's square. He sticks. So, when we come past the house his sister knows we ain't goin' t' pass 'er up that-a-way, me bein' an old friend. She watches. That's what-all that there smoke's for. An' that there coyote. An' that owl.

"Three days I ride the range, brandin' ever'thing I see—slip-brandin', mainly,—an' changin' brands an' raisin' th' hellinest kind o' hell with them there cattle. Hank's sister lends me the horse an' helps. We changes the shoes, nacherly, and then I changes 'em back. No trail, there. By heck! We got them there shoes right here in this war-bag!"

"Might keep them for pitching quoits when we are in the penitentiary, Bill," I suggested, affably.

Bill looked at me round-eyed.

"No, sir. We take them there shoes an' we drop 'em down a ole minin' shaft here-a-bouts."

Bill dived into his war-bag, rescued the evidence, and disappeared. I breathed more freely when he returned.

"But that other alibi is sure the finest yuh ever see. Hank in Florence till the rodeo's over, an' all this devilment done before he's out. Every cattleman an' cowboy on the range is suspicious now,—looks cross-eyed at his neighbors, suspectin' 'em. Yes, sir. They'll sure be madder 'n a cow on the peck!"

I whistled. Then the humor of it struck me. Hank was safe. But how about the men who railroaded him?

"Oh, yes!" Bill broke in. "I 'most fergot. Them there twelve men an' true, bein' that there jury, an' that there judge —well, seems t' me when they look them mavericks and calves over they'll do a heap o' wrong thinkin'. Anyhow, I'd hate t' be around when they get t' suspicionin'."

Bill slapped his leg.

"Yes, sir; I sure changed about forty o' them brands — Monkey-Wrench I worked over, an' Lazy-H I put a nice circle on after I made it somethin' else, an' I added a bar here an' a bar there, till their own ma's won't recognize 'em. Oh, yes! An' last of all on one of the Judge's pet blooded bulls I fixes a r souvenir. It was the brand of that th jury foreman what railroads Hank."

Bill rolled a cigarette, and poiso the neighboring air while I visuali troubles to come.

"I take it right kind o' Hank,—c'lec stamps. Mebbe he told 'em about it Florence. It'll take their minds off ot griefs. An' them there cliff-dwellin's Hank's sister was sure thoughtful, kee yuh busy archaeologing."

I thought to break into the conver tional monologue, but Bill anticipated

"Yeah. When we git t' Three-Bar we'll begin t' hear the bellerin' o' the c tle an' smell the dust. Later on Hank' sellin' out an' comin' too. I tell y what, Ole Timer, we're the safest the further Lizzie packs us out o' t there pine-tree country."

To which pronunciamento I ferven agreed as I spurred the flivver to renew activities.

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Whenever we speak of the world's leading collectors of postage stamps, no matter where the discussion might take place, Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein, of New York, is bound to be among those mentioned. We have many important collectors who simply get together wonderful collections for their own pleasure alone, but fortunately, Mr. Lichtenstein does not fall into this class. His philatelic treasures, and they are numerous, as well as valuable, are available at all times for any exhibition or club where their showing might aid philately. It is this type of collector who is doing so much to show others the pleasures to be derived in the collecting of the little evasive pieces of paper.

The activities of this collector date from the time he was six years old. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and attended the schools in that city. His interests have never ceased, having been actively continued even while in attendance at the University of Berlin. While he has been known for many years as a collector, he came into prominence in 1917, at which time, he acquired the famous Worthington collection, the finest collection of stamps then in existence in America. Mr. Lichtenstein retained several important sections of this collection, thus forming a nucleus for his holdings of today. The balance of the collection, it will be recalled, was sold by the Morgenthau Company. Since then, he has acquired the Argentierre collection, said to be second only to the Ferrari lot; has purchased several of the foremost collections of South America, as well as important individual collections of certain countries in which he is interested.

In forming these several collections, it has always been the owner's desire to acquire the finest things insofar as condition and rarity is concerned that the market offers, and one viewing any of his specialized lots will appreciate that he has been wonderfully successful. He holds today, what is without doubt, the finest lot of British North America in existence. This includes Canada, British Columbia, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Islands. The rarities of all of these several colonies and dominions are present. Possibly the finest individual item among this group is a magnificent mint vertical pair of the British Columbia 5c imperforate—a unique piece. Many of the other varieties are present in large blocks and even sheets. Among the Canadian items are to be found upward of thirty copies of the famous 12 pence black alone, including three unused and three used pairs.

If all of the others in existence were gotten together they would not equal the lot in the Lichtenstein collection. His New Brunswick are rich in six pence and shilling values, including pairs, and in some cases, strips on the original cover. In the Newfoundland, the orange and scarlet vermilion issues are all to be noted in the finest of condition. The remarks regarding the New Brunswick issues apply equally to the similar varieties of Nova Scotia.

Uruguay is another prime favorite of this collector, and it will be recalled that his collection of this country not only received the palm of honor, but the grand prize at the New York Philatelic Exhibition. The plates of the early Diligencia varieties are practically complete, but Mr. Lichtenstein takes no credit for this plating, as it had been done before. His collection, however, shows the first successful attempt at plating the second issues, which are represented by a magnificent lot. The collection is brought up-to-date and is strong in unusual pieces.

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No endeavor is being made to place the collections in accordance with their rarity or interest, but they are simply mentioned as they come to mind.

The Cape of Good Hope section is, without doubt, the finest lot of these stamps now in existence, and the collection has been exhibited throughout the world, where it has received the highest honors. An exhibit of the triangular issues alone would prove an exhibition in itself, for the classic wood blocks are to be seen in profusion, and the collection includes a strip of four of the 1 penny red, showing the 4 pence error, which Mr. Lichtenstein considers possibly the finest piece in his possession.

His Mauritius exceed in importance the Cape of Good Hope, if such a thing is possible, and contains everything from a single of the 1 penny Post Office on cover, and pair of the 2 pence on a second cover, down through all of the imperforate and perforate issues to date. There is only one other collection that begins to compare with this lot, and judges would have a merry time awarding a first prize with the two in competition. At one time the Lichtenstein holdings included a small collection of United States stamps, which were sold quite a few years back. The only other approach to United States issues in the collection is an unusual lot of western franks, a most important lot. The nucleus of this collection was the well-known Phillips collection of Berkley, California, to which many new things have been added.

If one were offered the pick of these holdings many would, no doubt, choose the specialized collection of Switzerland, which is the outstanding lot of Swiss stamps now in existence. This includes such pieces as a block of fifteen of the Basle dove, no other block existing, a large block of the double Geneva, also unique; pairs and strips of the Zurich, 4r and 6r, with all of the other Cantonal and Federal issues in the finest of condition and in the largest of pieces existing. This collection, like the others, contains many outstanding and attractive covers. Recently, Mr. Lichtenstein has become interested in French Colonies in America, and has accumulated a choice lot of both St. Pierre and Guadeloupe. He is perhaps one of the few people in America who can distinguish these surcharges, good from the bad. So much for the Lichtenstein collection.

Now as to the activities of this foremost New York collector. Anyone holding membership in the Collectors Club of New York will appreciate that Mr. Lichtenstein has been behind every activity of the Club in such a strong financial way that the organization, which lay dormant for many years, is now one of the world's foremost stamp clubs. It was mainly through his generosity, and that of one or two others, that they have their present building, and while it is not generally known, it is not believed that a confidence is being betrayed in stating that he underwrote the *Collectors Club Philatelist* in its early days and has brought it to its present point of perfection.

Mr. Harry L. Lindquist, president of the Collectors Club, at a recent meeting outlined the proposed future activities of the Club, and Mr. Lichtenstein states that he is one hundred per cent in favor of the program.

The lease of the present Collectors Club will expire during next year and it is not thought that a further lease will be possible. The amount realized at the termination of the lease, in addition to cash on hand, will possibly equal between seventy and one hundred thousand dollars. It is proposed that this fund be raised to three hundred thousand dollars, by public subscription, and of this amount, one-third to be spent for ground, an equal amount for a building and the balance as an endowment fund. With such an organization many philatelic activities are planned. For insance, at the present time, the Metropolitan Museum of Art lectures to the numerous schools in New York and vicinity, on painting, sculpture and the like, and endeavors to arouse and train the artistic sense in the high school student. It is expected that similar lectures on the subject of philately will not only develop interest in general studies, such as geography, history and such subjects, but will be more important in developing accuracy, alertness, keen observation, neatness, concentration, system and other similar traits.

As a matter of fact, one of the largest banking institutions in New York City has organized a stamp club among its employees, and actually pays for their dinner meetings and activities, in order to develop these very features among its members. It was mentioned at the club meeting, when Mr. Lindquist outlined his program, that some of our foremost physicians have recommended stamps as a hobby for the busy and tired business man and others, with wonderful success. It is believed that we can show the possibilities of stamp collecting and pass on its pleasures in a more forceful way by

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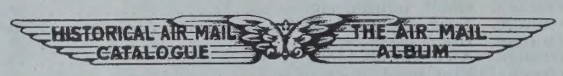

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UNIQUE STAMP COLLECTION

By J. Leiblinger, U. S. Army, Retired, Los Angeles, Cal.

The desire of the present day stamp collectors to outdo other collectors by the formation of possible and impossible collections, the trend for specializations entailing expensive, extensive and exhaustive research work, the going into painstaking details in their search for varieties and conditions, their accounts in the philatelic press of what is being done and what can be done, prompts me also to report on my special collection, which I am now forming in addition to my general collection.

I just started to collect again, after an interval of 15 years. The resumption of stamp collecting leaves one somewhat bewildered and confused. One asks, "What shall I collect?" One may be advised to collect air mail, or entire covers, or 19th or 20th Centuries, or special countries, or British Colonies, and by all means, U. S. stamps and colonies. Turning the pages of a catalogue is like going through a labyrinth. How can one find his way through this maze of stamps?

Lately I came across the Goethe Stamp of Germany. I have worshipped at the shrine of Goethe since boyhood. It was my desire to give this stamp a place of honor in my album. In doing so, the idea came to me of making a collection of commemorative issues of Poets, Writers, Playwrights, Philosophers, Musicians, Painters and Scientists, who were thus honored by their nations.

Such a collection may be acquired easily and cheaply. The stamps are mostly of recent issue, there are no rarities, they are well executed, artistic, brilliant, and form a beautiful album page. Each stamp, or the entire issue may be embellished by excerpts from the author's writings, a verse or two, an epigram or an extract from a famous book, the great attainments or accomplishments of the Artist, Musician, Philosopher, an autograph, or a concise biography, or other pertinent remarks.

The collection can be further extended to include explorers and explorations, expeditions and discoveries, expositions and exhibitions, Congresses and conventions, saints and patrons, religious and faith issues, libraries, schools, and institutions of learning, art objects, statuary, and scenes from Mythology.

I also believe that such a collection would appeal to many people who would not find interest in a General Stamp Collection or the mere accumulation of stamps.

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NEW SEASON APPROVAL BOOKS
During the summer I have remade all my approval books, and have combined in them many important purchases made during the past year.
The following is a list of new books that are now ready. In general these contain stamps from a few cents to some twenty dollars each. A list of my books of rare stamps will be issued later on.
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In order to properly discuss the "early days" of the American Post Office, especially the period from 1774 to 1789, it is required that study shall be made of the records of the Revolutionary period. For this purpose the archives of the Continental Congress were read and the figures, as well as the facts, offered in this article are a result of these studies. The printed facts of the early American days are available at many libraries and afford interesting reading.

Every person of school age and many who have foregone the pleasures of attending school are well aware of the fact that in the stirring days of 1774 when the Americans began to appeal from the unfair practices of the English Crown, the several sections of what is now a portion of the United States, were separate Colonies—each a law unto itself, with but little in common, politically, socially or economically.

The revolution inspired them to form a confederacy, and under this method of collaboration, a Continental Congress was organized, each State sending delegates.

At this stage of development the intercolonial intercourse was not important, the greatest amount of commercial activity being done, by the Colonies, with European countries, mainly with England, or through there. The natural "ties" of the Americans of that day were with their European places of origin, and as their friends and relatives arrived this continued, for the earliest of Americans were not of the restless, pushing forward sort. Having shaken the dust of the old world off their shoes, they were content to remain "put" where'er they landed in America.

These conditions made no great demand for postal arrangement, it being deemed sufficient that the English Government had established post roads, under the dominion of the Postmaster General at London. Benjamin Franklin served the King as a Deputy Postmaster for many years, finally being removed in 1775.

If there is to be recorded a real beginning of what we are pleased to call the simon-pure American post, it must be when William Goddard, a printer of Maryland, issued a direct notice that the patriots should operate their own post. This appeared on July 2, 1774, and reads as follows:

> William Goddard, printer of the *Maryland Journal*, with great pleasure acquaints the publick that his proposal for establishing am *American Post Office* on constitutional principles, hath been warmly and generously patronized by the friends of freedom in the great commercial towns in the Eastern Colonies, where ample funds are already secured; Postmasters and riders engaged; and indeed every proper arrangement for the reception of Southern mails, which, it is expected, will soon be extended thither. As therefore the final success of the undertaking now depends upon the publick spirit of the inhabitants of Maryland and Virginia, it is not doubted, for the recent evidence that they have given of their noble zeal in the cause of liberty and their country, but they will cheerfully join in rescuing the channel of publick and private intelligence from the "horrid fangs of Ministerial dependence;" a measure indispensable necessary in the present alarming crisis of American affairs.

This notice appeared in the *Maryland Journal*, and it appears that the publisher was expected to pay 52 pounds sterling, Pennsylvania currency, *per annum* for weekly mailing 350 papers, 130 miles distant. The regulations called for cash payments, at the time the papers were mailed. Incidentally, in 1776, Goddard appealed to the Continental Congress, asking for a job as Mustermaster General, citing his work for the constitutional post had brought him losses that the sought-for job could, in part, repay.

In 1774 the post was in the hands of the Crown, of course, and many of the patriots agreed it would be politic to operate their own post, so that the Colonies could communicate with each other regularly.

One American friend of the English wrote Lord North, Postmaster General at London, decrying the dismissal of Franklin from the postal service, saying, in part, that he had brought the Post Office in America to be of some consequence, "yielding revenue to the mother country."

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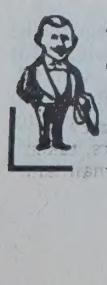

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Early in 1774 Goddard, printer and patriot, made a trip to New York and to Massachusetts enlisting support for a "Constitutional Post Office in America," and always making his appeal to the Colonial governmental bodies. The name, as indicated, was suggested by him to the Provincial Committee, suggesting they all vote for a Postmaster General, making the New York Committee the board to tally the votes.

It should be borne in mind that not all the folks in the country were as one on the idea of absolute separation from England. There many people, some of the "most conservative and wealthy" who sought merely remedial legislation. They disliked the taxes assessed and were not disposed to rush into any war with England. Many "good people" failed to respond to the cry of the separatists and quite a few hampered the cause of independence.

During the early days of the independent Post there was a story current that the Constitutional Post Rider between Philadelphia and Baltimore had absconded with a large sum of money entrusted to his care. Goddard denied this, declaring the absconder was not the post rider (Stinson) but "a villain, whose name is Bryan."

London heard of the proposed American Post Office, to quote from a London letter, dated June 16, 1774, as follows:

"In the Boston paper of 2nd May, is inserted a plan for the establishment of the new American Post Office, in opposition to that established by Government. It is, however, supposed that as soon as General Gage arrives he will stop the career of this new Post, Riders and their employees."

Just how well General Gage managed all this, history records. But to the story.

A letter written on July 16, 1774, on post affairs, received in London, says "the present Deputy Postmasters Generals of North America are in distress, since the dismissal of Dr. Franklin and the hostile attack on Boston" and Americans, it appears, are "unalterably determined to support the new Constitutional Post Office on the 'ruins of one that hath for its basis the slavery of America'" and mention is made of the fact the new Post Office rates are "cheaper and more efficient than the Ministerial prices of a Foxcroft or Finlay." (These were Deputy Postmasters of the period.)

The Continental Congress made its first definite effort to embrace the Post as part of the government by resolution of May 29, 1775, reading:

Resolved, That Mr. Franklin, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Lee, Mr. Adams and Mr. Livingston, be a committee to consider the best means of establishing posts for conveying letters and intelligence through the Continent.

This committee appears not to have reported until July 25, when their report was presented and carried over to the following day. The minutes of the Congress read:

"Agreeable to the order of yesterday, the Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Post Offices; which being debated by paragraphs was agreed to as follows:

"That a Postmaster General be appointed for the United Colonies, who shall hold his office at Philadelphia, and shall be allowed a salary of 1000 dollars per an; for himself, and 340 dollars per an; for a Secretary and Comptroller, with power to appoint such, and so many deputies as to him may seem proper and necessary.

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*Thrace 1920, 21 (214)	3.00

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"That the allowance for the deput in lieu of salary and all contingent pences shall be 20 per cent. on the su they collect and pay in to the Gene Post Office annually, when the whole under or not exceeding 1000 Dolla and ten per cent. for all sums abo 1000 dollars a year.

"That the rates of postage shall 20 per cent. less than those appoin by act of Parliament.

"That the several deputies acco quarterly with General Post Offi and the Postmaster General annua with the continental treasurers, when shall pay into the receipts of the s Treasurers, the profits of the P Office; and if the necessary expence this establishment should exceed produce of it, the deficiency shall made good by the United Coloni and paid to the postmaster general the Continental Treasr.

"On motion duly made, Resolv That it be recommended to the po master general to establish a weel post to South Carolina.

"That it be left to the postmas general to appoint a secr. and con troller.

"The Congress then proceeded to t election of a postmaster general for o year and until another is appointed a future Congress, when Benjam Franklin, Esq., was unanimous chosen."

The record indicates no other matt came before the Congress that day. U fortunately there appear to be no d tailed record of the speeches made, a pertaining to America' first move, law, to effect a Post Office.

Reducing the rates by act of Congr and putting them into effect only to fi the receipts insufficient for the servi appears to have been the development f by resolution of September 30, 1775, noted "in order to support the necessa riders, to suspend the lowering of rat to a later day."

The records of the Continental Co gress indicate that Richard Henry L wrote General Washington, on June 1776, that "a certain Mr. Eustace, now New York, but some time ago with Lo Dunmore, is acquainted with the practi of taking letters out of the Post Offi in Virginia and carrying them to Du more for his perusal." Washington asked "to get Mr. Eustace to give writing all he knows about this busines

During August, 1776, when the Amer can forces were at Ticonderoga, t troops received mails twice each wee but judging from the letter sent to Co gress, signed by General Gates and h staff, this service, which was free to t

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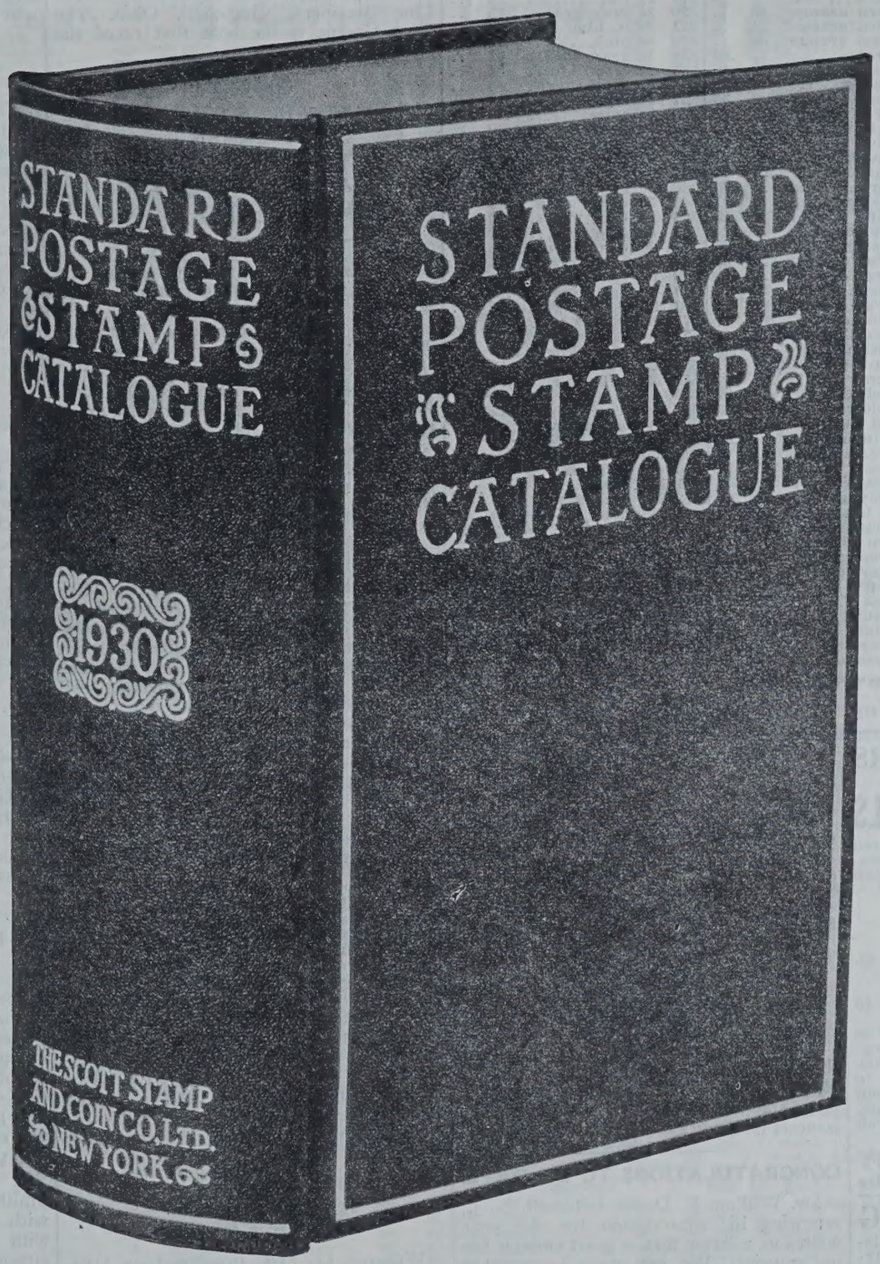
October 28th



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URUGUAY

Headquarters for Stamps of This Country

No.		Unused	Used
29	1c black	.45	1.50
31	10c yel. green	4.20	..
39	1c red brown	.12	..
40	5c green	..	.06
43	50c black	..	.75
43a	1 peso blue	6.00	..
47	2c rose	.16	..
53	1c on 10c vermil.	..	.07
58	1c olive green.	..	.07
59	2c vermilion	..	.18
62	7c dark brown	.90	.60
63	10c olive brown	..	.09
64	20c red violet	.75	.30
65	25c gray violet.	.75	.60
69	7c orange	.50	.45
70	10c violet	..	.18
71	20c bistre brn.	.90	.45
72	25c vermilion	.75	.45
73	5c violet	.18	.12
77	7c bistre brn.	.36	..
78	10c blue grn.	..	.09
79	20c orange	.90	..
80	25c red brown	.75	.30
81	50c light blue	2.40	1.75
82	1 peso lilac	1.80	1.80
83	1c green	.15	..
84	5c violet	.12	.09
85	1c/20c orange.	.15	..
86	5c/7c bistre	.12	.09
90	10c orange	..	.09
95	10c orange	..	.30
96	20c brown	1.80	.90
97	25c vermilion	..	1.80
98	50c lilac	..	2.10
100	2 peso carmine	..	8.50
101	3 peso dull vio.	9.40	..
105	7c deep green	.90	.60
106	10c brown	..	.15
107	20c grn. & blk.	..	.30
108	25c brn. & blk.	1.20	..
113	1c vio. & blk.	.07	..
114	5c blue & blk.	.12	.09
115	10c lake & blk.	.36	..
117	5c blue & blk.	..	.09
118	10c lake & blk.	..	.15
122	7c orange	.60	.30
123	10c red	..	.12
124	20c claret & blk.	..	.24
125	25c pink & blue	.90	.24
126	50c grn. & brn.	..	.60
128	2 peso bis.&car.	..	.60
129	3 peso lilac&car.	..	.75
130	1c slate blue	.35	..
134	½/1c blue	.04	..
135	½/1c bistre	.04	..
136	½/1c brown	.05	..
137	½/2c blue	.10	..
138	½/5c blue & blk.	.10	..
139	½/7c green	.15	..
146	10c red lilac	.36	.12
148	7c carmine	.90	..
149	20c light blue	..	.10
150	5/10c blk. & red	..	.15
153	10c gray violet.	..	.06
155	7c brn. orange	..	.10
156	25c bistre brn.	..	.10
157	50c carmine	..	.16
158	1 peso deep grn.	..	.60
165	20c gray green.	..	.15
166	25c olive bistre.	..	.12
167	1c green	.28	..
168	2c deep orange	.35	..
169	5c dark blue	.45	..
172	7c orange brn.	..	.07
173	50c rose	..	.25
175	2c grn. & dk.grn.	..	.60
178	5c rose red&blk.	.30	..
179	8c/10c dull vio.	..	.05
180	23c/25c bis. brn.	..	.15
182	2c carmine red	.06	.06
183	5c deep blue	..	.09
184	5c/1c green	.06	.06
185	5c/50c red	.12	.12
186	5c/50c rose	.60	..
189	2c orange red.	.09	..
193	25c ultramarine	..	.09
194	50c orange	..	.12
195	1p scarlet	..	.18
196	5c carm. & blk.	.09	..
197	2/7 brn. orange	.60	..
198	5/7 brn. orange	.21	..
202	2c brn. orange	.06	..
207	20c brown	..	.06
208	23c dark blue	.60	.15
209	50c orange	..	.18
210	1 peso	..	.30
211	2c brn. orange	.12	.09
212	4c yellow	..	.12
213	5c blue	.21	..
214	2c green & red	.18	..
215	5c buff & blue.	.21	..
217	2c carm. & brn.	..	.06
218	4c orange & brn.	..	.11
219	5c blue & brn.	..	.10
220	8c brn. & indigo	..	.24
221	20c bistre & blk.	..	.60
230	8c blue & brn.	..	.05
231	20c brn. & blk.	..	.18
235	2c carm. & blk.	.12	..
236	4c or'ge & blue	.12	..
237	5c blue & brn.	.18	..
249	5c chocolate	.15	..
251	12c ultramarine	..	.09
253	36c olive green.	2.40	..
254	5m gray black	.05	..
255a	1c red violet	.15	.07
256	2c pale red	.18	.06
259	5c yel. brown.	.24	.05
260	8c salmon pink	.60	.60
264	2c car. & sepia	.12	..
265	5c vio. & sepia	.15	..
266	12c blue & sepia	.24	..
270	3c gray green.	.21	..
271	5c lt. blue	.15	..
273	12c deep blue	.45	..
274	20c brn. orange	..	.18
279	2c deep green.	..	.30
280	5c scarlet	..	.30
281	12c dark blue	.50	..
282	2c rose	.52	..
283	5c mauve	.50	..
284	12c bright blue.	.75	..
285	5c gray black.	.05	..
286	1c terra cotta.	.05	..
287	2c rose lilac	.07	..
288	3c gray green.	.10	..
289	5c chalky blue	.15	..
290	8c pink	.16	..
291	10c turq. blue.	.24	..
292	12c slate blue	.30	..
293	15c lt. violet	.36	..
294	20c brown	.36	..
295	36c salmon	.60	..
296	50c gr. gray	.90	..
297	1p buff	..	1.00
300	2c sal.pink&blk.	.36	.36
301	5c lil. & blk.	.36	.36
302	12c blue & blk.	.36	.36
305	5c lt. red	.15	..
306	2c blue green.	.30	..
307	5c dull violet	.30	..
308	12c deep blue	.30	..
316	12c slate blue	.36	..
317	5m gray	.05	..
318	1c lt. violet	.20	..
319	2c red	.10	..
320	3c gray grn.	.15	..
321	5c lt. blue	.22	..
322	8c pink	.22	..
334	1c gray violet.	.02	..
335	2c vermilion	.04	..
336	3c gray green.	.09	..
337	5c blue	.09	..
338	8c rose	.15	..
342	20c gray brown	.40	..
345	2c/12c blue	.35	..
346	5c/12c blue	.35	..
347	10c/12c blue	.35	..
348	15c/12c blue	.35	..
349	5c carm. rose.	.12	..
364	2c brn. violet.	.06	..
365	5c deep red	.12	..
366	8c ultramarine	.22	..
367	2c red	.45	..
368	5c yel. green	.45	..
369	8c deep blue	.45	..
370	2 pesos dk. grn.	3.50	..
371	3 pesos dk.blue	5.25	..
372	4 pesos violet	7.50	..
373	5pesos red brn.	9.00	..
551	2c terra cotta.	.15	.06
552	2c light red	.09	..
553	2c pale ult.	..	.06
582	3/2 car. & blk.	.12	..
583	6/4 or. & blue.	.21	..
584	9/5 blue & brn.	.24	..
602	25c bistre brn.	1.80	..
610	6c dark blue	.21	..
611	10c vermilion	.52	..
612	20c blue green.	.70	..
613	25c violet	.80	..
652	2c carmine	.12	..
653	4c violet	.18	..
672	5c slate blue	.08	..
673	6c light brown	.10	..
701	5c green straw	..	.12
741	5c blk. straw	.10	..
742	10c blk. blue	.20	..
743	20c blk. rose	.40	..
744	30c blk. green	.60	..

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BRAZIL NEW DESIGN

By Percy C. Smith.

Below is the design of the recently issued 5,000 reis. It is similar to the type A85, but some change has been made in

the framework. The portrait is that of Ruy Barbosa, and the watermark is a large star and CASA DA MOEDA. The issue is line engraved and on thin paper.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DAVIS

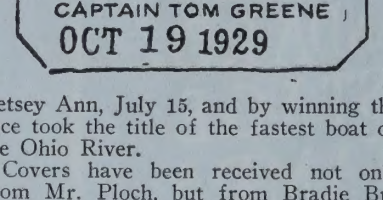
Dr. William F. Davis, Caldwell, N. J., renewing his subscription for one year writes us a letter that is good enough for us to print. We get many letters that should really see the light of day, but this one is so very good that we shall be pardoned in giving our readers the benefit of it. Dr. Davis writes:

"I think my subscription has just expired and I send you a check for another year. I would join the "Honor" list, but you see, I'll have my 82nd birthday next week, and the probabilities of my living another five years, make a betting risk of about 10 to 1 against my doing it. I think I must be one of your oldest subscribers. I began with the Weekly Era when it was published in Portland, took the News under the Mekeel administration, and have taken it ever since it came under its present publishers, with an occasional lapse of a year or so. I have been collecting for over 40 years, and am still an active collector."

Stop Press News

OHIO RIVER CANS. OF OCT. 19

Accompanying this article is a cachet used Oct. 19 on all Ohio River Can. covers sent ashore as regular mail from the steamer Tom Greene of the Greene Line Steamers, Cincinnati, Ohio. We are indebted to C. A. Ploch not only for a specimen cover, but also for the information that even though a first day cover is not obtainable, our subscribers can procure one, regularly mailed from the steamer with cachet, if letters are addressed to Capt. Tom R. Greene, Greene Line Steamers, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Tom Greene is the boat that raced the



Betsey Ann, July 15, and by winning the race took the title of the fastest boat on the Ohio River.

Covers have been received not only from Mr. Ploch, but from Bradie Buchanan, A. E. Gorham, Delf Noronha, Harry Ioor, C. E. Nickles, R. D. Davis, Jack H. Wells, W. R. Sommer, Carrell L. Weber, and A. M. Kurtz, and cities represented in cancellations are Cincinnati, Ohio, Wheeling, W. Va., Homestead, Pa., Louisville, Ky., Pittsburgh, Pa., So. Bend, Ill., Cairo, Ill., and Washington, D. C.

It would take a great deal of space to describe the various kinds of illustrations that are shown on these envelopes. They will make fine historical souvenirs of the day. All the adornments of these envelopes were applied by local enterprise, but one is particularly deserving of mention, received from Bradie Buchanan. All mail out of Homestead, Pa., over CAM 11 received a cachet indicating that it was an air flight cover. A great deal of enterprise is represented in the varied exhibit of covers received from our many friends.

NFLD. 6c 1923 PICTORIAL

(We are very glad to place the readers of the WEEKLY right in this matter and regret very much the inconvenience and unintentional misrepresentation that our reliable contributor has been subjected to.—Ed.)

On page 611 of your issue of Oct. 14, F. F. Wills, in commenting on my article, on the Newfoundland 3c on 6c surcharge, issued August 23, reads into it something which I neither wrote nor implied; i.e., that *all the stock on hand* of the 6c 1923 pictorial was used in making this surcharge. What I said was that *"practically* the whole of the remainder stock" was so used.

Harry E. Huber.

CACHET ITEMS

Wooster, O., Oct. 19.—Bombing Military Aviators Assn., New York, will apply a special Armistice Day cachet, Grady M. Vaughn, 8832 88th St., Woodhaven, N. Y., will receive covers if fully prepaid.

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NEW 1c NEWFOUNDLAND

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Frank F. Wills

COLUMBUS EXHIBITION

The Columbus (O.) Philatelic C held its first annual stamp exhibition S urday, Oct. 19. There were five divisi covering U. S., foreign, air mail, reven and freaks and oddities. The three o cers of the club set a good example making exhibits, Pres. Collins show Canadian revenues; Vice-Pres. V Leeuwen, Netherlands; and Sec. R Shepard, Belgium, France, Spain and U. S. Packets of stamps were gi away to young collectors.

HONDURAS AIR MAIL

San Pedro Sula, Oct. 7

Sept. 15, the Honduras Governm put on sale Scott's No. 216 surcharg "servicio aereo vale 25 centavos oro 192 for air mail service. 5,000 of these stam were surcharged and a dealer of Salvad purchased 2,000 the first day through t American Consul. I believe the ent issue was sold out in three days.

A regular air mail issue of vario values is being prepared by the Americ Bank Note Co., and also an issue co memorating the "Golden Jubilee of t Electric Light."

John N. Akarman.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—The *Literary Digest* shows in its sue of Oct. 5 a picture of Colonel E. R. Greene at the wheel of his new g electric gearless automobile. It is t first of its kind, and will be used Colonel Greene at his So. Dartmou Mass., estate. So pleased is he with t new machine that he has ordered t others of different types.

—Frank Godden, the well-known Lo don dealer, announces the purchase the specialized collection of Russ formed by Capt. J. A. Barfoot. The c lection is in seven volumes and secur awards at New York, Strassburg, Lu emburg and other exhibitions. He al announces the purchase of a fine colle tion of Cape of Good Hope (triangula only), from a continental collector. Bo are superb properties.

—We are indebted to Dr. H. A. Davi Sec. of the A. P. S., and William Smith, both of Denver, Colo., for cove with special cachet issued in connecti with the opening of the local municip airport. The cachet also honors "Light Golden Jubilee."

—The Acme Stamp Co., 1480 Broa way, N. Y. C., will hold its first auctio sale Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Catalog may had for the asking.

—Mail out of Menlo Park, Oct. 2 observed "Light's Golden Jubilee," wit the use of special envelopes calling a tention to the anniversary of Edison's i vention upon that date in 1879.

—Irving F. Verry of Malden, Mass., stamp dealer of many years' experienc and well known to many collectors, ha joined the Old Colony Stamp Co. o Boston, Mass., where he will be in charg of the foreign stamp department. Wit the large stock of foreign stamps tha this company has he will be able to serv all his old customers better than eve before.

1929-1930 PRICE LIST

GERMANY

19TH AND 20TH MINT AND USED

GERMAN EMPIRE
1872-1874

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
28		Prices on request.		
9		3pfg	..	.03
0		5pfg	..	.02
1		10pfg	..	.01
2		20pfg	..	.05
4		50pfg	..	.05
5		50pfg	..	.10
t		29-35	..	.20

1875

6		2 mark	..	.60

1880, "Pfennig"

7		3pfg	.07	.01
8		5pfg	.10	.01
9		10pfg	.25	.01
0		20pfg	.20	.01
1		25pfg	.30	.03
2		50pfg	.20	.02
t		37-42	1.05	.06

1881

4		2 mark	1.25	.15

1889

5		3pfg	.03	.01
6		5pfg	.08	.01
7		10pfg	.08	.01
8		20pfg	.12	.01
9		25pfg	.20	.03
0		50pfg	.30	.03

1900

1		2pfg	.03	.02
t		44-51	.75	.10

GERMANY
Reichspost

2		2pfg	.05	.03
3		3pfg	.05	.01
4		5pfg	.10	.01
5		10pfg	.15	.01
6		20pfg	.30	.02
7		25pfg	.40	.05
8		30pfg	.40	.02
9		40pfg	.45	.02
0		50pfg	.60	.02
1		80pfg	1.90	.05
t		52-61	3.95	.20
2		1 mark	1.45	.04
3		2 mark	2.35	.25
4		3 mark	2.95	.75
5		5mk, type I.	11.95	7.95
5a		5mk, ty. II.	10.70	6.90

1902, Deutches Reich

5c		2pfg	.05	.03
6		3pfg	.05	.01
7		5pfg	.10	.01
8		10pfg	.15	.01
9		20pfg	.30	.01
0		25pfg	.40	.05
1		30pfg	.50	.02
2		40pfg	.60	.01
3		50pfg	.75	.01
4		80pfg	1.25	.03
t		65c-74	3.85	.15
5		1 mark	2.25	.03
6		2 mark	5.75	2.00
7		3 mark	3.75	.20
8		5 mark	7.95	.45
9		2 mark	5.85	.05

1906-11
Wmkd. Lozenges

0		2pfg	.40	.15
1		3pfg	.02	.02
2		5pfg	.02	.01
3		10pfg	.04	.01
4		20pfg	.03	.01
5		25pfg	.15	.01
6		30pfg	.04	.01
7		40pfg	.09	.01
8		50pfg	.08	.01
9		60pfg	.30	.01
0		80pfg	.20	.01
1		1 mark	.35	.01
2		2 mark	.45	.01
3		3 mark	.25	.10
4		5 mark	.15	.05
t		80-94	1.95	.35

1916

5		2½pfg	.02	.02
6		7½pfg	.03	.01
7		15pfg	.45	.03

1917

8		15pfg	.03	.01

1918-19

9		2pfg	.03	.05
0		35pfg	.01	.01
1		75pfg	.01	.01

GERMAN REPUBLIC
Nat'l Assem. Issue
1919-20 Unwmkd.

5		10pfg	.06	.02
6		15pfg	.02	.02
7		25pfg	.04	.06
8		30pfg	.04	.03
t		105-108	.10	.10

1920. Wmkd. Loz.

1		1 mark	.12	.01
2		1.25 mark	.25	.03
3		1.50 mark	.03	.02
4		2.50 mark	.01	.01
t		111-114	.35	.05

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
		Surch. *1.25M*, Etc.		
115		1.25m/1mk	.05	.04
116		1.50m/1mk	.06	.06
117		2.50m/2mk	.55	.90
Set		115-117	.60	.95
		Typographed		
118		5pfg	.01	.01
119		10pfg	.01	.01
120		15pfg	.01	.01
121		20pfg	.01	.01
123		30pfg	.01	.01
124		40pfg	.01	.01
125		50pfg	.04	.05
126		60pfg	.01	.01
127		75pfg	.02	.03
128		80pfg	.01	.01
129		1 mark	.01	.01
130		1¼ mark	.02	.01
131		2 mark	.10	.03
132		4 mark	.02	.02
Set		118-132	.25	.20
		* * * 1921 * * *		
		Surch. 1.60M, Etc.		
133		1.60mk/5pf	.01	.01
134		3mk/1¼mk	.01	.01
135		5mk/5pfg	.02	.02
136		10mk/75pfg	.02	.02
Set		133-136	.05	.05
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
137		5pfg	.01	.01
138		10pfg	.01	.01
139		15pfg	.01	.02
140		25pfg	.01	.02
141		30pfg	.01	.02
142		40pfg	.01	.02
143		50pfg	.05	.05
144		60pfg	.01	.02
145		80pfg	.01	.05
146		100pfg	.10	.10
147		120pfg	.01	.03
148		150pfg	.02	.03
149		160pfg	.01	.03
150		2 mark	.05	.05
151		3 mark	.08	.06
152		4 mark	.01	.02
153		5 mark	.05	.04
154		10 mark	.11	.07
155		20 mark	.20	.09
Set		137-155	.65	.65
		1922. Wmkd. Network		
156		75pfg	.02	.05
157		1¼ mark	.01	.05
158		5pfg	.08	.25
159		10pfg	.30	.50
160		15pfg	.02	.05
161		25pfg	.01	.03
162		30pfg	.09	.25
163		40pfg	.01	.03
164		50pfg	.01	.01
165		60pfg	.01	.02
166		75pfg	.01	.02
167		80pfg	.02	.05
168		100pfg	.01	.01
169		120pfg	.04	.15
170		150pfg	.01	.02
171		160pfg	.06	.25
172		5 mark	.04	.05
173		10 mark	.05	.05
174		20 mark	.01	.01
Set		156-174	.75	1.75
		Wmkd. Quatrefoils		
175		1¼ mark	..	12.00
		Munich Issue		
		Wmkd. Network		
177		1¼ mark	.01	.02
178		2 mark	.01	.01
179		3 mark	.04	.04
180		4 mark	.02	.01
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
181		10 mark	.03	.03
182		20 mark	.05	.05
Set		177-182	.10	.10
		Wmkd. Network		
185		2 mark	.01	.01
186		3 mark	.01	.01
187		4 mark	.01	.01
188		5 mark	.01	.03
189		10 mark	.01	.01
190		20 mark	.01	.01
191		30 mark	.01	.01
192		50 mark	.01	.01
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
193		100 mark	.02	.02
194		200 mark	.01	.02
195		300 mark	.01	.01
196		400 mark	.02	.02
197		500 mark	.01	.02
Set		185-197	.10	.15
		Wmkd. Network		
200		2 mark	.01	.01
201		3 mark	.01	.01
202		4 mark	.01	.01
203		5 mark	.01	.01
204		6mk, type II	.01	.02
204a		6mk, type I.	.01	.02
205		8mk, type I.	.01	.02
205a		8mk, type II	.02	.02
206		10 mark	2.00	..
207		20 mark	.01	.01

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
208		30 mark	.01	.05
209		40 mark	.01	.02
211		50 mark	.01	.05
212		100 mark	.01	.05
213		200 mark	.01	.02
214		300 mark	.01	.02
215		400 mark	.01	.01
216		500 mark	.01	.02
217		1000 mark	.01	.01
218		2000 mark	.01	.02
219		3000 mark	.01	.01
Set		200-5, a, 207-19	.15	.25
		1923		
		Wmkd. Quatrefoils		
220		50 mark	.06	.35
		Wmkd. Network		
221		5 mark	.01	.10
222		10 mark	.01	.02
223		12 mark	.01	.05
224		20 mark	.01	.02
225		25 mark	.02	.04
226		30 mark	.01	.03
227		40 mark	.01	.02
228		50 mark	.01	.10
229		100 mark	.01	.01
230		200 mark	.01	.01
231		300 mark	.01	.01
232		400 mark	.01	.04
233		500 mark	.01	.02
234		1000 mark	.01	.01
235		4000 mark	.01	.05
236		5000 mark	.01	.04
236a		100,000 mark.	.01	.02
Set		221-236a	.10	.45
236		5000mk sea grn.	.05	..
		Castle-Cathedral		
237		5000 mark	.03	.03
238		10,000 mark	.01	.07
		Abbreviations:		
		th=Thousand mil=Million		
		mlrd=Billion		
238a		5th mark	.01	.04
239		50th mark	.01	.02
240		75th mark	.01	.04
		Various Surcharges Made During Inflation Period		
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
241		8th m/30pf	.01	.03
		Wmkd. Network		
242		5th m/40pf	.01	.05
242a		8th m/30pf	.75	1.50
243		15th m/4mk	.01	.03
244		20th m/12mk	.01	.02
245		20th m/25mk	.03	.05
246		20th m/200mk	.01	.02
247		25th m/25mk	.01	.03
248		30th m/10mk	.01	.02
249		30th m/200mk	.01	.02
250		75th m/300mk	.01	.05
251		75th m/400mk	.01	.02
252		75th m/1000mk	.01	.02
253		100th m/100mk	.01	.03
254		100th m/400mk	.01	.02
255		125th m/1000mk	.01	.02
256		250th m/200mk	.01	.03
257		250th m/300mk	.02	.04
258		250th m/400mk	.02	.03
259		250th m/500mk	.01	.02
260		250th m/500mk	.01	.04
261		800th m/5pf	.01	.03
262		800th m/10pf	.01	.02
262a		800th m/100pf.	32.50	..
263		800th m/200mk	.01	.04
264		800th m/300mk	.01	.02
264a		800th m/300mk	1.50	..
265		800th m/400mk	.01	.04
266		800th m/400mk	.02	.03
266a		800th m/500mk	1.50	..
267		800th m/500mk	.01	.05
268		800th m/1000mk	.01	.05
269		2mil m/200mk	.01	.02
270		2mil m/300mk	.01	.04
271		2mil m/500mk	.01	.02
272		2mil m/5th mk.	.01	.02
273		400th m/15pf	.01	.02
274		400th m/25pf	.01	.02
275		400th m/30pf	.01	.02
276		400th m/40pf	.01	.02
277		2mil m/200pf.	.01	.02
278		2mil m/5th pf	.01	.02
Set		241-78 exc. A ‡	.15	.95
		New 1923 Series		
280		500th mark	.01	.03
281		1mil mark	.01	.03
282		2mil mark	.02	.03
284		4mil mark	.01	.03
285		5mil mark	.01	.01
286		10mil mark	.01	.01
287		20mil mark	.01	.03
288		30mil mark	.01	.05
289		50mil mark	.01	.02
290		100mil mark	.01	.02
291		200mil mark	.01	.02
293		500mil mark	.01	.02
294		1mlrd mk.	.01	.02
295		2mlrd mk.	.01	.02
296		5mlrd mk.	.01	.02
297		10mlrd mk.	.01	.02
298		20mlrd mk.	.01	.02

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
299		50mlrd mk.	.03	.08
Set		280-299	.15	.40
		Serrate Roul.		
301		10mil mark	.01	.02
302		20mil mark	.02	.03
303		50mil mark	.01	.02
304		200mil mark	.01	.02
305		1mlrd mk.	.01	.02
306		2mlrd mk.	.01	.03
307		5mlrd mk.	.01	.03
308		20mlrd mk.	.02	.05
309		50mlrd mk.	.04	.10
Set		301-309	.10	.30
		Surch. New Values		
310		1mlrd m/100mk	.01	.01
311		5mlrd m/2mil "	.02	.04
312		5mlrd m/4mil "	.02	.03
313		5mlrd m/10 " "	.02	.03
314		10mlrd m/20 " "	.02	.05
315		10mlrd m/50 " "	.03	.05
316		10mlrd m/100" "	.03	.06
319		5mlrd m/10 " "	.05	.15
320		10mlrd m/20 " "	.04	.15
321		10mlrd m/50 " "	.05	.10
Set		310-321	.25	.60
		Gold Currency		
323		3pfg	.03	.02
324		5pfg	.03	.01
325		10pfg	.05	.01
326		20pfg	.10	.01
327		50pfg	.30	.01
328		100pfg	.55	.02
Set		323-328	.95	.05
		1924		
330		3pfg	.02	.02
331		5pfg	.03	.01
332		10pfg	.05	.01
333		20pfg	.10	.01
334		30pfg	.15	.01
335		40pfg	.20	.01
336		50pfg	.25	.05
Set		330-336	.75	.10
337		60pfg	.30	.02
338		80pfg	.40	.03
339		1 mark	.35	.20
340		2 mark	.70	.10
341		3 mark	1.05	.30
343		10pfg	.05	.02
344		20pfg	.10	.02
		Munich Exhib. Issue		
345		5pfg	.05	.05
346		10pfg	.10	.10
Set		345-346	.12	.12
		Rheinland Issue		
347		5pfg	.04	.02
348		10pfg	.09	.02
349		20pfg	.15	.03
Set		347-349	.25	.05
		1925		
350		5 mark	1.75	.75
		1926. Famous Men Issue		
351		3pfg	.03	.02
352		5pfg	.03	.01
353		10pfg	.05	.01
354		15pfg	.07	.01
355		20pfg	.09	.01
356		25pfg	.12	.01
357		30pfg	.15	.01
358		40pfg	.20	.01
359		50pfg	.25	.04
360		80pfg	.40	.08
Set		351-360	1.35	.15
		1927		
361		3pfg	.03	.02
362		8pfg	.05	.01
		Surch. I. A. A.		
363		8pfg	.08	.10
364		15pfg	.15	.20
365		25pfg	.20	.30
Set		363-365	.40	.50
		Issue of Presidents		
366		3pfg	.02	.01
367		5pfg	.02	.01
368		8pfg	.04	.01
369		10pfg	.04	.01
370		15pfg	.06	.01
371		20pfg	.08	.01
372		25pfg	.10	.01
373		30pfg	.12	.01
374		40pfg	.16	.02
375		45pfg	.18	.05
376		50pfg	.20	.03
377		60pfg	.24	.03
378		80pfg	.32	.08
Set		366-378	1.55	.25
		AIR POST STAMPS		
		1919. Unwmkd.		
401		10pfg	.01	.02
402		40pfg	.01	.02
		1922-23		
		Wmkd. Network		
403		25pfg	.04	.06
404		40pfg	.03	.06
405		50pfg	.01	.01
406		60pfg	.02	.04
407		80pfg	.02	.04
408		1 mark	.01	.03
409		2 mark	.01	.03
410		3 mark	.01	.03

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
411		5 mark	.01	.03
412		10 mark	.01	.03
413		25 mark	.01	.03
415		100 mark	.01	.03
416		5 mark	.01	.03
417		10 mark	.01	.03
418		25 mark	.01	.03
420		100 mark	.01	.03
421		200 mark	.01	.03
Set		401-421	.20	.55
		1924		
422		5pfg	.04	.04
423		10pfg	.06	.06
424		20pfg	.10	.10
425		50pfg	.25	.20
426		100pfg	.50	.45
427		200pfg	1.00	.95
428		300pfg	1.50	1.35
Set		422-428	3.25	2.95
		1926		
429		5pfg	.02	.02
430		10pfg	.04	.02
431		20pfg	.08	.03
432		50pfg	.20	.15
433		1 mark	.35	.30
434		2 mark	.70	.65
435		3 mark	1.05	.95
Set		429-435	2.35	1.95
		1927		
436		15pfg	.06	.02
		1928		
437		2 mark	.85	.85
438		4 mark	1.65	1.65
Set		437-438	2.50	2.50
		CHARITY STAMPS		
		1919. Wmkd. Loz.		
475		10+5pfg	.03	.06
476		15+5pfg	.03	.06
Set		475-476	.05	.10
		1922. Wmkd. Network		
477		6+4 mark	.02	.05
478		12+8 mark	.02	.06
Set		477-478	.03	.10
		1923. Surch. Values		
479		5+100 mark.	.01	.03
480		25+500 mark.	.01	.03
481		20+1000 mark	.18	.75
Set		479-481	.20	.80
		1924		
482		5pfg	.25	.25
483		10pfg	.40	.40
484		20pfg	.80	.80
485		50pfg	1.95	1.95
Set		482-485	3.25	3.25
		1925		
486		5+5pfg	.05	.10
487		10+10pfg	.10	.15
488		20+20pfg	.20	.30
Set		486-488	.30	.50
		1926. Wmk. Network		
489		5+5pfg	.05	.05
490		10+10pfg	.10	.10
491		25+25pfg	.20	.25
492		50+50pfg	.50	.60
Set		489-492	.80	.95
		1927. Hindenburg Issue		
493		8+8pfg	.10	.10
494		15+15pfg	.15	.15
495		25+25pfg	.25	.25
496		50+50pfg	.50	.50
Set		493-496	.95	.95
		1928		
497		5+5pfg	.03	.03
498		8+7pfg	.06	.06
499		15+15pfg	.12	.12
500		25+25pfg	.20	.20
501		50+50pfg	.40	.40
Set		497-501	.75	.75
		OFFICIAL STAMPS		
		1920. Wmkd. Loz.		
551		5pfg	.05	.15
552		10pfg	.01	.01
553		15pfg	.01	.01
554		20pfg	.01	.01
555		30pfg	.01	.01
556		40pfg	.01	.01
557		50pfg	.01	.01
558		1 mark	.01	.01
559		1.25 mark	.01	.01
560		2 mark	.20	.25
561		5 mark	.01	.05
		1921		
562		10pfg	.01	.15
563		60pfg	.01	.03
		1922. Wmkd. Network		
564		75pfg	.02	.05
565		2 mark	.01	.01
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
566		3 mark	.01	.02
567		10 mark	.01	.05
		1923. Wmkd. Network		
568		10 mark	.02	.02
569		20 mark	.01	.02
570		50 mark	.01	.02
571		100 mark	.01	.02
Set		551-571	.35	.85
		Surch. Dienstm.		
572		20 mark	.01	.04
573		30 mark	.01	.03

Sc.	‡	Description.	Mint.	Used
574		40 mark	.01	.03
577		200 mark	.01	.02
578		300 mark	.01	.05
579		400 mark	.01	.05
580		500 mark	.01	.03
Set		572-580	.05	.20
		New Surch. Values		
		Wmkd. Lozenges		
581		5th m/5mk	.01	.03
582		20th m/30pfg.	.01	.02
583		100th m/15pfg.	.01	.03
584		250th m/10pfg.	.01	.05
585		800th m/30pfg.	.05	.15
		Wmkd. Network		
586		75th m/50 mk.	.01	.04
587		400th m/15pfg.	.01	.03
588		800th m/30pfg.	.01	.05
589		1mil m/75pf.	.01	.06
590		2mil m/10pf.	.01	.05
591		5mil m/100mk	.01	.05
Set		581-591	.12	.50
		Surch. Dienstm.		
592		100mil mk.	.01	.05
593		200mil mk.	.02	.05
594		2mlrd mk.	.04	.10
595		5mlrd mk.	.06	.10
596		10mlrd mk.	.09	.15
597		20mlrd mk.	.14	.20
598		50mlrd mk.	.20	.30
Set		592-598	.45	.85
		Values in Rentenpf.		
599		3pfg	.03	.03
600		5pfg	.03	.03
601		10pfg	.04	.02
602		20pfg	.08	.03
603		50pfg	.15	.08
604		100pfg	.35	.15
Set		599-604	.60	.30
		1924-1926		
605		3pfg	.10	.05
606		5pfg	.04	.01
607		10pfg	.07	.01
608		20pfg	.10	.01
609		30pfg	.15	.02
610		40pfg	.20	.06
611		50pfg	.95	..
612		60pfg	.30	.25
613		80pfg	.35	.30
Set		605-613 exc. 611	1.25	.65
		1927-28		
614		3pfg	.02	.03
615		5pfg	.03	.02
616		8pfg	.04	.01
617		10pfg	.05	.03
618		15pfg	.06	.01
619		20pfg	.09	.05
620		30pfg	.12	.03
621		40pfg	.16	.03
622		60pfg	.24	.08
Set		614-622	.75	.25

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124-126	.20	..
124-141	.20	..
138-141	.30	..

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126a	60pfg	.15 ..
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Set	850-863 cpl.	..	..

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Some Greek Stamp History

By C. A. Howes,
Ex. Pres. B. P. S.

Many of us have received at intervals the profusely illustrated catalogs of the notable auction sales of postage stamps held by the firm of E. Luder-Edelmann & Co. of Zurich, Switzerland. Many also, like myself, have doubtless preserved at least the supplements containing the excellent half-tone illustrations of the notable items in the sales, many of these being stamps or pieces of great rarity of which the reproductions form our only means of enjoying for ourselves a "second hand" inspection of them. We have just received the catalog of the firm's 13th sale to be held November 4th to 11th next, in Zurich. It lists over five thousand lots, and the supplement has 83 pages of excellent half-tone illustrations of the best pieces in the sale—stamps, pairs, blocks, on cover, and on piece of cover. Unfortunately for United States collectors four pages of our own country's illustrations are omitted with the mention "U. S. Stamps—reproduction prohibited in the States," and the further attempt to comply with our laws is shown in this specially prepared supplement by the white line scratched across all the illustrations. We have seen the omitted pages and they contain an array of superb copies of our early issues through 1869, including a used 30c with inverted flags.

The sale is particularly strong in old German States, with Germany and Colonies, the Italian States, early Swiss, the United States and Greece. There are many fine items scattered through the other countries of the world as well.

But it is the wonderful specialized collection of Greece, containing 1,221 lots from essays through the war stamps, that makes this sale notable, the outstanding feature being a series of blocks of various sizes cut from full sheets of the Paris prints of 1861, which were found among the effects of the estate of Albert Barre, formerly chief engraver of the French Mint, and purchased from his heirs last May. M. Barre was applied to by the Greek government about 1860 to furnish a design and die for a series of stamps and, as is well known, the one chosen was nothing more than that of the French stamps of 1849, which had been engraved by M. Barre's father, whom he succeeded, with the very appropriate substitution of the head of Mercury for that of Ceres. M. Barre engraved the die on steel, and the printing plates were copper electroplates, very likely made at the Mint in the same way as the contemporary French stamps. But the printing was done outside as shown by the inscriptions found on the margins of these sheets, and which had been previously published in an article on Greek stamps by W. D. Beckton in 1897, this showing it to be by Ernest Meyer of Paris. We quote from the story as given in the catalog.

"At the commencement of the definite printing of the first stamps of Greece, two sheets of each value of the first printing were put aside for the engraver before the sheets were gummed. He kept a sheet of each value for his own collection (these being the sheets acquired by us) whilst cutting up the other sheets of each value for distribution among those of his friends who collected stamps.

"According to Nicolaides '(*a*) Barre had 2 sheets only of each value, (*b*) he cut up and distributed one sheet of each value, and (*c*) he presented the Greek Embassy at Paris with the remaining sheets.' The sheets which he was supposed to have given to the Embassy are, however, precisely those which he kept for himself. For some unknown reason he received only one sheet of the 1 lepton, which he distributed; this value was therefore missing in his collection, which explains its absence among those sheets recently purchased by us.

"Thus Barre cut up an distributed one sheet each of the 1, 2, 5, 20, 40 and 80 lepta, and of the two 10 lepta without numerals, orange on bluish, and red-orange on blue. As is the 10 lepta with numerals, he gave one entire sheet to Hulot [Barre's assistant in charge of making plates and printing] . . . because the idea to print the value of each stamp on the back originated from the latter. He fostered this idea long before the stamps of Greece were printed, but it was rejected by the General Postal Administration of Paris (a proof of a French stamp with numerals 10 at back is known to us), only to be accepted years later by the Greek Government.

"A considerable time later this 'Hulot' sheet was also cut up. . . . Therefore, Barre kept only one sheet of each of the values 2, 5, 20, 40, 80 lepta; 10 lepta with numerals and 10 lepta without numerals, of the issue of 1861. He framed these sheets and hung them up at home (the 10 lepta was framed showing the back of the sheet with numerals); there they hung for 68 years until we bought them."

The colors of these sheets have faded slightly in some values, as would be natural when exposed to the light for so long a time, and their actual status has been a somewhat moot point amongst specialists, some claiming them to be trial impressions. But it seems to us that if the facts about their original source are as stated, they correspond practically to the "imprimatur" sheets deposited at Somerset House in London by the stamp printers when beginning to print a new issue, as samples of the work going forward, and therefore identical with those intended for actual issue. Of course the 10 lepta *without* figures on the back was never issued in this condition and is therefore of a different status. The fact that they were not gummed, for obvious reasons, while identifying them in a way from those actually put into circulation, may perhaps be somewhat exaggerated. The cataloguers state: "So far we cannot prove if all the stamps printed in Paris were delivered to the Greek Government gummed or ungummed. In any case it is certain that at least 3 kinds of gum were used. We therefore assume that part of these stamps were gummed in Paris, and the remainder in Athens." The *London Philatelist* sums up the question as follows: "That the stamps are genuine impressions taken at the time from the plates is beyond dispute; they are neither forgeries nor reprints, but whether they are proofs or trial impressions, or part and parcel of a printing intended for postal use, is the point at issue."

Accompanying the foregoing sheets was also one of the 60 lepta of 1875, with practically the same history, though the printer is not identifiable. This proves one point, that this value (and probably the 30 lepta of the same issue also) was from a plate of *two* panes of 150 each (15 rows of 10) instead of one pane to a plate as in the 1861 issue. And this gives opportunity to the curious for identifying 300 types of the 30 and 60 lepta, as well as 150 each for all values of 1861, because of minute differences in placing the figures separately on each stamp in the plate due to the master die being without any.

All of which makes a very interesting addition to early Greek stamp history!

Filatelic Fun Forun

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited. Sign them not as you please. If reply be necessary enclo self-addressed stamped envelope.)

At the Battle of Fallen Timbers sor of Wayne's men got arrow lines. Tho Injuns were fierce!

—Bill Ball.

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Divorce papers—another Wrangel l sue.

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It keeps us stamp monthlies busy co recting the errors made by the weekli

—U. S. Stamp News.

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Twinkle, twinkle, little lamp
On our two-cent postage stamp.
Oft I wonder what you are
'Neath the cancellation bar.
—Chas. C. Ryckman.

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Open Letter

Rev. Butler, Newfoundland,
Dear Sir:

Your island issues a good many stam so I hope you won't mind a suggesti from a stamp collector.

Your 8c stamp of 1908 is mark "View of Mosquito." Am nearly bli from hunting for him, and defy you point him out. Either he is mixed with the scenery, or he was away stingi a tourist when the view was taken, whi I am told is a favorite occupation the and not confined to the mosquito.

When you picture another anim please make it "View of an Elephant" something that a fellow can see.

Very truly yours,
A. C. T.

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LINES TO HERMAN TOASPERN F.H.S.L.

(Inspired by his ad in "Mekeel's")
The bird with whom to chat I yearn
Is none but Herman To-as-pern;
Or if, perchance, my accent's wrong
To Toasty I shall sing my song.

Beside the point this seems to be—
A major matter intrigues me.
I wonder much. Oh, who can tell
Just what this means—"F.H.S.L."?

I've tried this out but it sounds crazy:
"Fat and Heavy, Slow and Lazy!"
I've pondered, too, if it could mean:
"Fleet and Hasty, Swift and Lean!"

Another thought not so salubrious:
"Funereal, Hypochondriacal, Somber, I gubrious."
Or better this (he'll think I'm chaffing
"Fun-loving, Hilarious, Scintillatin Laughing!"
Oh tell us, Toasty, is this a sell?
What d'ye mean—"F.H.S.L."?
—Witticus of Balty.

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On Nov. 6, 1779, Eliphalet Higginbo tom, a second lieutenant in Washingto army, while crossing Main Street in Co land, N. Y., had the misfortune to bre the shoe-string in his left shoe. Y and your publication are respectful asked to use your influence with the D partment, and the senators and membe of Congress for a stamp commemorati this outstanding event.—W. S. Bull.

Scott's catalog is getting monotonou Same pictures year after year. Why n get Tony Sarg or John Held, Jr., to i lustrate it, and have the cover by Norma Rockwell?—Ches. W. H.

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99a-109	Labuan	4.82	1.75
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EVERY now and then, one enjoys a little triumph that is remembered for months with a sense of satisfaction and an experience of the kind was had by the WEEKLY. Soon after we had published the roster of five hundred names of members on our Honor Roll of five year subscribers, we mentioned casually to the editor of a trade paper that we had, with a circulation of not more than 10,000 copies (as of that date), over five hundred names on our mailing list, as five year subscribers. The statement was challenged as an exaggeration and the skeptic argued that it was unlikely that one reader out of every twenty, or fewer, had remitted the full price of five dollars for five years. There could be no object in subscribing for five years at a time, when no inducement was offered to do so, it was said, and the circumstance was so unusual that there must be a catch somewhere. In fact, the man was confirmed in his disbelief and he determined to investigate in order that he might be able, as he thought, to make us eat humble pie. He found that the truth had been told by the WEEKLY and his astonishment was genuine and he said that he knew of no other instance where the confidence or regard of readers had created a condition that could parallel the one that confronted him. He could not account for the record that had been established and he would now be more puzzled than before to explain just why our paper has been favored so decidedly. We are now nearing the thousandth mark in our Honor Club and with a circulation of 11,000, the ratio of five year patrons to the whole number of subscribers becomes one to eleven. This showing is one that deserves comment and rightly may be the subject of notice.

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OLDER collectors remember that one of the charges against collecting was that it was not a permanent institution. It was called a passing fancy or "craze" and collectors were said to be here to-day and gone to-morrow. Common report had it that it was a transient occupation. There was once a color of truth to the allegation and the stamp papers of those times showed from an examination of their lists that each year there were many readers who did not renew their subscriptions and who gave as their reason that they were no longer interested in collecting. Granting that some of the reluctant ones wanted to let the publisher down easily, it is known that the number who meant what they said was large. In time, this failing became less marked even though it was not eradicated and evidences of this capricious tendency persisted, so to say. Naturally this phase of philatelic development received the attention of publishers who sought to stabilize their lists and the inspiration of Mr. Wylie to recruit a band of confirmed collectors who by their number would prove the permanence of philately was a stroke of genius when it was brought into play. The admission is made at the outset that the plan redounds to our business advantage but that fact does not discredit it. On the contrary, the selfish side of it becomes negligible in the contemplation of its merits. Here we have a thousand strong who are dedicated to the furtherance of collecting and who have pledged themselves for a period of years to be loyal to the pursuit. The members of the Honor Roll are stabilizing philately and by their example they are wielding an influence that cannot be brushed aside by any one who still holds to the idea that stamp collecting has not become seasoned. When we print the names of the gallant one thousand, any further comment will be superfluous; and so we wish to get a few words in before the fact.

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THE most sanguine philatelic publisher of thirty or forty years ago who fought so valiantly for 25c pieces from hesitant collectors would not have said that the day was coming when one thousand persons would give five dollars each for a subscription to a stamp paper. The papers of yesteryear had so much difficulty in prying open the purses of the philatelic public that they died of exhaustion. If a publisher by reason of a special liking or aptitude for the work or a disdain for lucre succeeded in keeping his head above water for a time, he merely deferred his demise. He was bound to realize that he was paying too much for his whistle, and waving his hand above the water, he sank with a few gurgles, leaving only a bubble to mark the spot. The old-time publisher has memories of his early efforts to establish a stamp paper. He started out thinking that he would have a circulation of one thousand in no time, but he soon found that it was a job to get two hundred paid subscribers. The important monthlies published by stamp firms are exempted from this class, as they had circulations above a thousand. An exception must be made in one case: when Shirley Moisant, the big insurance man of Kankakee, Illinois, finally reduced the price of his stamp monthly to one cent a year and advertised the glad news in the WEEKLY, cautious investors to the number of well over a thousand risked their cent. Times have changed and the personal equation does not enter into philatelic activities as it did once, when almost every collector was known to name to his fellows in his own town, philatelic center, or not, as it might be.

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THE new edition of the Standard Catalogue is almost ready for delivery, as the advance sheets of the work have been completed for some time. The arrival of the catalogue is a signal for the start of the season in earnest. The 1930 edition of Gibbons' Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the World has been issued and is in two parts, stamps of the British Colonies, and other countries, respectively. There are almost two thousand pages in the book.

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SOME time ago, the "Wall Street News", New York, had an editorial on the subject of the success that has attended the operations of the Philatelic Agency, as shown by the figures of the annual report of the bureau. The opinion is voiced that a business that yields so handsome a profit must be one that has substance and should be encouraged.

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A NUMBER of announcements have been received of new stamp papers and reports of the coming of others have reached our ears. Two weeklies are said to be on the stocks waiting to be launched and one of them is to emanate from Chicago, although its publisher proposes to start with a semi-monthly and ultimately establish his paper as weekly. The competition in the philatelic publishing field will become keener and it is unlikely that any new publishers will enter the lists without having a good amount of capital at their disposal.

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By Max Schachter.

Many educational subjects are covered by stamps. Thus a junior collector can not only derive pleasure and interest from a collection, but gain many interesting and valuable facts. Much history is taught by stamps. The changes in the government of France since 1849 is recorded. Who received Germany's colonies after the war? This answer is found on new stamps issued for them. Every stamp collector is familiar with

the location and conditions of such out-of-the-way countries, as Aitutaki, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Liberia. Could a non-collector say that? Thus geography is taught. Collecting stamps increases one's foreign word vocabulary and introduces many familiar phrases. For example, the 5 shillings St. Vincent stamp found on top of the junior page. It bears the Latin inscription "peace and justice." The collector understands the word "currency." He knows that the sen is used in Japan, franc in France, centavo in most Latin countries, etc. Yes, a great deal of knowledge is derived from stamps.

Study Your Stamps

Para and Piaster.—These words, denoting the values, are the only inscription shown in English characters on some of the issues of Turkey and Egypt. In conjunction with the Star and Crescent design the words show the labels are Turkish while if the design depicts the Sphinx and Pyramid then the stamps are Egyptian. These same words overprinted on British, German, French, etc., stamps distinguish the special issues for the foreign post offices established in the Levant.

Pen.—Stamps with the value denoted by this word—an abbreviation for "Penni"—belong to Finland.

Peoymnhe.—This word, in Greek characters, distinguishes the issue of Russian stamps for the Rethymo district of Crete.

Persane.—Persia.

P. G. S.—An overprint on certain Straits Settlements stamps used as official stamps in Perak. The letters stand for "Perak Government Service."

Baton Rouge

The capital of the State of Louisiana, situated on the Mississippi River, and having a present population of well over 12,000. In 1779, it was taken from the British by the Spaniards and in 1862 it was the scene of a victory by the Federals over the Confederates. It is phila-

telically famous from the fact that in 1861 the then Postmaster, Mr. J. McCormick, issued three stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage and these continued in use until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate States.

Bits of Information

Bordeaux Prints.—The name generally applied to the French stamps lithographed at Bordeaux from November, 1870, until March, 1871, during the siege of Paris when, of course, ordinary supplies from the Paris mint were unobtainable.

Borrius, J. P.—A printer of Potchefstroom, Transvaal, who printed supplies of the 1d, 3d, 6d and 1sh stamps for the South African Republic in September, 1870, and December, 1872.

Boscawen.—A town in the State of New Hampshire at which a special 5c stamp was issued by the Postmaster in 1846, to facilitate the prepayment of postage. The label was in use but a few months, for in August, 1847, it was replaced by the ordinary stamps for the whole of the United States.

Centimetre. — The one-hundredth part of a metre, or .3937 inch, two of which, equalling 20mm, form the generally accepted unit for measuring perforations.

Centimo.—The value in which the stamps of Spain, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela are expressed. It ranges in value from about 1c to the fifth part of a cent in American currency.

Brazil

The largest state in South America. It is officially styled the "Republica dos Estados Unidos do Brazil"—Republic of the United States of Brazil. It has an area of 3,218,166 square miles and a population of over fifteen millions. The people are of various races and include more than a million "wild" Indians and other

uncivilised tribes. The country was discovered in 1500, by the Portuguese navigator, Pedro Alvarez Cabral, who named it Tierra da Vera Cruz, and claimed it for the Portuguese. From that time until 1889 (except from 1580 to 1661) Brazil was governed by the Portuguese royal house. In 1808, the prince regent of Portugal, Joso VI, transferred his court to Rio de Janiero, and Brazil became an independent empire. On Nov. 15, 1889, a republic was proclaimed during a bloodless revolution which drove the reigning monarch, Dom Pedro II, from the throne, and with him the house of Braganza was banished. On February 24, 1891, a new Constitution was voted by the Constituent Assembly by which the President's term of office was fixed at four years; Church and State were separated, civil marriages only made legal, and education secularised. The legislative power is in the hands of two chambers—the Senate of 63 members, and the Chamber of Deputies with 212 members. The first Brazilian postage stamps were issued on July 1, 1843.

Dandy-Roll

A roller used in paper-making, under which the partly formed paper passes in an early stage of its manufacture. The dandy-roll is very important from a philatelic viewpoint, for in machine made paper it determines its nature—whether wove, laid, quadrille, etc.—and in the case of watermarked stamps this roller also applies the watermarked devices.

Various Topics

By A. C. LeDuc.

To collectors of the stamps of Pap and the Territory of New Guinea a others interested in stories of exploratio an article in the *National Geograph Magazine* for Sept., 1929, will be fou very interesting. It is about the expe ences of a group of scientists sent out the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Wh nothing is said about stamps, one c readily realize how little likelihood the is of getting many stamps "used on co er" from those little known and lit civilized colonies.

The United States stamps overprint Kans. and Nebr. have been listed a priced in the 1930 Scott catalogue, a bear the numbers 658 to 668 and 669 679 respectively, for the two grou These stamps appeared too late to be p into the main body of the catalogue are found in the addenda on pages 17 and 1792.

The 1930 catalogue consists of 1,8 pages thru the addenda. This is an i crease of 54 pages over 1929 catalog up thru the addenda.

Two new names have been added the list of countries that the stamp co lector will have to include in his vocab lary, namely, Rhodes and Vatican City.

Denmark has issued a set of stam that are as strikingly attractive as a that have showed up in a long time. T set consists of three values, 10 ore gree 15 ore red, and 25 ore blue. They a upright oblongs and show the crown, a below it a serpent entwined about a sce tre. These stamps were sold at a pr mium of 5 ore each for the benefit of t Danish Cancer Committee. It is repor ed on good authority that these stam are already commanding considerab premium over their original selling pric They are bound to be popular because their attractiveness.

Junior Dictionary

Jefatura de Hacienda del Estado Campeche. — The inscription show upon the lower portion of the provision stamps issued in Campeche, Mexico, 1867. It means "Office of the Treasu of the State of Campeche."

Jerez.—This name is shown on th circle in the lower right hand corner some of the stamps of Salvador issue in 1887-89. Jerez was one of the form Presidents of the republic.

Jhalawar.—A feudatory state in Ra putana, India, having an area of 3,04 square miles and a population of abo 100,000. Postage stamps were first i sued in 1887 and in 1900 it was decide to cease issuing special stamps for th state.

Jhind.—I. A native state in th Punjab, India, in which locally produce postage stamps were issued in 187 These ceased to be used for postal pu poses in 1885 and their place was take by current stamps of India suitably ove printed.

II. An overprint applied to variou stamps of India from 1885 to 1914, fo use in the native state of Jhind.

J. H. S.—These initials are shown i microscopic letters above the motto o all the stamps of Geneva. They stan for *Jesus Hominum Salvator* or "Jesu Savior of Men."

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Official Flights

Very, very little of new things to report or forecast this week. Covers from the FAM 5 and 6 extension have been coming in from day to day, but the mention last week just about covers the situation as far as they are concerned. One thing is sure—the fellow who is able to get a complete point to point coverage on these may feel that he has accomplished a real job. And if he tries to get not only that, but complete coverage from the old FAM 5 and 6 points to each of the new points—well, he'd better lay off other branches of the hobby for a while.

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D. Olin Herriott sends clippings telling of the Oct. 1st trip from St. Joseph, Mo. About 12,000 covers on the first outward dispatch, 3,500 of which were signed by the hard working postmaster, who sat up late several nights to do this for us. As is usual on these new additions to existing routes, the mail *into* St. Joseph via first trips was very light in comparison to outgoing.***Last trip of the CAM 27 Detroit-Cleveland morning amphibian service took place Oct. 12. Evidently not enough business to justify the extra trip, and passenger business will fall off from this time of year until spring. Regular night trip continues, of course.

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Canadian service to the arctic regions from Edmonton now definitely scheduled for Nov. 26. Cachets from Edmonton to all points on route, and return also, as detailed in a previous issue. In case you missed the list, ask your Postmaster to show you *Postal Bulletin* of Oct. 10. Covers go to Supt. of Postal Service, Edmonton, for *all* point to point cachets, marked as to which each is for.

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Robt. W. Meinhoff sends a lot of information on the CAM 32 opening. Though from Portland was scheduled both first morning and first night flight, morning flight was unable to take off due to dense smoke from nearby forest fires, and mail was held for night flight. Covers postmarked 4 A. M. for morning flight are 6 times as scarce as those for night flight. Vancouver mail was supposed to go on morning flight, but had to be held for the night flight. 1,600 letters sent from there. Cachet was official. And here's an interesting point. Portland postmaster cacheted all *his* covers in black only, but the Chamber of Commerce had been given a cachet to work the many letters sent them, and they're responsible for the green, magenta and purple, as well as some black. Spokane is scarcest of the 4 cities, outside of Vancouver.

Air Meets, Shows, Dedications, Etc.

Recent arrivals: Falls City, Nebr., dedication Sept. 9, small purple cachet on back.***Robt. Meinhoff gives me my first view of a cover bearing both cachets for the Portland-Cleveland air races. Diamond shaped one, swan central design, on front, large round cachet on back giving names of all contestants. Both in orange, and 254 covers sent.***Springfield, Oregon, dedication Oct. 6—red typeset cachet in 4 lines; looks like a hurry up job for covers sent in.***Peoria, Ill., Air Meet cachet mentioned 2 weeks ago was also for the dedication of the new municipal airport. Cachet by the C. of C. on about 500 letters, which will probably be good.

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Princeton, Ind., dedication Sept. 20, no cachet, but signature of C. M. East, Sec. Community Club.***First National Air Mail Week cachet from Cleveland, Oct. 7-12, came through nicely all week, in a number of different colors.***Dallas State Fair cachet featured "Light's Golden Jubilee"—all in red, for 16 days. A bit too much.***Pratt, Kans., came through nicely on some "chance" covers with a red printed sticker for their dedication Oct. 12 and 13.***Conneaut, Ohio, with its "The Great Oreport Dedicates its Airport," and its lake freighter and plane, is an unusually good looking item —Oct. 12—and flown to Cleveland by CAM 20 plane.***Canton, Ohio, Air Circus Oct. 14-19, star design, started off in red.

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The coming events:—Alamosa, Colo., Nov. 10-11, covers to Frank R. Divers.*** Austin, Tex., in 3-6 months—to C. of C. ***Asheville-Hendersonville, N. C., joint dedication this fall sometime—no other information, but may be worth a trial.*** T. A. T. Flying Service, New Orleans, says dedication of Chalmette airport will be in the near future.***P. M. at Worcester, Mass., is receiving and holding letters for a first flight which he expects soon. (This probably should be above with the official items.)***Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 11-12.***Kearney, Nebr., plans a cachet for their dedication, which probably will not come till spring (C. of C.).

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And now for the statistics: Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 5—blue—2,535, 6—green—1,831; Utica, N. Y.—2,700; Boone, Iowa—"several hundred" for both dates, Sept. 14-15; Carroll, Iowa—1,300; Big Spring, Tex.—4,000 flown by Pilot Homer Rader to Fort Worth—2 days; Phoenix, Ariz.—500; Sioux Falls Airfair—100 for *all week;* Muskogee, Okla., Air Derby—750; Waukegan, Ill., Edison Square Postal Sta.—12,000, most of which was local mail, and all of which was flown by Vernon Ramsey, Pilot; El Paso Air Derby—93.***By the way, Bethlehem, Pa., dedication mail was carried by rail to Hadley field, and from there by plane to various points. C. of C. says they received covers from every state in the union, and from 23 foreign countries!*** Athol, Mass.—about 1,000 for all 3 days—special flight last day to Boston, by Capt. Beck, U. S. Army.

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And finally, the coöperators:—Billy Buck, *Robt. W. Meinhoff, Maurice S. Petty, George Nowobilski, J. Delano Bartlett, J. E. Steve, H. C. Carpenter, D. Olin Herriott, Norman Rosenstein, Everett Wallster, *Todd Fagan, H. Markham, *Henry O. Meisel, Lloyd H. Flickinger, *Carroll L. Weber, Herbert McBride, O. H. Phinney, Herbert Levinson, Frank Kocher, *George W. Angers, Jos. Glenczewski, John N. McKenzie, Geo. R. Calder, *Geo. D. Kingdom.

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UNIQUE STAMP COLLECTION

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teacher and exemplar of his age."—*Carlyle.*

"There is a Man."—*Napoleon.*

Friedrich von Schiller.

"What he feels and not what he does honors a man."—*Wallensteins Tod.*

"The half of my existence has gone from me."—*Goethe, on the death of Schiller.*

Emmanuel Kant.

"A spokesman for faith, for freedom, for immortality."

Gotthold Ephraim Lessing.

"Know this that every country can produce good men."—*Nathan der Weise.*

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz.

"The present is big with the future."

Ludwig von Beethoven.

"Music is well said to be the Speech of Angels."—*Carlyle.*

Johan Sebastian Bach.

"That rich celestial music thrilled the air."—*Edwin Arnold.*

Albrecht Durer.

"As far as I know, the only painter in the gallery of stamps."

Greece: 1924. Byron Commemorative Issue.

"Yet freedom! Yet thy banner torn, but flying, streams like the thunderstorm against the wind."

In the summer of 1823, Byron sailed to Cephalonia to aid the Greeks in their struggle for independence. From Cephalonia he went to Missolonghi. He succeeded to bring some order in the existing chaos.

In January, 1824, his health began to fail. He died April 19, 1824, on Greek soil.

Hungary: 1919. Petolfi stamp of Soviet Republican issue.

1923. Petolfi Commemorative issue.

Sandor Petolfi. "The greatest Hungarian poet, died on the battlefield while fighting for liberty and independence."

1925. Jokai Commemorative issue.

Maurus Jokai. "In honor of the greatest novelist of Hungary."

Italy: 1921. Dante Commemorative issue.

Dante Alighieri.

"The central man of all the world, as representing in perfect balance the imaginative, moral, and intellectual faculties, all at their highest, is Dante."—*Ruskin.*

1924. Manzoni Commemorative issue.

Alessandro Manzoni.

Poet and author, much revered in his own land.

1927. Volta Commemorative issue.

Alessandro Volta.

"A pioneer in Electricity."

Norway: 1928. Ibsen Commemorative issue.

In memory of Henrick Ibsen, the great and ever popular dramatist and playwright.

Philippine Islands: Rizal stamp of 1906 and subsequent issues.

Dr. Jose Rizal, the martyred poet patriot who paid with his life for the opposition to the injustices of the Spanish regime.

Poland: 1927. Slowacki Issue.

Julius Slowacki, the national poet of Poland.

Portugal: 1924 Camoens Commemorative issue.

Luis Vaz de Camoens.

The author of Lusiadas, a fine epic poem describing the Travels of Vasca da Gama and the Glory of Portugal.

Spain: 1905. Don Quixote Issue.

1916. Cervantes issue (Official Stamps).

"O famous Dulcinea, O facetious Sancho Panza, jointly and severally may ye live through endless ages for the delight and recreation of mankind."—*Cervantes.*

The United States were almost the originators of Commemorative Issues by the Columbian Exposition Stamps of 1893.

Since that date many special stamps were issued at regular intervals. They are, however, too well-known to need separate enumeration.

THE HIND COLLECTION OF U. S.

Chas. J. Phillips, the New York dealer, has removed to The Mayflower, 15 Central Pk., West, according to *Philatelic Classics* for October, published by Mr. Phillips. The current issue contains a lengthy list of the rarities offered from the Hind collection of U. S. and Confederates and we quote the foreword:—

"Mr. Arthur Hind has placed in my hands for sale, in one lot, his superb collection of the stamps of the United States and Confederate States.

This collection is generally recognized as the most complete and it is the most valuable of its kind in the world.

In building it up Mr. Hind purchased the famous Duveen collection of United States, which the late Mr. Henry Duveen of Fifth Avenue, New York, was nearly thirty years getting together. The Duveen collection was remarkable for an almost complete set of unused blocks of four of the General Issues, several being unique, absolutely unknown in any other American collection.

Mr. Hind also bought many of the greatest rarities from the famous collections of the late George Worthington of Cleveland, also the pick of many other famous collections, such as the Jenkins, Gibson, Bowers and others. Many of his choicest items come from the famous collection of Philip La Renotiere von Ferrary sold at auction by the French Government in Paris.

The collection is mainly of unused stamps in immaculate condition, mint blocks of four being a prominent feature. Whenever possible larger blocks of rare items have been secured, and in many cases full sheets are included.

In the exceedingly rare Postmaster stamps issued by local postmasters prior to the introduction of stamps in 1847 by the Government, many stamps are included on full original covers, this adding largely to their value and historical interest.

In the same manner the numerous stamps issued by the Confederate Postmasters during the Civil War of 1861-1864 are very strongly represented, many being on original covers.

The collection is mounted in elegant specially designed large albums, beautifully written up, with much historical data, and is specially arranged to show in Exhibitions or in a great national Museum.

It is a thousand pities that such a collection as this should not be in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington. The National collection of stamps is there, but the rarities are almost all missing and can only be found in such a collection as that gathered together in the past twelve years by Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica, with loving care and regardless of expense.

THE WAR STAMPS OF FIJI

By Ernest H. Oesch.

In 1916, this Crown Colony overprinted the 1/2d stamp (Scott's No. 80) and the 1d stamps (Scott's Nos. 81 and 81a) with the words "War Stamp." In the process of the overprinting and the conveying of the stamps to the Postmaster of Suva, each sheet (120 stamps to the sheet) of each denomination was delivered with the overprint inverted. These stamps were, in the regular course of business, sold to the public in general. A fair percentage of these stamps were used and lost. About 90 of each of these stamps are known to exist today; of which about two-thirds of the 1d are in used condition and about one-half of the 1/2d in similar condition. Therefore, it appears quite evident that the catalogue prices are very low. Scott does not catalogue the 1/2d with inverted overprint. It is Gibbons' No. 22a. Neither does Scott mention the 1/2d with the double overprint, Gibbons' No. 22b. Only 120 stamps of this variety ever reached the public and they are equally rare with those of the inverted overprint. The greatest rarity, however, is the pair of 1d stamps, one bearing the overprint and the other without it (Scott's No. 202b). This variety resulted when the sheet was so misplaced in the press as to cause the overprint to fall on the left-hand margin of the sheet, thereby causing the last row of the stamps on the opposite side of the sheet to be entirely missed. Originally there were ten such pairs in the only sheet so printed. It is very doubtful if the ten pairs are still in existence today. Therefore, this variety of Fiji, Scott's No. 202b, is at least as rare as Hawaii No. 1, the former catalogued at $200.00 and the latter at $12,000.00. In both the 1/2d and 1d denominations there appears a broken "W" in the word "War". These broken letters are constant as the top stamp in each left-hand vertical row—that is stamp "number one" in the sheet—is the stamp that carries the broken "W". These broken letters occur only in the 1/2d stamps of Plate No. 5 and the 1d stamps of Plate No. 6. These broken "W" varieties are recognised by none of the great cataloguers.

The catalogue price of Scott's No. 20 (the 1d carmine War stamp) is no criterion of the real scarcity of this stamp, for the majority of this variety had been used and lost before the difference in color came to the attention of collectors in Fiji and other countries, for during the stress of war times many such things were missed until it was almost "too late", as Mark Twain might have said, "to do anything about it."

In the case of both these war stamps a few sheets were disposed of through regular channels with the overprint 1½ millimeters, or slightly more, higher than the overprint is on the regular issue. These misplaced overprints are about one-twentieth as common as the regular issue which have "War Stamp" printed across the bottom of the vignette containing the King's Head.

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32d	1c pale blue, horiz. pair	..	18.00
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32d	1c blue, fine pair, right margin	..	25.00
32d	1c blue, recut once T., twice B.	..	12.00
32d	1c blue, recut once B.	25.00	18.00
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33a	3c claret	6.00	3.50
33	3c dull red	3.00	2.50
33	3c dull red, pairs (shades)	8.00-10.00	..
33	3c dull red, block of 4	20.00	..
33	3c dull red, recut upper L.	8.00	..
35a	10c green, Type II	50.00	30.00
35b	10c green, Type III	..	20.00
36	12c black	..	30.00
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40	1c blue, block of nine, upper and lower rows Type II and middle row Type I	350.00	..
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41	1c blue, Type II, sup'b dk. blue	200.00	..
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42f	1c blue, Stitch wmk.	..	4.50
42f	1c blue, pairs	3.00	..
42f	1c blue, strip of 3, top margin	6.00	..
42f	1c blue, strip of 4	6.00	..
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47	5c brown	30.00-40.00	..
48	5c orange-brown	7.50	6.00
48a	5c brown	11.00	7.00
48a	5c brown, vertical pair	20.00	..
49a	10c green, Type II	35.00	30.00
49b	10c green, Type III	..	25.00
50	10c green, Type V	4.00	3.00
50	10c green, Type V, pair, bottom margin	14.00	..
50	10c green, Type V, block of 4	..	30.00
51	12c black	5.00	4.50
51	12c black, pair	16.00	..
51	12c black, block of 4	..	60.00
51	12c black, double line left	12.00	..
51	12c black, double line right	..	10.00
52	24c lilac	12.00	7.00
52	24c lilac, pair	40.00	..
52a	24c gray lilac	12.00	7.00
53	30c orange	15.00	11.00
54	90c blue	25.00	20.00
54d	1c pale blue, reprint perf. 12	..	4.00
54f	24c blackish violet, reprint, perf. 12	20.00	..
54g	30c yellow orange, reprint, perf. 12	20.00	..
56	Aug., 1861, 3c brownish-red	18.00	15.00
58	10c green	..	70.00
60	24c violet	150.00	..
63	Sept., 1861, 1c blue	1.50	1.00
63	1c blue, pair	3.50	..
63	1c pale blue	1.75	1.25
63	1c pale blue, block of 4, stain on 2 stamps	7.00	..
63	1c greenish blue	2.25	..
63	1c dark blue	2.50	2.00
64	3c real pink	65.00	..
64	3c rose pink	3.00	2.00
65	3c rose (many shades)	1.00	.75
65	3c rose, pairs	2.25	..
65	3c rose, block of 4	4.50	..
65	3c rose, block of 9	10.00	..
65	3c rose, blk. of 4 with Imp.	5.50	..
65	Sept., 1861, 3c rose, block of 8 on pelure paper with full imprint, Plate No. 54	..	30.00
65	Block of 6 full Imp., Plate No. 21	25.00	..
65	Block of 8, full Imp., Plate No. 37	30.00	..
65	3c rose, strip of 4, full Imp., Plate No. 34	12.00	..
66	3c lake	30.00	26.00
67	5c buff (shades)	..	60.00
68	10c yellow green	5.00	4.00
68a	10c dark green	6.00	5.00
68a	10c dark green, pair	17.00	..
69	12c black	12.00	7.00
70	24c red lilac	36.00	20.00
71	30c orange	9.00	6.00
72	90c blue	30.00	20.00
73	1862-66, 2c black	2.00	1.00
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78a	24c gray-lilac	6.00	5.00
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102	1875, 1c bright blue, re-issue	..	7.00
112	1869, 1c buff	5.00	3.00
113	2c dark brown	2.50	1.50
113a	2c yellow brown	2.50	1.50
113a	2c yellow brown, pairs	5.00	..
113a	2c yellow brown, block of 4	16.00	..
114	3c pale blue	1.00	.60
114	3c pale blue, pairs	3.00	..
115	6c ultramarine	7.50	5.50
116	10c yellow	6.00	5.00
117	12c green	8.00	4.00
118	15c brown & blue, Type I	45.00	30.00
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120	24c green & violet	24.00	16.00
121	30c blue & carmine	25.00	20.00
122	90c carmine & black	70.00	55.00
124	1875, 2c brown, re-issue	5.00	..
125	3c blue, re-issue	..	12.00
126	6c blue, re-issue	..	7.00
127	10c yellow, re-issue	..	11.00
128	12c green, re-issue	..	9.00
129	15c dark brown & blue, re-issue	10.00	9.00
130	24c green & violet, re-issue	12.00	10.00
131	30c blue & carmine, re-issue	20.00	..
132	90c carmine & black, re-issue	32.00	..
113b	1869, 2c brown, no grill	..	36.00
114a	3c blue, no grill	38.00	..
120a	24c green & violet, no grill	..	40.00
133	1880, 1c buff, soft, porous paper	2.00	..
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134	1870-71, 1c ultramarine	10.00	8.00
134	1c dark ultramarine	10.00	..
135	2c brown	5.50	3.50
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146	2c brown	1.50	1.00
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147	3c green, pairs	3.00	..
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154	30c black	..	20.00
155	90c carmine	22.00	15.00
156	1873, 1c ultramarine	1.00	.60
157	2c brown	1.75	.65
157	2c brown, blk. of 4, part of Imp.	30.00	..
157	2c brown, horizontally ribbed	..	2.50
157	2c brown, vertically ribbed	3.50	..
158	3c green	.75	.45
158	3c yellow green	1.50	1.00
158	3c deep yellow green	..	2.00
158	3c deep green	1.25	1.00
158	3c olive green	..	6.00
158	3c green, pairs	..	1.00
158	3c dark green, vertically ribbed	3.00	..
158	3c dark green, strip of 7, Imprint and Plate No. 179	25.00	..
158	3c yellow green, strip of 8, Imprint and Plate No. 190	40.00	..
158	3c dark green, strip of 7, Imprint and Plate No. 252	16.00	..
158	3c green, strip of 6, Imprint and Plate No. 290	14.00	..
158	3c green, block of 4	5.00	..
159	6c dull pink	3.00	2.00
159	6c dull pink, gash on shoulder	..	10.00
159	6c dull pink, with Trial Grill	20.00	..
160	7c vermilion	8.00	6.00
160	7c vermilion, pair	28.00	..
161	10c brown	5.00	4.00
161	10c brown, pair	14.00	..
162	12c black-violet	..	10.00
163	15c orange	20.00	10.00
165	30c black	12.00	10.00
166	90c rose-carmine	9.00	..
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167	1875, 1c ultramarine	..	65.00
171	7c vermilion	..	55.00
173	12c dark violet	..	65.00
175	24c dull purple	..	55.00
177	90c violet carmine	..	75.00
198	1880, 12c blackish purple	..	100.00
178	1875, 2c vermilion	3.50	2.00
179	5c blue	5.00	..
	AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.		
182	1879, 1c blue (many shades)	1.25	.65
183	2c vermilion	.50	.35
183	2c vermilion, block of 4	1.50	..
184	3c green	.75	.40
185	5c blue	3.00	2.00
185	5c blue, pair	6.00	..
186	6c pink	4.00	3.00
188	10c brown	3.00	2.00
188	10c brown, pairs	..	5.00
189	15c red orange	1.00	.75
189	15c red orange, block of 4	6.00	..
189	15c orange	3.00	..
189	15c orange, block of 4	15.00	..
189	15c red orange, strip of 5, Imprint and Plate No. 31	18.00	..
190	30c black	4.00	..
190	30c black, block of 4	24.00	..
190	30c black, strip of 6, Imprint and Plate No. 405	35.00	..
191	90c carmine	8.50	6.50
205	1882, 5c brown	1.25	1.00
205	5c brown, block of 4	..	7.00
205	5c brown, strip of 4, Imprint and Plate No. 400	10.00	..
	1873 DESIGNS, RE-ENGRAVED		
206	1882, 1c blue	.30	.20
206	1c blue, block of 4	2.00	..
206	1c blue, strip of 6, Imp. and Plate No.	6.00	..
206	1c blue, punched 8 holes in circle	..	8.50
207	3c green	.40	.25
207	3c green, block of 4	3.00	..
207	3c grn., punched 8 holes in circle	10.00	..
207	3c green, strip of 5, Imprint and Plate No.	7.00	..
208	6c dull rose	3.50	2.50
208	6c dull rose, pair	9.00	..
208	6c brown red	3.00	..
208	6c brown red, strip of 5, Imprint and Plate No. 427	27.50	..
209	10c brown (many shades)	.75	.50
209	10c brown, block of 4	4.00	..
209a	10c black brown	5.00	3.50
209	10c brown, strip of 5, & Pl. No.	12.00	..
210	1883, 2c red brown	.25	.15
211b	Special Printing	20.00	..
211b	Trial printing, vertically laid	6.00	..
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Foreign New Issues

PERCY C. SMITH, *Editor,*
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(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

The new issues noted below have been submitted by Mr. R. Roberts of London, England.

Belgium.—The 1fr50c blue has been overprinted with a winged wheel in black for use as "Service" stamp.

Italy.—The highest value of the Monte Cassino set, which has been kept a secret hitherto, has been issued in 10 Lire + 2 Lire in slate color. It is a full figure representation of St. Benoit, perf. 14, with no watermark.

Newfoundland.—The 1c green, unwatermarked, perf. 14, engraved, has just been issued from an entirely new die, the design being much the same as the Whitehead Morris issue. There are more lines of shading in nearly all the floriate ornaments, and the lines of shading in the map are very much coarser and thicker together than the previous issue. In the lettering of the map, Cape Norman comes above Cape Bauld, which is geographically correct, whereas in the old plate Cape Norman was placed below Cape Bauld. This is the only improvement in the stamp, the whole execution is very much inferior to the first issue of the map. It is understood that these stamps were printed by Messrs. Dickinson & Co., of the Old Bailey, London, E. C., a firm we have not heard of before as engraving postage stamps, though the work has a very familiar appearance to philatelists.

Peru.—The 20c has appeared in yellow in the design of A85, and the 8c red-brown and black, type A58, has been overprinted "Habilitada, 2 Centavos, 1929" in three lines in black. And again the same stamp is surcharged "Habilitada 2 Cts. 1929" also in three lines in black.

Ruanda Urundi. — The 15c grey-brown, Native type stamp of Belgian Congo, has been overprinted in two lines 19mm apart for use in this colony.

Sweden.—The 115o red-brown, Post-horn type, imperforate x 10 watermarked, printed from rotary plate, seventeen stamps wide in continuous strips.

Whitfield King & Co. inform us of these new issues:

Canada.—Current 4c in ochre shade.

Curacao. — Type A13, surcharged "Luchtpost" and new value, 50c on 12½c red, 1gld on 20c blue and 2gld on 15c olive-green.

Mexico.—New Air Post type, AP3, 35c green.

Russia.—New design picturing di ferent types of people in these values: emerald green, 3k blue, 4k claret, 1 olive, 30k grey-violet, 50k brown.

Uruguay.—Design AP5, 4c in brow perforated.

Belgium.—Mr. Henry Hooreman i forms *Stamp Collecting* that regardi the 20,000 sets of the Orval Abbey seri issued on August 19th, overprinted wi the Royal Crown in red or blue, and "I in gold letters on the occasion of t first stone of the Abbatorial Church bei laid by the Prince Leopold, these se seem to have franking power by Roy Decree, but no post office in the kingdo sells them, and they can only be ha from the offices of the Orval Abb Fund. They are selling at 125p a 200fr, however, in the shops.

British Solomon Islands. — Accor ing to information furnished by *Whi field King & Co.'s Bulletin* the 10sh a 1 pound values are officially recorded out of issue, and will not be reprinte The 10sh with script watermark shou turn out to be a very good stamp. T 3p value has been issued in a much dar er shade of blue than heretofore, and probably a new printing.

Irish Free State.—Official informa tion has been received by *Stamp Colle ing* to the effect that the Catholic Ema cipation Centenary stamps were to b withdrawn from sale on September 30t last.

Uruguay.—*Champion's Bulletin Me suel* states that the following is the nu ber of stamps printed of the new issue o air mail adhesives: 8c, 20,000; 16c, 20 000; 24c, 10,000; 30c, 20,000; 40c, 10,00 60c, 20,000; 80c, 5,000; 90c, 10,000; 1.20 5,000; 1.50p, 10,000; 3p, 5,000, and 4.50 5,000.

Stamp Collecting in a recent issue lis these new issues as soon to appear:

Afghanistan.—A definite stamp issu by the new Ameer Habibullah is fore shadowed.

Belgium.—The denominations of thi year's Yuletide Charity stamps are to b 5+5c, 25+10c, 35+15c, 60+15c, 1.75fr+ 25c and 5fr+5fr. The winged whee overprint is to be applied to the curren 5, 10 and 35 centimes stamps for parce post purposes.

Tangier.—Exercising her prerogativ under the Tangier agreement, Italy i about to open a postal agency in the in ternational city, when contemporary Ital ian postage stamps distinguished by th overprint "Tangeri" will be taken int use.

MARKET NOTES

By W. E. Fyndem.

t may be remembered that last week I lied briefly to a correspondent who cialises in the stamps of Grenada, and o asserts that S.G. 40 of that country mint condition is worth considering as investment. My answer was that, while as quite prepared to believe that it was so common as the catalogue price ght lead one to think, as an investment mp I could not recommend it.

Since writing that, I have made fairly austive inquiries, and the position is y much as my correspondent describes. nt blocks, strips, etc., of this modest mp are apt to be elusive, and in this nexion I shall be extremely obliged ny collector or dealer who has such cks or strips for disposal will comnicate with me, so that I may put my respondent in touch with him.

But because this is the state of affairs, s extremely rash to jump to the conion that the stamp is under-catalogued. my opinion, Messrs. Gibbons' estimate he value of this stamp, having regard the general basis of their prices, is y fair one. The stamp itself is not rce; it is not even elusive. There are gles in plenty, and that being so, it is ery ordinary sixpenny-worth.

Of course, as an investment, almost stamp of the Victorian era is quite nd, and if not more than a five per t dividend is required, there are many I can advocate. But my contention nd always has been, that a stamp inor who buys judiciously can look for *least* ten per cent on his money, and n the most ordinary of luck can get nty, or thirty, or even fifty per cent his outlay.

ndeed, one of the objects of these es is to help the stamp investor to the Stock and Share Market every e, so that he may become convinced, in turn convince his friends, that nps properly purchased are the finest -edged investment in the world. There those, I know, who pour scorn on the ector who makes a practice of keeping eye on the financial side of his hobby, they are an ever dwindling minority, those who read these Notes can rd to ignore them.

To return, just for a moment, to my respondent and his colony. As a whole, nada is an excellent country to collect, it contains one stamp at least which I e always regarded as a common scar—to use an expressive Irishism. This he 1898 commemorative, a modestly ed stamp which is seldom seen in any ntity.

The Edwardians are, of course, excelproperty, while the 1s (Badge) gle CA of 1908 is a really difficult n. Of the Georgians, the star turn is 1s blue-green with olive back; I e seen very few of these stamps ind. Here also I have a correspondent o is interested, and I shall be glad if who have one or more copies of this mp available will write to me.

There are, and always have been, nuous instances of what I have called mon scarcities. The pronounced short- of the 8 cents, orange, Mult. CA uritius will be well within the recolion of many of my readers; yet it has er been anything but an ordinary mp. Incidentally, the 8 cents Script eatens to follow much the same course, in this instance there is probably more tification for regarding it as elusive.

According to the catalogue, the 1904 ue of Zanzibar is very little superior the issues immediately preceding and owing it, but if sight of it is any erion, it is at least twice as scarce as ier.

Again, the 50 cents K.G. Hong-Kong, h olive back, is a notably scarce item, the catalogue tells me that it is only y slightly rarer than its emerald-surfed brother, which is quite readily ainable. It is just the seeming inialities of this nature which make the ncial side of stamp collecting so fasating.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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soldiers, was not enjoyed by them and the letter says, "as gentlemen and officers we expect it."

Postal matters appear not to have concerned the patriots in Congress very much though record is made of the appointment of Richard Bache, brother-in-law to Franklin, as Postmaster General, Nov. 7, 1776.

In the report of the proceedings of January 11, 1777, mention is made of the lack of patriotism of some of the deputy postmasters and the post riders, and the postmaster general is directed to produce a list of his employees, showing who recommended them for office. The Continental Congress, at this time, also inquired as to the delay in organizing the Post Office.

A committee of five was appointed on February 2, 1777, to revise the regulations of the post office and to report on better service. This committee consisted of John Adams, Heyward, Samuel Adams, Lee and Witherspoon. They reported eight days later that the postmaster general should engage two surveyors; that he should extend his line of posts to several points, and they advocated appropriating five thousand dollars for this work. Later in the year two more surveyors were appointed at six dollars per day, likewise an inspector of dead letters.

Probably in those days as now everyone knew how best to operate the posts, for we note that on November 13, 1777, the enactment of a resolution, appointing a committee of three, to inquire into the cause of obstructions in the department of the postmaster general.

Early in this year Congress had passed a resolution requesting all operators of Publick Ferries to give all possible dispatch to Constitutional Post riders.

The salary of the postmaster general was doubled (made $2000. the year) and the rates of postage was also doubled, by act of April 16, 1779. This despite the resolution of May 29 appointing a committee of four "to report a plan for regulating Continental expresses and to inquire into and rectify abuses in the general post office." This committee consisted of Lee, Samuel Adams, Witherspoon and Drayton.

Increased wage came to the postmaster general, by act of December 1, 1779, the amount being fixed at $3500. This came despite the fact that Congress had found it necessary to wipe out a $40,000 deficit in the post office, the previous year and was compelled to add an additional sum of $30,000 on December 27, 1779. At this date the postmaster general had his salary advanced to $5,000.

The committee on post office brought in a report, January 6, 1780, increasing the salary of the postmaster general to $10,000, but this was tabled. (R. Bache was still on the job.)

On May 5, 1780, Congress passed a resolution "that the present rate of postage be doubled; that all masters of packets and other vessels are required to lodge whatev'er letters they bring from aboard in the post office nearest to the port where they shall arive."

Later in the year (December 12) it was voted the "rates be fixed at half the rates paid at the commencement of present war."

By ordinance regulating post office, passed on October 18, 1782, is noted the first Congressional record of actual rates. The ordinance calls for rates, as follows:

For distance not exceeding 60 miles, one pennyweight light grains; upward of 60 and not exceeding 100, 2 pennyweights; upward of 100 and not exceeding 200, 2py. 16 grains; and so on, increasing 16 gr. for each 100 miles. Single letters to Europe 4 pennyweight. Letters to and from members of Congress and heads of departments were to be carried free.

There can be made no comparision as between the rates of the Revolutionary period and today, for money "had different values" in the several Colonies; paper money being useful in some places and of no similar value in others. The Congress of September 20, 1786, taking cognizance of the money situation decreed that postmasters could accept no paper money; that only specie was to be used for mail costs.

And, this is "the way of things" to the organization of the United States of America, when Samuel Osgood was appointed postmaster general by President Washington.

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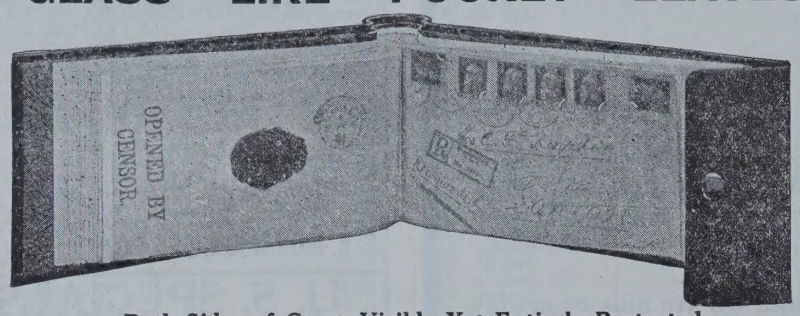

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "Philatelia."

Bahamas. If the mooted Tercentenary stamps make a belated appearance next year it will be almost the first commemorative set issued by the Bahamas if we except the "Peace" issue. Barbados has had several such series, and, judging by analogy, it seems to make for popularity of the Colony concerned, provided the sets turn out good from the investment point of view, and also provided it is not overdone. Barbados seemed to have had a lot of different issues, but they are all popular, whilst there has been quietude for the past four years.

If the Bahamas set appears, however, I do not expect there will be any cause for excitement over them, as collectors' requirements are better considered than they were a few years ago, and publicity like that attending the Cyprus Commemoratives, whilst increasing the sales, does not make for rapid appreciation afterwards.

The permanent and current Bahamas issue is not likely to be definitely superseded, and I do not think there will be any cause for excitement. It is a very steady country, however, and nearly all the obselete issues of the century are sure to show a continued and steady appreciation. The best stamp is the £1 King Edward, and this is rarer than most people imagine. The Roman CA George in the same denomination is also steadily becoming more elusive. The 5/- and lower values of the obsolete series are nearly all well worth holding. The 2/- Pictorial with both CC and Roman CA watermarks should be picked up at current pricings.

Leeward Is. Some of the stamps much fancied, and boomed in certain quarters, like the 5d value are not showing any progress financially. There is an interesting point in the Leeward Is. *Stamps Order of* 1928 made by the Governor in Council. Whilst laying down the values and designs to be used in the Leeward Is. Presidencies, there is also a clause that states "Provided that any stamps heretofore authorised, but not now specified in the first and second schedules hereto, may continue to be used unless or until otherwise ordered." Under this clause certain values, like 4d and 5d, which certain people have assumed obsolete, have continued in use and on sale.

Southern Rhodesia. Many readers will have noticed that we are promised a new set for Southern Rhodesia at a not distant date, and I would recommend completing the current series whilst it *is* current. In used condition the 8d and 10d are relatively scarce, whilst the 1/6 and 5/- are the two best values in fine used state. It might be thought that no great rise is to be expected as printings have evidently been fairly substantial, but we must remember that the size and population of this country is less than the old Rhodesia, and a glance at the catalogue will show how the last set has risen in price in the few years since it became obsolete. I do not suppose there will be anything like such a rise with the current series, but there is no harm in making sure!

In the northern territory, where certain values are down for eventual obsolescence when current stocks are exhausted, both the 2/- and 7/6 should be bought now at a fraction over face. Once they are quite obsolete they will be worth double this. Although these values are down for withdrawal as redundant, they are no rarer *used* than the other high values, in fact, there have been more of the 7/6 value about than one might expect of such an odd denomination, but the parcel postage rates are very high from this territory and presumably this value is not infrequently required for genuine postal service.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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For some months we have been looking forward to the day when we could record the fact that one thousand five year subscriptions had been received by the Weekly. This is the day and the occasion,—October 28, 1929. We do not boast very much about our publication, certainly no more than might be expected as a part of good advertising methods. A managing editor busy night and day with the problems of circulation should be forgiven if he dwells occasionally upon the subject that is dearest to the heart.

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To Alfred F. Lichtenstein who receives honorable and worthy mention in this issue, belongs the credit of being number 1,000. At the Minneapolis exhibition, this summer, he paid $10 for a ten years renewal and requested the number given him. His renewal duplicated one for $10 given at the New York Exhibition. We hope Mr. Lichtenstein will live to a deserved ripe old age. We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of those whose names are now published for the first time, and who have aided us in going over the top. The list follows:

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When Howard W. Codding of Cleveland found that he could not obtain No. 1000 he wrote us to make him number one on a new thousand. We make a bold beginning upon the second thousand by listing four as a starter:

1001 H. W. Codding, Cleveland, Ohio
1002 R. V. Rice, Chicago, Ill.
1003 Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, Ill.
1004 Beach Conger, Jr., Ann Arbor, Mich.

We shall list week by week applications for Honor Club membership, and trust the interest in it will be unabated.

As we go to press, seven additional applications for membership in our Honor Club have been received, and we add the following names to those already listed:

1005 V. N. Conzemius, Coun. Bluffs, Ia.
1006 Frank C. Clark, Medford, Ore.
1007 W. M. House, Knoxville, Tenn.
1008 A. V. Buskirk, Bloomington, Ind.
1009 A. A. Wassercheid, N. Y. City
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Mr. Clark writes, "give me No. 1001 if possible, otherwise any number to help the cause along. My first paper was received in 1901, so you can see the faith I have in the Weekly. Am getting along in years, yet hope to see the expiration of this renewed subscription, at which time I may perhaps ask for an old age pension."

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is about time we are catching up the always rapidly moving precan- procession by reproducing a few late and setting down a little current ip. The Atlanta typeset has ir not been explained. The only ex- ation that comes at once to mind is, their regular electro may have been aid or damaged temporarily, such gs have been known to happen else- e. I have this type on the 9c flat reading down, the 11c up, 14c up, ompound down, and understand that as used on a very few of the 10c ound. If any of our readers can rt the existence of any other values, will be noted here later.

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ese typeset types are always hand- things. Some collector with a flare the unusual and the striking ought rm a collection of typesets only. No will question the fact that such a ction would command instant and rable comment wherever it might isplayed.

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e Geneva is another typeset, like- striking, though not in quite so boyant a style as the Atlanta. In- y to date fails to reveal the existence nore than this one value in this type compound). Since Geneva regularly the U-82 handstamp on other values, most reasonable inference is that the master, confronted by an order for ral thousand of the 1c, sought the of his local printer.

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nd here's another, equally handsome. ser Park also uses a fragile looking stamp, similar to U-77, but with ed letters, so this printed type on the compound may also have come into g as the result of a larger order for value than the postmaster cared to to precancel by hand.

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almost every case the type from ch these typeset plates are made is kly distributed after the one printing been made. As a result they form ted editions, as the book collector , and are usually pretty hard to pick after the few saved have been ab- ed.

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nother typeset of recent issue, which I ain from reproducing because it was ably widely distributed, is Man- ter, Mass., likewise on the 1c com- nd. It exists both normal and double nal. The Manchester office is now g the 1c Bureau Print, so these type- are thus quickly a thing of the past.

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o, this isn't the Liberty 1½c that has causing the Bureau Print collectors ear their hair, it is another typeset, you'll have to admit that it's a mighty dsome and unusual appearing one. On 1½c compound.

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lampton is the home of a big nursery pany, no doubt this pretty typeset was pared for use on nursery catalogs. n on the 1c compound.

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e careful not to confuse this new type of Detroit's with its B-11 Bu- type. The lines on this city type much closer together, and its letters are squarer. While waiting for its new B-11 Bureaus, the Detroit office has been using up some remainders with this city type. Among them are the 1½c perf. 11, the 9c perf. 10, and the 7c and 8c compound. It surely was a surprise to find the 1½c perf. 11; one would have thought their stock of these must have been used up some time ago. But the explanation is logical: a new supply of sheets is received from Washington and piled up on top of the stock then on hand. This process may be repeated several times before the bottom sheets finally come out into service. The result, should a new type have been adopted meanwhile, is to create just one more nightmare for us collectors, especially if we are city or state specialists. The general collector can rest a bit easier, but even he likes to have these short-lived issues.

Regarding the recent difference of opinion among Messrs. Carroll, Lampson, and the writer as to Bureau Prints, I can only say, with that delightful A. Edward Newton of Philadelphia, "I argue, not for victory, but with an honest desire to enlighten and inform, however mistaken I may be in my judgment."

Mr. G. Hawse sends in some interesting new items: Hiawatha, Kans., and Lancaster, Mo., both in U-75 (Lancaster is also using a U-53); Green City, Mary- land, and Plentywood, Montana, U-71; Kent, Wash., U-82; Rippey, Iowa, U-82. Mr. G. S. Dills reports Garrett, Indiana, using the same type on several of the current issue.

It is very desirable that the precancel fans who follow this department report their interesting new items to me for chronicle here, as soon as seen. Please submit a sample, it will be returned at once if you desire it. The fall season is now at hand, vacations are over, collectors are opening their albums and exchanges once more, the convention has fired us all with more precancel pep, a new set is just around the corner. Let's make this the banner year for this department. Do your share, every little helps.

The Edison commemorative was issued in such large quantities that it is certain to be precancelled by quite a number of offices in the regular course of business. A few such have already been seen. The present tendency of nearly all precancel collectors to frown upon unnecessary precancelling of any and all commemoratives has well nigh put a stop to this practice, and specialized collecting of such stamps is a thing of the past. This detracts in no way from those items coming through the regular channels of business, they are as legitimate as any precancel can be, and will be regularly catalogued and priced as reported.

This past year has seen a host of new precancelling towns with quite a number of new types, coming out on the 1c compound only. The change in postal rates made a year ago has changed the whole situation; those who are especially interested in the 1½c now find their work cut out for them in acquiring many new ones.

Some more late comers, gleaned from a hasty skimming over some of my pages: Abilene, Tex., U-12; Apopka, Fla., U-53; Auburn, Ind., U-12; Barnesville, Ohio, U-73; Barre, Vt., U-82; Borger, Texas, U-82; Bremerton, Wash., U-63; Bridgeman, Mich., U-77; Brownsville, Pa., U-73; and ditto Tenn., ditto type; Carson City, Mich., U-59, with serifs and lines; Clarinda, Iowa, U-82; Columbia, Tenn., U-75; Cotulla, Tex., U-82; Cudahy, Wis., U-82; Galax, Va., U-75; Glen Rock, Pa., U-75; Glenside, Pa., U-76; Grand Junction, Iowa, U-59, but lines; Grand Rivers, Ky., U-73. The U-82 type referred to above is similar to the Wilton, N. Dak., cut considerably reduced in size, that accompanied my recent North Dakota article. This type will be illustrated in the next catalog.

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2pia	cat.	.60	.30
9pia	cat.	5.00	2.45
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Gt. Britain, Offices in China, 1922, 1c-25c	cat.	3.70	1.65
Ireland 1922, 9p, #11	cat.	2.00	1.10
1922, 5p, #30	cat.	1.25	.60
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2c Ohio Canalization

By the time these notes appear, the new 2-cent stamp commemorating the opening of the Ohio Canals will have been issued, on Saturday, October 19th. The press notices advise that President Hoover will travel up and down the river and will dedicate the Ohio Valley Improvement Association monument in Eden Park, Cincinnati, on October 22nd.

In the capacity of an engineer he will view and inspect three dams, units in an interlocking system of 50 dams holding back the waters of the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to the mouth, and constructed at a cost of more than $150,000,000. President Hoover will arrive in Cincinnati at 9 A. M., leaving in the afternoon for Louisville, Ky., viewing the dams while en route.

The project was started in 1875 and is being completed fifty-four years later.

Washington Notes

Under date of October 8, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. F. A. Tilton, announced that the supply of the 2-cent Battle of Fallen Timbers stamps was exhausted and no more of the stamps will be available for issuance on post office orders. Postmasters are instructed not to make further requisitions.

The Postmaster General, Mr. W. F. Brown, issues a notice to postmasters under date of October 14, which will be of interest to our readers.

"The attention of all employees of the postal service is called to the notice appearing in the daily POSTAL BULLETIN of April 9, 1929, relative to the issuance of special overprinted postage stamps bearing the surcharge "KANS" and "NEBR" for distribution to postmasters in Kansas and Nebraska.

One of the purposes sought to be accomplished by the surcharging was to assist in the apprehension of post-office burglars and thieves who steal stamps from post offices and take them elsewhere for disposition. Employees should, therefore, be on the alert to detect the presence of large quantities of the surcharged stamps outside the states of Kansas and Nebraska and should report all such instances to their local inspector in charge for appropriate attention.

Attention is called to the fact that the surcharged stamps are valid for postage at all offices now using ordinary United States postage stamps and the utmost care should be exercised in the handling of this matter to the end that the users of legitimately acquired surcharged stamps may not be embarrassed."

Revenue $500 1917

In inspecting a complete sheet of four of the 1917 $500 Documentary, blue, Scott's No. 4247, it was noted that the bottom stamp showed a very distinct double transfer. Almost the entire top of the stamp is doubled and as the same plates were used for producing the Stock Transfer and Future Delivery stamps, no doubt, the same oddity exists with these two surcharges. The variety was called to our attention by Mr. John A. Klemann.

Documentary 10c Compound Perforations

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of the fact that the 10c Documentary of 1917 had been located with compound perforation. Mr. H. M. Southgate explains its appearance as follows:

"I am sure this must have been made when the perforating was transferred from the stamp division to the surface division several years ago. I have been told that at the time all work in finished or unfinished form was turned over to the surface division. When perforating, the perforations between top and bottom of the stamps are run through first. This is the 11 gauge in use in the stamp division. The surface division was given two 10 perforating machines. They finished with the vertical 10's."

THE SEASON OF 1929-30

INDICATIONS POINT TO A VOLUME OF BUSINESS NEVER EXCELLED

The only way that the Managing Editor has of measuring business is by comparing the results of a given month with those of the previous year. Given September of last year as against September of this year, and we find a splendid increase in trade activities. October is far enough advanced for us to note a similar buoyancy. We anticipate that the dealer would be equally enthusiastic about business conditions and would join with us in our optimism over the season's prospects.

Since *September 1 only,* we have written numerous contracts, and we know no better way to instil confidence in the trade than to mention the names of the firms that in six short weeks have taken out block contracts for lines for the coming year as follows:

Gibbons Stamp Co., N. Y. C.	*5,000 lines*
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Homan-Krassa Co.	*5,000* "
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Carl Young	*2,000* "
Pelham Stamp Co.	*2,000* "
Eugene Klein	*2,000* "
Old Colony Stamp Co.	*2,000* "

This showing for September, and part of October, is an indication of the faith these firms have in the stamp trade as a business proposition. It makes a more eloquent tribute to conditions than mere optimistic words based upon desire rather than conviction.

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Becker, Rudolph	*James, Royal*	*Reuter, H. A.*
Bovard, R.	*Litt, A. O.*	*Stadler, W. M.*
Cross Stamp Co.	*Lund, Leland*	*Stamp House*
Duntze, Thos.	*Morrison, C. E., Jr.*	*Stockmar, Fred*
Fargo Stamp Co.	*Mpls. Stamp Shop*	*Watson Co., Inc.*
Ferguson, A. M.	*O. K. Stamp Co.*	*Wendl, Jos.*

We have proven our case, and while we have not mentioned the scores of other contracts we are fully appreciative of the patronage extended. The purpose of this article is to present a story of six September and October weeks as an augury of what the coming months have in store for the stamp trade.

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An opportunity of this kind is seld offered for filling spaces and want lists a solicited from both general collectors a specialists who are willing to spend $10 more at one time. Everything is pric most reasonably in accordance with con ion and rarity; some, such as early supe Canada, being priced at full catalogue, wh such things as Hejaz errors are likely be priced at 80% discount. There is on one of a kind and I am anxious to dispe of the entire lot as it is not my intenti of stocking foreign stamps, so everythi will be priced to move.

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By FREDERICK P. PROESSEL.

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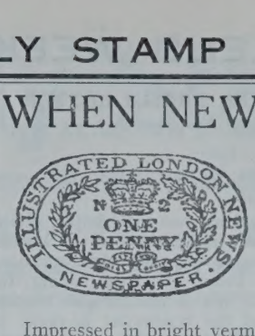

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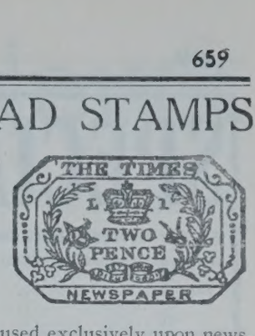

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

Impressed in bright vermilion upon the margins of old newspapers will often be found the device of the heraldic emblems of the United Kingdom, rose, shamrock, and thistle, surmounted by a crown and displayed upon an outspread mantle. Actually this denoted a fiscal duty upon the number of inches of printed matter contained in that particular number, but it also conveyed the privilege of free postage under an Act of 1836.

There are many types of this newspaper "frank," for particulars of which interested readers are referred to an authoritative article by Mr. S. R. Turner, published in the *Philatelic Magazine* (Nov. 24, 1928). Curiously enough, they have received scant consideration from the general body of philatelists, with the result that they may be picked up for the proverbial "old song."

Printed Stamps

In June, 1855, however, this stamp duty upon printed papers was finally abolished, but newspapers could continue to enjoy the privilege of postal franchise by printing a stamp of equivalent value to the former tax upon their front pages.

In point of fact, permission to use a distinctive stamp of its own had been obtained by the *Times* as early as 1853, three years before the repeal of the stamp duty. Similar concessions were secured by the *Stamford Mercury* in 1856 and the *Illustrated London News*, in 1850.

The establishment of a uniform rate of ½d postage for newspapers, irrespective of weight, under the Act of 1870, and the introduction of an adhesive stamp of that denomination, did away with the necessity for these privately impressed "stamps."

Austria was the first country to provide special adhesive stamps for newspaper postage, and is the one of the few in which the practice continues to this day. The famous "Mercury head" stamps of Austria introduced on January 1, 1851, were used exclusively upon newspapers.

They had a nominal value of 1 kreuzer, but were sold to publishers in wholesale quantities at the rate of 60 kr. to the florin (instead of 100). Subsequently red and yellow stamps representing higher values were taken into use for franking packets of several journals despatched under a single cover, the red (6 kr.) being today one of the rarest of European stamps and valued at £350.

Another interesting and valuable series is the so-called "periodical" issue of the United States, which was in use between the years 1865 and 1898, some of which are highly valued.

The first issue, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1863, took place two years later, comprising three large rectangular labels, of 5 cents blue, with portrait of Washington (for weekly newspapers), 10 cents deep green, Franklin (for those issued twice a week), and 25 cents red, Lincoln, for papers published at more frequent intervals.

A Picturesque Issue

In 1869, without any explanation, these large newspaper stamps were withdrawn, and a return made to cash payments for newspaper postage. Six years later they were again revived.

Accordingly a long series of twenty-four "Periodical" stamps was prepared by the Continental Bank Note Company embracing twelve symbolical designs of female figures, printed from line-engraved plates and constituting one of the most picturesque issues known to philatelists.

These stamps were not on sale to the public in the ordinary way, but were affixed to the counterfoils of receipts for payment of postage in cash, tendered by the publisher. At intervals these counterfoils were forwarded to Washington for destruction, thus accounting for the extreme rarity of certain varieties.—*Bazaar.*

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But I haven't been to any other convention or exhibition lately, so what will I write about? You want me to tell you a bit more about my cover collection? Charlie Severn seems to think it's a humdinger, if you get me, and one other stamp-man, who rambles all over this fair continent of ours in quest of stamps and covers, says there isn't anything like it anywhere else in this country.

Well, let's see. To begin with, there is a cover cancelled by every town of *Mason* in the U. S. A.; there are 15 of those towns, spread from Virginia to Wyoming, and that letter traveled 22,000 miles over a period of 3½ months to gather all those cancels. You understand, I would send it to Mason, Wyo., with a request to the postmaster for a cancellation and return to me; then I'd affix another stamp and send it to the next *Mason,* and so on down the line. After it was all complete, it received the finishing touch by courtesy of Leon M. Abbott, 33°, of Boston, *Sovereign Grand Commander* of all Masons, who kindly autographed the cover for me.

I sent another cover out after cancellations; it shows the postmarks of *Cadillac, LaSalle, Buick, Marquette, Olds* and *Mobile, Pontiac, Chevrolet*—a regular "General Motors family party," eh what? And it bears the autograph of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President of General Motors Corporation.

Next I find that Appleton cover—the one that went galivantin' to every town of Appleton in the country—there are nine of them—covering some 6,500 miles in 21 days or so; and mind you, this one did *not* come back to Appleton, Wisconsin, after each cancellation, but went right on from Appleton to Appleton, and each of the nine postmasters very kindly and carefully cancelled just one of the nine 2-cent stamps that were affixed. Did you ever try that on *your* piano?

Then I have a cover bearing the autograph of our new PMG—yes, the Hon. Walter F. Brown. On this cover I sketched an imaginary postage stamp surrounding his picture in the center; then I sent it to his home town for cancellation on his birthday, after which it made the trip to Washington with request for his good autograph—and it came back with the most courteous letter imaginable.

Then there's a cover decorated with the emblem of De Molay—it is autographed by Frank S. Land, *Grand Scribe and Founder* of this great Order for Boys—it was mailed out of Kansas City at the time of their Tenth Anniversary early this year.

Next we have a large cover—about 8x11 inches, decorated and bearing the likeness of all the Grand Officers of Kiwanis—it was mailed out of Milwaukee at the time of their International Convention this summer, and it, too, bears the autographs of every one of the 18 gentlemen that make the Kiwanis wheels go 'round in America.

Which brings me to a *large* post-card—also about 8x11 inches—which I just garnered at the Minneapolis convention. It is made up like our flag—5c Hawaiian commems for the blue field, and coil Edison commems for the red stripes. It is nicely stamped off and cancelled at the *Philatelic Exhibition Station, Minneapolis,* and bears some 20 autographs ranging from Phil Ward and Captain Lipsner, to George H. Drake, Post Office Inspector in charge of the Minneapolis post office.

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And, of course, my *real* weakness has always been registration cancellations. You know, I've told you before how I burn the midnight oil carving designs out of corks, slap 17c after 17c in postage on covers, and then mail them out with a silent prayer that they may connect with a postmaster who is big-hearted and will help a poor, nut stamp-collector along. Hundreds of such covers are unaccounted for at this date—swallowed up in the Great Unknown of Hard Hearted Postmaster's Hearts—but some of them come through, sometimes autographed by the postmaster, himself, in person. Yes, Phil, I have most of the berries, most of the flowers, some birds, lodge-emblems, fishes, mail-bags, bales of cotton, autos, beds, thistles, wings, fans and oodles of other registry cancellations, all suitable and applicable to the towns from which they emanate. You'd be surprised at some of the names of the 52,000 good old U. S. A. postoffices.

And of course, I have the *first* and the *last* cover cancelled with our own Appleton "apple", besides most of the other "standard" cancellations that were in vogue and so much in print during the latter part of 1928.

In air mails I have most all the Zeppelins, I reckon; also some of the First Flights carried by our own Lindy. Got one of Appleton's first flight covers, autographed by Speed Holman, the pilot, and bearing a Pan American "invert"—you guess how it came to be an invert, Phil, when they list at about 1000 smackers per each.

Well, old son, this is about the end of a perfect autumn day and I think I better hang my "close" on this line.

Till we write again—yours,

H. M. Brehm.

P. S. Just received two more *interesting* covers—one showing a pretty little cub-bear, trying to find his way out of the World's Series woods, and it's autographed by Wm. Wrigley, Junior; the second cover shows a stalwart Athletic batsman, about ready to swing, and is signed by Connie Mack, himself. Not so bad—not so bad.

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WE are informed by H. W. Boers t the Wayne Stamp Society has gun its winter season at the St. C Recreation Center Bldg., Fairview a Canfield Sts., Detroit, Mich. Busin meetings will be held on the first a third Thursday evenings of each mon and social activities on the other Thu day evenings.

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A. B. Wade was postmaster at South Bend, Ind., during the later '60's and earlier '70's. On the side he was a publisher, publishing account books for keeping post-office accounts, and perhaps at least one manual on keeping post-office accounts. At least three of the items of postal stationery used by him have survived to this day, and two of these have been described in philatelic journals during 1929.

Under the caption, "Is this an early precancelled envelope?" I described, in the *American Philatelist* of March, 1929, an envelope, the 2 cents of 1863 on buff, in the collection of Mr. Joseph S. Rich, of New York City, bearing a Wade inscription printed across the stamp. This envelope, which is Scott No. 2348, does not bear any indication of having been used. The Wade overprint is in two lines, over the stamp, reading: "Wade's Double Index Post Office Book,—Aug. 11, 1869." The envelope bears, where the address would come, the legend "Postmaster at" and three dotted lines. These lines have not been written on; therefore this is probably an unused specimen.

Under the caption "Early Precancelled Wrapper," Mr. Lewis A. McArthur described, in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of Sept. 30, 1929, page 587, a Wade wrapper contemporaneous with the Joseph S. Rich Wade envelope. This is the 2 cents black wrapper of 1863, Scott No. 3008. The imprint is in five lines here, with the date Dec. 11, 1869. It is again "Wade's Double Index Post Office Book." As with the envelope, there are lines to permit of addressing the wrapper to some postmaster. This specimen is used.

In my own collection of envelopes of publishers I have recently inserted a third Wade envelope, as yet undescribed. This is the 1 cent Reay on orange, 1870 issue, Scott No. 2396. Wade covers almost the entire face of the envelope with advertising of his publications. He prints this material right over the stamp, leaving only enough space for addressing the envelope to some postmaster. Omitting the varieties of type, the inscription across the face reads as follows:

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Despite a request for information about the earlier Wade envelope in my article on it, nothing has yet come to my notice that will either prove or disprove that it is a precancel. Mr. McArthur's specimen would appear to have seen actual use as a precancel. My own later envelope is clearly not a precancel.

It may not be amiss at this point to call to the notice of persons interested in early precancels the fact that precancelling has at all times been legitimate in American postal operations. Until the comparatively recent introduction of precancelling as a systematic practice, with the establishment of the system of permits for the use of precancels, there does not appear to have been any official ruling which would prevent precancelling. We therefore need not assume that Wade or anyone else using precancels very early either needed or got special dispensation, by pull or otherwise, to use such stamps and postal stationery.

It will be evident that the Wade envelopes were used for circulars, prospectuses or sample pages of the Post Office Books. The fact that the wrapper did not have any additional postage added by means of adhesives points to a similar use; for the chances are greatly against any book costing $1.50 or $5.60 being small enough to go through the mails for 2 cents, under either the rates then existent or any other rates.

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Just why only two combinations out of a possible block of 144 have shown up, or why other combinations in this block, if they exist, have failed to appear, is, I confess, somewhat of a puzzle. That some *do* exist, I have been reliably informed. The question is: how many? Perhaps some readers may have a few and can enlighten us, and again, perhaps they haven't! We'll start off with the two aforementioned elusive birds. We can list the numbers even though we do not have the stamps! Here they are: center plates 19597 and 598 with border 19571. We next have a small block of thirty-six—all twelve centers in combination with borders 985-986-987.

There are many gaps in the next few rows so these we list individually as follows: center 19597, border 19590-591; center 19598, border 19588 to 593 inclusive; center 19599, border 19588-590; center 19600, border 19588-590-591; center 19608, border 19588-590-591; center 19609, border 19588-590-591; center 19610, border 19588-590-591; center 19611, border 19590; center 19616, border 19588-590; center 19617, border 19588-590; center 19618, border 19588-590-591; and center 19619, border 19590.

It is interesting to note that borders 589 and 592 are found but once in this group—both in combination with center 598. I am of the opinion that both, in combination with center 597, will eventually show up, but at present have no good reason to offer why either or both with center 599 and above have failed to appear.

We now come to the main block, which consists of 256 entries. All twelve centers in this group in combination with borders 19605 to 19635 inclusive, have been reported with the *exception* of these twenty: center 19599, borders 19630-635 inc.; center 19600, borders 19632-635 inc.; center 19609, borders 19627-629; and center 19610, borders 19628-635 inc. No copies from the next three borders (696-697-698) have ever been found. The remaining eleven combinations recorded in Group II are: center 19597, border 19699; center 19598, border 19701; center 19611, border 19701; center 19616, borders 19-699-701; and centers 19617-618-619, with borders 19699-701. You will note that no copies have been reported from border 19700, and so far nothing has been reported with borders 19702 and above. Group III will follow in the next issue.

Since the publication of Group I, ten additional combinations have been reported which should be entered in this group on our chart: center 19545, borders 19606-607; center 19546, borders 19606-607-614; center 19547, border 19607; center 19548, borders 19607-614-620; and center 19576, border 19621. All the foregoing from our West Coast correspondent, W. W. Hopkinson.

The O. R. C. stamp arrived today, and true to prediction, proves to be a very ordinary looking affair. Plate numbers were chronicled in our column some time ago. We acknowledge with thanks first day covers from Mrs. J. W. Lundy, George R. McNeil and George Griffin, which arrived just before our copy was sent to the publisher. We also thank M. J. Casey for a list of air mail combinations, and Mrs. W. W. Hopkinson, Leon D. Miller, Thomas H. Hawk, and Louis O. Dutcher, for letters on various subjects.

Here is the first batch of current plate numbers to be presented for our chronicle, all sent by William Ward. 1c, 15549; 2c, 15595, 19518-519; 3c, 18458; 4c, 18082; 7c, 19238; 10c S. H., 19553; and 15c S. H., 19560. The first two plates on our list were authorized in 1924, and it seems somewhat unusual for such early numbers to appear at this late date in a metropolitan district.

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Almost all stamp collectors commence with the stamps of the entire world. About the time that they have transferred the collection to larger and better albums the second or third time, they begin to realize that they have neither the energy, time, nor means to obtain what they would consider a good collection. The more a collector learns and the more stamps he gets, the more he wants. He then decides to specialize in some country or group of countries, probably including his own, as he is more familiar with its stamps than with those of any other. In a comparatively short time, he is apt to discover that specializing in certain limited lines has eliminated much of the pleasure he received as a "general" collector. Formerly, changes in world geography and history were kept up with through the new issues of stamps, but now that interest has disappeared. As the more common of the stamps are obtained, the growth of the collection slows down, and each additional specimen added means a greater outlay. Collecting, the actual acquisition of new specimens, thus loses much of its interest.

At the present time, there is an outlet for philatelic activities, of the "general collection" class, but limited in scope. With the development of aerial navigation has come the air mail service, and issue of special air mail stamps. The collection of such stamps, aerophilately, is of decided interest at the present time. To date there have been issued but about 1,000 varieties, including the semi-officials, those stamps issued by the Companies transporting the mails under contracts with Governments, and used in addition to the regular stamps, such as those in use in Canada and Colombia. A collection of mint air mail stamps is not such an enormous undertaking, and the keeping such a collection up-to-date is not out of the question, for only a comparatively few new stamps are issued each month. Used specimens may be added to the collection, and the stamps used on cover. The earlier the postmark, the better, and if a first day cover is obtainable, better still.

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cachet, particularly in variations in color of ink used, but one can readily see how unscrupulous collectors and dealers may get friends in the Post Office to use different color ink pads on their covers, thus making varieties which have no real official status, and it is difficult to differentiate between legitimate color variations and those made intentionally as a favor to individuals. The specialization of "full coverage" is popular, however, on international routes, particularly in the case of each mail stop being in a different country, and most collectors want one cover from each country to each other country on the route, at least.

With the issue of an Air Mail Stamp Catalogue and the Standard Airpost Catalogue of the World, the collector has reliable guides for his hobby. The Standard Airpost Catalogue lists Air Mail Stamps, both official and semi-official, of the entire world, as well as pioneer air mail covers, and all official first flights. Thus, we see that what started as being a specialization in stamp collecting, has by gradual steps taken on the status of an important branch of philately, which promises to become more and more popular. And right in this connection comes the point of increase in values. The writer realizes that the orthodox philatelic writer insists that we should collect for the sake of collecting, and not have the sordid idea of values in mind. That is fine for the wealthy collector, but I think that it is safe to say that at least 99% of stamp collectors would not be happy, after obtaining a specimen for the collection at a price which should not have been considered just at the time that some necessity was urgently needed, if he could not quiet the still, small voice of conscience with the statement that the increase in value put the purchase in the investment class, and that it would soon be worth a lot more. The phenomenal rise in the value of U. S. pioneer air mail covers takes one's breath. Early Government flights are rising, and the earlier of the contract covers are following the same trail. Those who are now collecting, and those who start at this time, will have the better collections for a smaller outlay, and the actual values will increase enormously. Many thousands are going to commence specializing in Aerophilately in the near future, and the increased demand for the earlier air mail stamps and first flight covers is certain to bring about increased values. Now is the time to obtain all the covers one can, within the limits of one's collecting scope. Each collector may collect what he chooses. He may be satisfied with one cover of each first flight, or he may go to the other extreme and attempt to obtain full coverage, and even go into variations of postal markings, but the sooner he obtains what he desires, the less it is going to cost him. Foreign first flight covers are, as a rule, still materially lower in value than U. S. covers. With the Standard Catalogue to assist the Aerophilatelist, the collection of these foreign covers is going to increase, with the consequent rise in value as the demand grows.

With the A. P. S. and the S. P. A. both having Air Mail Units, and the A. A. M. S. in a flourishing condition with hundreds of enthusiastic members; with increasing space being devoted to air mails in practically all philatelic papers, and a new Airpost Journal, dedicated exclusively to the collection of air mails, published by an experienced firm, it can readily be seen that Aerophilately is a branch of the main hobby which is gaining in popularity and is well worth the consideration of discriminating collectors.

While the hobby of air mail collecting has been developing, a sister hobby, the collecting of covers commemorating events in the development of aviation, has grown apace. While it is an interesting hobby, it should not be confused with air mail collecting, as many have been prone to do in the past. Many collectors follow both lines, but to the philatelist, the collection of airposts is certain to make the stronger appeal, as it is a branch of his own hobby, while the collection of aviation souvenirs appeals more strongly to those who are not collecting from the philatelic angle.

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ne catalogue which consists of 127 s, lists and describes numerous col- ons of outstanding importance, de- l almost entirely to the varieties of and the Italian States and Colonies. ortrait of the Crown Prince, together a letter from his secretary, informs nat he is pleased to become a patron ne Exhibition.

ne thing especially impressive is the of contributions, running from 2,000 downward. There is not an Ameri- in the entire lot, thus, showing us at the Foreign exhibition which has begged for American contributions. nanced locally. This is as it should on account of being a National and an International exhibition.

umerous gold, silver and bronze med- vere awarded, including a grand gold al, which was presented by the wn Prince of Italy. As the list of rds had not been published at the the catalogue was mailed, it will be ssible to furnish this information at time.

ne exhibits, with the exception of one n Theodore Champion, Paris, are ily those belonging to Italian collect-

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Speaking of oddities, I have an idea—that is, I think it is an idea. Did you ever make a stamp "find"? Was it an easy unexpected one, or did you have to employ all the ingenuity, wiles, "strings", and what-not that were at your command?

Many a collector has told me that he would rather make a "find", than to really have the stamps, and I say "uh-huh", meaning yes, with reservations, so as not to interrupt the continuity of the story. When I see the stamps the owner thinks as little of them as he does of his right eye—of that I'm certain by his glow of triumph as he tells how easy it was to get them.

What do you say to writing the Forum about some real interesting "find"? Some of the stories I have heard would be much more relished by the reader than one about some little red dot that happened to fall inside the fort of a Clark stamp. I like to get a few items into the Forum that are stampic, yet unusual, and can be read with enjoyment by the collector of eight, or eighty.

How about a story? This means an actual happening of course. I hear of plenty. As a rule the finder gets something nice for nothing, or almost nothing, and under these distressing circumstances he does not wish to broadcast it where it may reach the eye of the unfortunate who overlooked it; or who "let it go for a song". Start something about your "find", make it short and snappy, but true.

Omit names if you wish. If you don't want to say Owosso, or Oshkosh, say Springfield, there are over two dozen of this name in the P. O. Guide. If you can let the correct names go in it may seem a little more real to the reader, and if you have left barren soil, no Phil Sherlock Holmes can go over the ground again, and gather in something that was overlooked.

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My best "find" was when I was a kid, a member in good standing of the Beech St. Hornets, our athletic club. Some good hauls had been made at some of the paper mills, which at that time bought old paper along with rags for the making of new paper.

On one incursion where we had to negotiate an eight foot fence with sharp, very sharp, barb wire atop, my pal and I made our find, unexpectedly. We scaled the eight footer without incident, and by a circuit brought a freight car between ourselves, and the entrance to the warehouse where the papers were being unloaded. Voices from the doorway of this shed forced us to do something snappy, and we both climbed into the narrow opening on the off side of the freight car. We saw bundles galore, all of the same size, and tied with manilla rope. In the uncertain light there appeared to be a blue stamp on each sheet in these bundles, so we each grabbed a bundle, and quietly exited toward the fence.

Those stamps were sure funny. I can remember them as though I found them last night. They were a dull blue, a little watersoaked, maybe, and had 1882 on each side, the name Norvin Green at the bottom in script in a label, and they all seemed to have a straight edge somewhere on them, tho we paid small attention to straight edges in those days. Western Union Telegraphs!—but the catalog value, oh, boy, $5 each!!! We got 'em home and soaked them off the sheets. Then we judiciously parted with a lone copy for some stamp we simply couldn't live without—you know what I mean. When we had annexed everything available in our vicinity, including a single cylinder printing press with gummy red ink (and no black) we had to seek new fields of disposal. So we set up one red letter ad. It was a peach, and quite reminiscent of other ads I've seen, where one tries to dispose of something he has in quantity by naming it about every third item in a slightly different description. Ours was a "Rare Stamp Catalog, $5 for Sale or Exchange—or what have you?"

This helped us to dispose of several. After the lull in the market, we pooled our holdings, and sold our rare find to a well-known N. Y. dealer, taking the "money" out in trade, but no Seebecks.

The sequel was that this particular stamp dropped in cat. val. to $3.00, where it lies today. If your copy is stained a bit, it probably came from this find. Fortunately no indelible pencil was used on the "forms" we happened to grab.

That was a right smart find for a kid of those days. If I were to find something similar today I would not know what to do with it. We had probably 1,000 copies of a $5 stamp. This is perhaps one of the few U. S. stamps which has taken a tumble in cat. value, and I am rather proud to have done that bit of catalog changing, even if it were downward—that's something rarely done.

I know of three stories that I like better, and I hope that some of you readers will come through with something better. Maybe someone has traveled and had access to some warehouse down in South America. Perhaps you have blundered into a deserted house up in New Hampshire that had the correspondence of the old store in the attic, and you saved out all the 5 and 10 cent '47's. Maybe you bought a cover with a block of four of the Confederate frame line stamp back when it was scarcely recognized as differing from the regular 10c stamp. Maybe you found an old trunk full of what you hoped were early U. S. and turned out to be nothing but Penny Blacks, and early Australias, etc.—too bad!

Well, what did you find?

1930 ZUMSTEIN CATALOG—(Europe Only)

This handy and hardy perennial is with us again. Its bright green cover, many illustrations and thorough yet simple arrangement make it a most desirable catalog. Its field is Europe only.

While it is written in German one hardly need understand that language to peruse it to advantage; a very complete Dictionary (36 pages) can be had without extra charge. English speaking collectors should ask for Dictionary "A", which contains among others the English translations of the terms used throughout.

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Boy, page the League of Nations and explain to them the difficulties of stamp collecting without a universal language.

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Attention is called to an error appearing in the foreword of our auction catalogue. Apologies are extended to Mr. E. B. Power, whose name was misspelled.

In comparison with Scott's catalog, type is larger and bolder face, thus ca ing less eye-strain to the older gene tion. However, the new styles in sk should also tend in the same direction

Since prices are, after all, the princi items of interest in a catalog we g below a comparison with Scott's 1 edition from which the erudite and ca collector can draw his own conclusio

Swiss francs in Zumstein have b figured at 20 cents each, near enough all practical purposes. All stamps quoted used, unless otherwise mention The numbers in parentheses are Scott's

	Scott.	Zums
Bavaria 1849, 1kr black	$ 50.00	4
1849, 1kr dp. black	60.00	4
6kr broken circle	8.00	
Belgium 1849, 10c	4.00	
1849, 20c	2.25	
Denmark 1851, 2rs	22.50	1
1851, 4rs brown	.25	
France 1849, 10c	10.00	
1849, 15c	15.00	1
20c	.50	
25c	.35	
40c	7.50	
1fr verm.	500.00	30
1fr carm.	7.50	1
Gt. Britain 1840, 1d	2.00	
1840, 2d	5.00	
1847, 1sh	3.00	
10d	15.00	1
6d	6.00	
Italy 1862, 10c (17)	2.00	
1862, 10c (18)	3.00	
20c	.25	
40c	2.00	
80c	7.50	
Luxemburg 1852, 10c	4.00	
1852, 1sg red	10.00	
1859, 1c	4.00	
2c	4.00	
4c	8.00	
10c	1.00	
12½c	5.00	
25c	15.00	1
30c	7.00	
37½c	7.00	
40c	10.00	
Netherlands 1852, 5c	2.00	
1852, 10c	.85	
15c	6.00	
1864, 5c	1.25	
10c	.35	
15c	8.50	
Norway 1854, 4sk	4.50	
1854, 4sk dbl. foot	35.00	3
1856, 2sk	3.00	
3sk	2.25	
4sk	.20	
8sk	.75	
Spain 1850, 6c	1.00	
12c	17.50	1
5r	15.00	1
6r	45.00	4
10r	100.00	9
Sweden 1855, 3sk	100.00	7
1855, 4sk	.60	
6sk	25.00	2
8sk	10.00	1
24sk	60.00	5
Switzerland 1845, Basle	250.00	20
1843, Geneva	750.00	90
1850, 2½r (16)	20.00	3
2½r (17)	16.00	2
2½r (18)	30.00	3
2½r (19)	250.00	27
5r (20)	12.50	2
Two Sicilies 1859, ½g	40.00	2
1859, 1g (12)	9.00	
2g	2.00	
5g	30.00	1
10g	20.00	1
20g	27.50	1
50g (unused)	40.00	3
Wurtemberg 1851, 1kr	6.00	
1851, 3kr	.20	
6kr	.65	
9kr	1.25	
18kr	20.00	2

The above have been picked more less at random, but to the analytical s tistician will show:

I. Scott and Zumstein agree in g

Stop Press News

NEW 10c NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHNS, Oct. 22.

he new 10c Newfoundland Dickinson ting has appeared, and I enclose a ple for your inspection. It is almost stinguishable from the Whitehead, ris Co. printing, but is a little lighter olor. The main means in identifica- will be in the perforation, which is as compared with 14 in the original ting. The new 6c is expected next.

FRANK F. WILLS.

SO. AMERICAN FLIGHTS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15.

has transpired that the South Amer- air mails, which left this city July nd 27 and Aug. 3, were captured and royed by the Moors. As sixty regis- l covers addressed to England by the flight July 18 from Chile through entina were among the captured mail, reduces the number of philatelic cov- from 205 to 145.***On the first direct t Aug. 15, from Chile to Europe, 25 covers were carried and all were stamped "Gare du Nord, Paris, Aug. 1929." Undoubtedly all items on e two flights will be classed as rari-

A. H. DAVIS.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

First C. G. A. mail from Venezuela Maracaibo will soon open. For par- ars write L. N. Woodward, Chap- a, N. Y., enclosing stamped reply lope.

We are indebted to S. Bayer, Rome, a pictorial card from the Turin Phil- c Exhibition held Oct. 16-19. This bition was held in connection with 16th Congress of Italian philatelists. card bears an appropriate exhibition mark.

The Syracuse (N. Y.) Stamp Club hold its annual banquet Nov. 14, at rafts. It is expected that a collector national reputation will be the guest he evening. For tickets apply to M. Loveless, Sec., Baldwinsville, N. Y.

We are indebted to Herman W. rs for detailed stories of the Green- , Mich., celebration, and regret that annot use all the details that he sent We also thank J. B. Jackson for spaper clipping, and desire especially remember the courtesy of C. H. ers who has submitted specimens not of the postal markings, used on ordi- mail, but also an air mail cover the National Air Tour.

Bill Schneider, Jr., favors us with ir flight cover bearing a cancellation he air mail field, New York. The ription on the cover reads, "New k Welcomes 'The Land of the ets' Moscow to New York Flight, 27, 1929."

FORD'S AIR TOUR CACHET

DETROIT, Oct. 25.

The Ford air tour which started from the Ford airport, Dearborn, Mich., Oct. 5, covered 32 cities in many states and came to a finish Monday, Oct. 21, at the above mentioned airport. There was no newspaper announcement that a special cachet was to be used, but postmaster Geo. Neisel of Dearborn favored local philatelists with the information and many availed themselves of the opportunity of mailing letters from Greenfield to the Ford airport, Oct. 21. The cachet was in purple and also in red with the inscription "National Air Tour" above an airplane, and below, "To Ford Airport, Oct. 21, 1929." The familiar Edison cancellation was used on this air mail service.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

NEW BUREAU PRINT EDITOR

Some weeks ago we announced the death of C. A. Carroll, who for some months had edited the precancel department devoted to Bureau Prints. His death was a severe loss to philately and we were in a position where we could appreciate his work. Believing that a good many subscribers are interested in these stamps, it has been our desire to secure the very best available man to carry on this department, and we have found him in Mr. H. M. Southgate, Chevy Chase, Md. The mere mention of his name will carry with it an approval of the estimate that we place on Mr. Southgate's ability, and our readers will follow along with interest his contributions in coming issues.

EDISON JUBILEE POSTMARK

DETROIT, Oct. 25.

In connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Edison Electric Lamp the P. O. Dept. authorized the establishment of a post office at Henry Ford's "Early American Village," Dearborn, Mich., to be known as Greenfield Station. It was opened for one day, Oct. 21, and will doubtless be reopened for permanent use sometime in the future. A building that served as a drugstore and post office in Phoenix, Ct., and built more than a hundred years ago, became the property of Mr. Ford. It was torn down, and rebuilt as a part of the "Village" and is now occupied as the Greenfield post office, but is really a sub station. All mail leaving this post office on Oct. 21 was given the familiar Edison postmark, and considerable mail was sent and received during the day, although collectors were not generally aware that anything of a philatelic nature would be issued. It is said that Mr. Edison received nearly 700 letters during the day.

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"PRECANCEL PRICES"

By DR. W. I. MITCHELL.

Mr. LeDuc's article under the above heading in your issue of Oct. 14th, pages 606 and 607, in which he takes the "Mitchell-Hoover" bureau print catalogue to task for seeming low prices has just been read by me with considerable interest, especially since the author had written me a personal letter on the subject, in answering which I tried to explain to him just exactly why the prices in the bureau catalogue (for which I am responsible) were set in many cases lower than ordinary cancelled stamps. Evidently he has either not understood my explanation or does not agree with me.

First of all, *precancelled* stamps are *not* taken as ordinary cancelled stamps by non-precancel collectors, and I have yet to find any collectors of general U. S. *not* interested in precancels who would mount precancelled stamps in their collections and accept them as ordinary used copies, so his premise that "a neat bureau print would be far nicer and should be worth *more* than any ordinary cancellation" does not hold good.

In my humble opinion not only "half", as Mr. LeDuc says, but *much more* than half of the perf. 10 rotary press issue gross production by the bureau was precancelled, and a much larger proportion of the *precancelled* copies was saved than of the ordinary varieties. I should estimate that at least *three* to *five* times the number of *precancelled* copies of this perf. 10 rotary issue are in the market, than of ordinary cancelled copies, in all denominations except the 2c. Comparison of stocks of dealers in regular issues only with those of exclusive bureau precancel dealers will, I am sure, bear me out on this statement. The 7c San Francisco Mr. LeDuc especially picks out is an extremely common stamp, and I think all bureau collectors will agree with me that 3 cents is certainly enough for this stamp.

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relatively, but not absolutely. On average Zumstein is lower, say 20% 0% nearer the cash value.

Zumstein prices the cheaper stamps ortionately lower, and the really ce ones higher. Scott evidently pays e attention to demand, Zumstein to ly.

ake the 1 shilling 1847 Great Britain. worth $3.00 or $6.00? Stanley Gib- says $4.85 and S. G. should know.

gain, take Netherlands number *one*, worth *one* or *two* dollars? How it Spain number *one*? Either 65 s is too little or one buck is too h.

s to Switzerland here is where Zum- 's specialized knowledge makes him undisputed authority.

cott omits 1850, 5 rappen, black and on blue paper, "with parts of frame". v? If this stamp does not belong in a general catalog, then the same reasoning applies to 21a, the 10 rappen also "with parts of frame". It certainly exists in both values. (I have 'em.) Why differentiate and discriminate? Must make a note and ask Mr. Clark the next time any of us see him.

In 1929 Scott priced Number 21, the 10 rappen, with full frame, used at $200.00. Now it is priced at $750.00. The latter figure is about right. If you don't think so try and find a *good* one.

This proves that Scott does watch out and does correct. By the way, I wonder how many additional mistakes each of us would make if we were in charge of the pricing.

To collectors of Europe we commend Zumstein & Co., Berne, Switzerland, as their catalog is of value, not only as a handbook, but also as an intelligent exposition of European values and thought.

E. M. R.

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Editorial

THE Ohio River stamp is here and its design is such as to make a pleasing impression. In fact, a difficult subject is handled in a satisfactory manner, and the stamp is an effective advertisement of the huge project which had its inception almost a half century ago. The old glory of the Ohio River has been restored and soon the river will carry boats and barges unnumbered that will make the long hauls with a tonnage that will be astounding, in comparison with the present operations. A system of fifty dams from Pittsburgh to Cairo is opened that affords a nine-foot depth, and it is declared by U. S. engineers to be the greatest work of the kind ever accomplished. The actual work has been prosecuted over a period of twenty years at a cost said to be $118,000,000, and it is fitting that a stamp issue be one of the memorials of the completed task.

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A CORRESPONDENT says that Tulsa, Oklahoma, had an Air Mail Week recently in which the whole city participated, and that among the features of the festival was a talking mail box that voiced air mail information to the public, and a motion picture produced by the National Air Transport called "Saving Time with Air Mail," that was received with enthusiasm.

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ONE of the syndicate writers, H. I. Phillips, presents a burlesque of one of the college questionnaires, in his feature, "The Once Over," and asks: "Have there been any rickets, gas-meter inspectors, delirium tremors, stamp collectors, hay fever, or dog show judges in your family?" We suspect that the queries are not made in the interests of pure science, and so forebear to comment on them; it suffices to say that collectors are placed in unhappy juxtaposition in the roll call.

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DURING the recent celebration at Dearborn, Michigan, mail was despatched from the old post office that originally was built at Phoenixville, Conn., in 1803, and transported by Henry Ford to Dearborn. A special marking was used on the envelopes that were sent and a number of collectors availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain the mementos.

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HERE is the question of an intelligent reader of the *Detroit News:* "What do stamp collectors do with cancelled postage stamps? Are the lines erased and the stamps used over again? D. M. A." We award the gilded clam shell to this inquirer.

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OUR correspondents are active at present and in the aggregate, they cover philately in all of its aspects. A letter that bears evidence of careful preparation has been awaiting attention and the writer of it, Mr. Thomas X. McArdle, brings forth the subject of the marketability of stamps, from the position of the collector. He feels that there is no system that will give him a basis for valuing his stamps for inventory purposes, and he would welcome a certainty of knowledge that within a fair range, he could make his calculations fairly. He has much more to say along this line and his tone is not "peevish" as he takes care to say. At times, we have discussed this question. It is natural that the man who pays a large amount in the aggregate for his stamps wishes to have an assurance that he is not spending it vainly, even though he may know that collecting pleasure may be spoiled by dwelling too strongly on the monetary side. The ordinary collection that grows along the accepted courses does not fare well in the market because it has a routine attraction only. There is no way in which to overcome the law of supply and demand in this case; and the average collection is too familiar to receive a second glance commercially. However, the collection that is made unusual by the class of stamps in it or is developed on special lines is assured of consideration and its value is established, even though it may not be stable. The avenues of sale are the dealer, the auction; and the sales department has its uses. When money must be had on the dot, the situation becomes complicated and is unfavorable to the seller. The dealer from whom one buys many of his stamps may be a good outlet. Time seems to be the essence of the philatelic contract. There is an increase from year to year in stamp values that is gradual on the whole, but in some instances is marked, and this increment works to the benefit of the collector over a period of years. In comparison with other avocations, collecting does not suffer market-wise, and the tendency is constantly towards the better stabilization of the market and the consequent advantage of the seller.

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THE postmaster general has made a statement telling of the stamps with the Kansas and Nebraska surcharges and the reasons for their issue. Postal employes are asked to be on the alert to recognize any irregularity attending the possession of large lots of the surcharged stamps outside of the sections with which they are associated as the purpose of the stamps is to discourage the operations of thieves who steal from post offices and seek to dispose of their loot elsewhere. However, the postmaster general concludes: "Attention is called to the fact that the surcharged stamps are valid for postage at all offices now using ordinary United States postage stamps, and the utmost care should be exercised in the handling of this matter to the end that the users of legitimately acquired surcharged stamps may not be embarrassed." This is a mild reminder that postmasters should heed as some of them refused to accept the state surcharges as uncompromisingly as they did the Hawaiian surcharges, and in rarer instances the Molly Pitcher. One postmaster said that they didn't allow the names of women on postage stamps.

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IN sending a copy of the official catalogue of the National Philatelic Exhibition held at Turin, October 12 to 20, Dr. Emilio Diena, Rome, writes: "I am glad to say that a real success has been attained. The exhibition is national, but inasmuch as foreign philatelists were invited to send in their collections of Italy, Italian States and Colonies, a few exhibits from abroad have been received not for competition. As a whole the exhibition is mainly of stamps of the Italian group. Having seen all the Exhibitions previously held in this country, I am in a position to state that this one is absolutely the best. A special post office has been opened in the fine building of the Society for the Advancement of Fine Arts where the Exhibition is held. Note the postmark on the envelope enclosing this letter. An Italian Philatelic Congress is also being held here on the 16th, 18th and 19th inst." This exhibition shows that philately is at high tide in Italy as the catalogue of the exhibition shows over a hundred pages of interesting exhibits. The newspapers gave much space to the display which was opened by H. R. H., the Prince of Piedmont, who remained an hour after and showed every evidence of interest in the stamps on view.

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AN international philatelic exhibition is to be held in Berlin, during the month of September, 1930, and among the patrons of the undertaking are the postmaster general of Germany and the Mayor of Berlin. Prof. Dr. Erich Ster is directing the preliminary work and is inviting distinguished collectors to become members of the Committee of Honour. What has been described as an unprecedented wave of interest in philately is characterizing Germany, where interest has always been keen, and it is safe to predict that the coming exhibition in the German capital will exemplify philately in its greatest triumph.

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(Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If a reply be necessary, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

One of our subscribers recently sent a substantial remittance for first day covers to a "Coöperator." The money order was promptly cashed, but the covers never arrived, nor can any satisfaction be secured. We are unable to guarantee the responsibility of those who offer their services in connection with flights, and may be compelled to entirely eliminate this feature. Are there further complaints of this character?

Official Flights

As more of the FAM 5-6 extension covers have come in, I find that certain of the St. Thomas, V.I. covers have the cachet in a magenta shade, and some have no cachet at all. Haven't had time to check up yet, but it rather looks as if the cachet had been applied to outbound mail only. The great majority of my Miami and San Juan covers also bear the cachet in magenta, but I have seen a very few in purple, and Ed. J. Dormer says one of his came in in black. Incidentally, Mr. Dormer sent covers via 1st trip from Camden, Sept. 15, which connected nicely with this flight, and bear both cachets.

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J. Delano Bartlett tells me that the first flight Jaurez-Mexico City, Aug. 19, actually started from El Paso. Jaurez airport was not yet ready, so all mail was trucked over the border, and actually flew from El Paso to the various Mexican cities on the route.***Ralph Moffett shows me one of the first night flight covers from Boise, Sept. 15, bearing the special cachet applied by the local C. of C.; and with it, a letter from the postmaster saying that about 100 letters went west, and 200 east, by the first night service.

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These new FAM cachets show somebody's using some thought in their choosing. The one for the FAM 9 extension to Buenos Aires shows what appears to be the famous statue of The Christ of the Andes, past which a plane is flying.*** Count this one out for the time being, at least. Director of Posts of Manila, Philippine Ids., returns covers sent him, with the statement that "there is no established air mail route at the present time, and the government does not contemplate opening one so far."

A recent trip of the S. S. "Ile de France" was to inaugurate a new element of the ship-to-shore service. Plane was to fly to Paris with its load, but mail for Le Havre was to be dropped by parachute en route. Practically no notice before sailing.***More flood covers, no doubt. Due to the recent conditions in and around Georgia; Augusta, Waynesboro, and Millen, Ga., and Aiken, S. C., were given emergency air mail for 2 days. All details lacking, but we'll try to have more information later.***Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday *Register* of Oct. 13, gave a front page write-up to the pioneer mail flight made by Lincoln Beachy July 20, 1912, and illustrated one of the souvenir cards carried on the flight.

Airport Dedications, Unofficial Cachets, Etc.

Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Ohio, Huntington, W. Va., and Homestead, Pa., applied special unofficial cachets to the first day covers of the Ohio River stamp. I wish to express my appreciation to all who so kindly mailed me covers from these and other first day cities, and especially to Robt. M. Hayes, who sent the complete set from all cities, both singles, and by air mail, and to J. P. Penning, who mailed from Homestead a cover with 12 different plate number stamps, varying in number or sheet position.

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The Red Creek cachet, Aug. 19, was for an airmeet celebrating the opening of the improved airport.***Florence, Ariz., came through the 12th Oct., cachet in green, and a few covers postmarked in green, also.***Murfreesboro, Tenn., used the familiar state map design for its dedication, in connection with the stop of the National Air Tour, Oct. 14.

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Pratt, Kans., Oct. 12-13, a red printed sticker.***Durango, Colo., Oct. 12—cachet in black.***Grinnell, Iowa, Oct. 18-19-20, red, purple and green respectively —large round cachet.***Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 19-20 (all mine mailed 20th)—red printed cachet.***Wichita, Kans., "Night Airport Celebration", and, I believe, dedication, Oct. 19, in purple or greenish-blue.

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Denver, Colo., cachet reads, among other things, "Air Mail Week—Oct. 14-20," but I have received covers for the 18th and 19th only, and believe they were the dedication days. All in green, but one sent me by Dr. Davis, which is printed in black.***San Jose, Cal., 1st Anniversary cachet came along in due order Oct. 15, in red.***L. S. Clark sends me a cover from Mankato, Minn., with a typed inscription for the Second Annual Airmeet, and signed by the Sec. of the C. of C.

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Tomb of Sun Yat Sen

The last resting place of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, as depicted upon the memorial stamp chronicled last month, is an imposing mausoleum built at a cost of £200,000 on the slopes of the Purple Mountain overlooking the tombs of the Ming Emperors in the vicinity of Nanking, the Nationalist capital. Here in the Rotunda, on June 1st, the embalmed remains of China's first President were reburied with elaborate ceremonies which began in Pekin and lasted for a full week. The funeral cortege was two miles long and took half-an-hour to surmount the marvellous granite stairway with its 339 steps leading up to the mausoleum, where the bronze catafalque was finally deposited after a short funeral ceremony. —*Stamp Collecting.*

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A paper employed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in the manufacture of the 4d stamps of Great Britain of 1855 and certain fiscals. This paper had prussiate of potash in it, this salt added as a preventative against illicit cleaning. This paper is characterised by its bluish tint, varying in intensity, but it appears that the blueness was quite unintentional and it was attributed by the manufacturers of the stamps to the presence of small particles of iron in the pulp which ought not to have existed therein.

Study Your Stamps

N. S. B.—These letters overprinted on various French Colonial stamps indicate that they were intended for use in Nossi-Be.

N. S. W.—These letters are the only indication of the country of origin shown on the Postage Due stamps of New South Wales.

Nueve Granada.—New Granada. The name appearing on the 1861 stamps of the Republic of Colombia.

N. Z.—The first postage due stamps for New Zealand bore these letters in place of the full name of the Colony.

Oesterreichische Post. — Austrian Post. On most of the issues which appeared prior to 1908 the name is abbreviated to "Oesterr."

Ottoman Empire.—Turkey.

Double Lined Letters

A term usually used in descriptions of watermarks to distinguish them from similar ones in which the letters are "single-lined." The Crown A watermarks

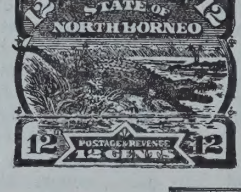
of the Commonwealth of Australia will serve as instances, some of these having the "A" formed of single and others of double lines.

Training the Collector

Recently a stamp collector asked sadly how he could arouse an interest in stamps in his son, aged 14. He and others may care to hear how a similar problem was solved a few years ago. The boy in question was rather younger than this correspondent's son.

Children are attracted by bright colours, animals, people, machines and many other objects found on stamps. They are not interested in dozens of types bearing the King's head. It is advisable to cut right across the usual divisions made by philatelists and to make use of many stamps rather despised by the experienced collector.

In my own case, animals proved successful. Starting off with Malay tigers, Sudan camels, mid-Congo leopards, Nyassaland giraffes, and several issues from that enterprising colony, Borneo, the boy was soon engrossed in forming a philatelic zoo.



The zoo idea has the advantage that so many of the stamps to be collected are very low priced, so that if they are damaged by careless handling there is no great harm done.

Picture stamps form another class that would appeal to girls as well as boys. Bosnia, Morocco, and the Belgian Congo could form a nucleus, but the field is very wide. There has been a large number of really beautiful picture stamps issued since the war.

For the slightly older child one might suggest maps. The Canadian jingoes, with their big Mercator's system, have set a hot pace here, and one can roam from plain outlines like Australia, where they have no boundary, and Ireland, where they are too jealous to mark it, to San Domingo, where a wrong boundary nearly caused a war, and Venezuela, where an accurately plotted boundary prevented one.

Then why not ships? The Kaiser's yacht, the warship Maine, that cost Spain her last American colonies, the Chinese junk, canoes from the Solomon Islands, and Brunei, strange boats from the Nile and Malta, the ships of Columbus and Prince Henry the Navigator—there is a great armada here.

But the point need not be laboured. Buildings, famous men, sports, native types, myths and legends are only a few more of the possible subjects.

What does it matter if the collection formed is worth very little? The child will have learned to appreciate stamps, to handle stamps, and to think stamps. At least one group—aeroplane stamps—would well repay collecting if started now.

Stamps in their variety are a reflection of life itself. It is a dull child that can find nothing in them to interest it.—*Bazaar.*

Irishmen on Stamps

The production of a stamp, or series stamps with a picture of the Irish "libe tor," Daniel O'Connell, raises the int esting query, what other Irishmen ha figured on postage stamps? The b known one is, of course, Bernardo O'H gins, the Chilean dictator, but there another in the late Mr. J. D. Bourchi the *Times* correspondent, who was h oured with a set of stamps by Bulga in 1921. Canada has pictured D'A M'Gee. There may be others, and th are probably as many Scotsmen. I only recall one Welshman, Sir H. Stanley, whose original name was Jan Rowlands.—*The Stamp Lover.*

Junior Dictionary

Imprimatur.—A word usually fou in connection with "sheet," indicating proof impression from a plate which h received an official endorsement to the fect that it is satisfactory. The word Latin and may be freely translated "let it be printed."

Impuesto.—An inscription, meani "tax," or "impost," shown upon the v rious revenue stamps of Chili which we provisionally used for postal purposes.

Jon Sigurdsson.—On June 17, 19 a set of stamps was issued by Iceland commemorate the 100th anniversary the birthday of Jon Sigurdsson, a nati scholar and politician who was ma speaker of the Icelandic national asse bly on its re-establishment in 1845, a thru whose exertions Iceland obtain practical home rule in 1874. This w explain the inscription found on the stamps.

Journal Stamps.—These stamps we used on newspapers in France from 18 onwards and represented a fiscal a postal charge combined. There were t denominations, 2c and 5c, the latter bei for the Department of the Seine a Oise, and the 2c for all the other Depa ments.

Journaux.—The French word f newspapers and periodicals of all kin

Benadir

An Italian protectorate established ov that part of Somaliland between the riv Djouba and British Somaliland. T territory was at first administered by " Societa Anonima Commerciale Italia

del Benadir", with its headquarters Milan, under an agreement with the It ian Government. The Company had pay tribute to the Sultan of Zanzib and smaller annuities to the Sultans Obbia and Alula, and they also agreed establish a postal service. This post w not in working order until Nov. 1, 19 and in connection therewith a set seven stamps was issued. The admini tration of the Company was so unsati factory that from the 15th March, 19 the Italian Government took over its go ernment and gave the Colony the nar of "Somalia Italiana Meridionale" (It ian Southern Somalia). Under an a rangement with Great Britain Italy to definite possession of the ports of Ben dir, over which it possessed only certa rights, on payment to the Government Zanzibar of the sum of £144,000 sterlin

AIR MAIL NEWS

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also some scarce ones. Maurice S. ty followed the entire tour, and has ost complete coverage from all cities. reports the following cachets: Detroit, . 5; Dearborn, Oct. 5; Richmond, Va., . 10; Winston Salem, N. C., Oct. 10; enville, S. C., Oct. 10; and various ed statements and signatures. I have eived also this week cachet from St. il, Oct. 18, purple; and St. Joseph, ., Oct. 17, also purple. Richmond s 50 letters mailed, and Greenville 25—both by C. of C.

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Valentine Fiend, to whom many covers e sent for the Newark Air Show, e postponed, says he will mail all se at the New York show in Feb., if one objects.***Savannah, Ga., C. of C. te me that they would have a cachet their airport *opening* in connection h the Ford Tour, but now have sent ds to all who sent covers, saying noth- doing on this, but they will hold for ication next year, unless postage for rn is sent.***All off on that Waynoka, la., dedication July 4. P. M. says e 22, and no cachet.***Earle B. Har- , Press Representative, Boeing Air nsport Co., San Francisco, suggests t collectors keep a supply of stamped ressed air mail covers in his hands for thing special that may turn up from e to time out his way.

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ioux Falls, S. D., Airfair Sept. 16-21, include an airport dedication. ut 20 mailed each day, so try to get t one!***Charleston, S. C., says dedi- on was Aug. 10—no cachet, but C. of will hold covers for expected air mail vice before long.***Austin, Tex., says months yet.***Steubenville, Ohio, now s dedication set for Sept. 14-15, was efinitely postponed, but that an air- t and *opening* took its place. Con- nd it, I wish these folks would set r dates, and then make up their minds stick to them—and certainly not to use edication cachet when there wasn't any ication. It's hard enough to keep a ight record as it is.***Roswell, N. x., postpones till Dec. 4-5. Covers to L. Eberhard, Box 454, who tells me he eived one lot of 50 covers recently, t air mail and special, and bearing *2c stamp*—postage due the rest! hink I'd just refuse to accept any tage due material at all, if I were in h a position.***Brunswick, Ga., post- es for several months.

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ndicott, N. Y., June 9, was a meet, a dedication.***Leroy, N. Y., held a t Oct. 11-13, and C. of C. inscribed ew covers in ink.***Nogales, Ariz., is east partially confirmed as of Sept. 17. West Point, Miss., says some time ***Council Bluffs, Iowa, likewise— bably fall of 1930.***Moline, Ill., will ise as soon as plans are farther along. Sault St. Marie, Mich., dedicated June Anybody have a cover.***Oklahoma y says a year yet.***Abilene, Tex., v. 11—to C. of C.***Bonham, Tex., v. 15—to C. of C.***Edw. C. Lovell s dedication of Charlotte, N. C., port ly to coincide with addition to CAM He will receive covers for whatever y work out—address is 1110 E. 10th ***Ocala, Fla., about Jan. 1—will noti- later.***Sacramento, Calif., not till t year.

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Conneaut, Ohio, dedication was un- ual in that a CAM 20 plane, flying its ular trip, was flagged down, without vious arrangement, and picked up mail and carried it in to Cleveland. 72 covers mailed; 48 signed by the yor, 31 by the P. M., and 16 by Pilot yer.***McCook, Neb.—mailed 2,040 2 ys.***Devils Lake, N. D.—425.*** nxatawney—1,800—all carried by Pilot ank Datin, who was killed in a crash lays later.***New York Seaplane Air- t—2,000.***Phillipsburg, Pa.—1,000— wn to Cleveland and postmarked Sept. Late covers mailed to Cleveland un- cover, and postmarked there the 12th. Falls City, Neb.—62.***Sept. 29 is scarce date for Muncie—only 31 mailed. ***Casa Grande, Ariz.—1,000.***Canton, Ohio, Air Circus mailed Oct. 14-19: 383, 256, 234, 238, 255, 268, respectively—different color each day.***Terre Haute, Ind., cachet for Women's Air Derby, mailed just 30—by C. of C.***National Air Mail Week, Cleveland, news got out a bit too late. Following were mailed Oct. 7-12 inclusive: 316, 293, 358, 370, 481, 503, different color, and sponsor each day. Late covers are being held for the next national event, or will be returned if postage is sent.

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The coöperators: A. C. Roessler, Mrs. Ellen Godfrey, *Harry Ioor, *J. P. Penning, *Alex J. Gareis, **Sam Schafer, Leo L. Ross, *C. S. George, Emile Mizrahi, *Royce A. Wight, Anna M. Schafer, Geo. D. Kingdom, H. A. Thatcher, Grady M. Vaughn, Allen P. Harding, Ed. J. Dormer, Robt. M. Storms, Ralph Moffett, K. H. Smith, **P. R. Hudson, *O. H. Phinney, 14*s Robert M. Hayes, *Maurice S. Petty, **Dr. H. A. Davis, *S. Douglas Dobson Co., *H. C. Carpenter, *L. S. Clark, Jno. K. Howe, W. G. Fountaine, *Geo. R. McNeil, *R. H. Molony, *C. L. Weber, *Zix & Shockley, John A. Hansen, *A. J. Steinhardt, Leland C. Metzgar.

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H. R. H. the Prince of Wales collects stamps. 'Tis said that he would be safer riding a "hobby."

—C. W. Hodgson.

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A little boy, according to the "Kansas City Star", informed his parents the other day that next time he was sick he wanted them to call in Dr. Eckner.

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Roscoe Johnson called at the general delivery window at the Bank of Snagtown last Saturday, but there wasn't anything for him.

—Arkansaw Thomas Cat.

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Man has a heart of gold! Appeal to him pleasingly and the gold will leave his heart and come into your pocket. That's business!

—The Postage Stamp.

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Violets for Our Gang

Will Rogers and Irvin Cobb have overlooked getting their names in this column, but we haven't missed them. Some of you F. F. F. gang have been coming in like a 50,000 watt station on a snowy night. Letter from the Managing Editor: "My impression is that you have secured a good line of correspondents to assist you in your department work." He is *right*. Tubs of thanks, fellows.—Ed.

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Dear Prof. Gummy: In a German auction catalogue I note a couple of stamps called postfrisches Kabinettkehrdruckpaar. That is their given name. Please elucidate.—Sonny Boy.

Ans.: Their given name! They should give it back.

—R. E. Dunlop.

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FALLEN TIMBERS

Issued in September
A stamp for Fallen Timber,
With frontiersman, Indian and Wayne.
This may look like treason
But for some artistic reason
The design gives me a pain.

One local dumb-bell thought it depicted "The Spirit of '76."

Does this stamp also commemorate the mighty forests which once grew on the hills of Ohio? All are Fallen Timbers now.

If Gen. Anthony Wayne could see the stamp issued in his honor he would be "Mad."

—Everett Klaas.

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And Flat Wheels?

Now that we have a stamp commemorating Fallen Timbers what about one for "Fallen Arches?"

—W. D. Kelly.

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Capt. Townsend in the F. F. F. speaks of a 5c chocolate of 1861. That Hershley bar must be rather stale by now!

—Ches. W. Hodgson.

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Now that Edison has been philatelically honored for the invention of the incandescent lamp, perhaps the P. O. D. will consent to recognize his more recent experiments by issuing a rubber stamp.

—Ches. Hodgson.

AGE COUNTS

Ours is an old stock of old issues accumulated over these past forty years. Naturally it is useless to ask us for Vatican issues of 1929 or Air Mails of yesterday. Those things are obtainable from dealers in new issues. But just ask us for an old Great Britain and Colonies, old Germans, Portugal and Colonies, etc., and see the showing. Also whilst many claim to have a wonderful stock of U. S. we merely would remark that we can probably show from five to fifty copies of any U. S. stamp listing less than $100.

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The contract to supply U. S. postage stamps for the four years commencing May 1, 1873, was awarded to the Continental Bank Note Co. That Company had a secret mark engraved on each of the National dies of 1870-71 (except the 15c and 30c?). On the denominations from 1c to 12c (and 15c?), the designs showing the secret mark were transferred to new rolls from which new plates bearing the Continental imprint and plate numbers were made.

Each stamp on Continental plates of the 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12c (and 15c?), should show the secret mark as cut on the National die of those values; but on certain plates of the 1c the secret mark is very faint; the mark on the 2c stamps is minute and rarely clear; the mark on the 3c may vary in width; and the mark on the 15c is open to serious question.

As the Continental Co. did not make plates for the 24c, 30c and 90c, but used the National plates of those values, the secret marks for those denominations never occur on stamps or plate proofs and are found only on proofs from the altered dies.

The 5c "General Taylor" stamp came into use July 1, 1875, and the first six plates for it were made by the Continental Co.

The Continental imprint is much like the second National imprint but reads, "PRINTED BY THE — CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. NEW YORK", in two lines. Imprints and plate numbers remained unaltered during the life of the plates. Certain Continental plates were used only by that company but others were also used by the American Bank Note Co. and in the latter case neither imprint nor plate number is of any value in determining which of those two companies printed the stamps on which these inscriptions occur.

Old German Covers

A collection of over 700 covers bearing stamps of the German States is in my hands for sale. Mostly singles, but quite a few pairs and several beautiful blocks, also many railroad and other cancellations of special interest. The condition throughout averages very high. The Scott cat. prices (as singles off cover) total about $4,400. By the Hess German catalog, which prices pairs, blocks and covers, the total is very close to $8,000. All I ask is $6,000.

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PHILIP H. WARD, JR.
P. O. Box 2175, Middle City Sta., Phila., Pa.

MISCELLANY—

THERE was recently advertised in adlets, a set of Icaria stamps at a very low price. We shall be greatly obliged if one or more of our readers will submit their purchases, for our consideration, and indicate the name of the dealer from whom they were bought.

WE are indebted to H. W. Boers and Stanley Gregory for Greenfield, Mich., covers bearing date of Oct. 21, postmarked with an Edison stamp, the cancellation reading, "Edison Celebration Light's Golden Jubilee, 1879-1929."

WE are indebted to the Home of the Postage Stamp for a clipping from the New York *Times* of Oct. 20, in which Gimbel advertises the inauguration of a permanent stamp department in the book section on the street floor. This is a notable departure upon the part of this great store, and should have a beneficial effect in securing a similar service from other department stores.

WE are indebted to H. M. Brehm, Sec. of the Appleton (Wis.) Philatelic Society for an invitation to help celebrate the first anniversary of the local Society, Nov. 23. The envelope that brought the invitation bears a pair of the current 1c green. One of the stamps has the regular cancellation, but the other stamp is canceled with the former registry marking of an apple with the word "ton" outlined in white.

WE are in receipt of greetings from F. E. Wilson, of Birmingham, Eng., who has been spending a few days in the old town of Bruges, Belgium. It carries upon its face an interesting Ostend-Dover packet cancellation.

WE have received a communication from the Buffalo Stamp Club informing us that Adolph Steig, past president of the club, has been nominated as a candidate for director of the A. P. S. for the election to take place in 1930. The Buffalo Stamp Club is a live organization, and desirous of representation in the official councils of our National Society will no doubt support his candidacy with vigor.

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Washington Letter

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(U. S. oddities and varieties will be noted in this department. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

2c Ohio River Canalization Stamp

As previously scheduled, the new 2-cent stamp, issued to commemorate the completion of the canalization of the Ohio River, appeared on Saturday, October 19, the stamp having been placed on sale in seven cities. As a description was furnished in a former Chronicle, it will not be necessary to make further mention of it. All of the stamps issued are from plates 19838 to 19841 inclusive, and it is not expected that any other plates will be made. In posting first-day covers, Cincinnati had two special postmarks for the occasion, namely, a six line marking in magenta reading—"Ohio Valley Improvement Association, 35th Annual Convention, Oct. 19th-25th, 1929", in addition to a blue three line elliptical postmark reading—"Ohio River Dedication Cruise, Pittsburg to Cairo, Celebrating the Nine Foot Stage." Louisville used a four line magenta marking reading—"Ohio River Celebration, Louisville, Pittsburg-to-Cairo Channel Completed." The other cities used simply the normal postmark without any additions. After observing numerous covers, we reach the conclusion that Pittsburg, Cairo and Louisville carefully selected stamps without straight edges, while Homestead, Cincinnati, Wheeling and Evansville took the stamps in any condition that they might come to hand, and in the case of the former city, they even patched together damaged stamps. It is customary for the Third Assistant Postmaster General to issue instructions to postmasters, covering the stamping of first-day covers, but evidently the clerks from these four offices disregarded the instructions entirely.

We wish to thank Mr. C. E. Nickles for two very attractive covers, showing views of the locks and dams, Mr. Harry Ioor for covers showing a map of the canal territory, and Mr. W. Austin Amory for a neat cover from Cincinnati.

1922-29 50-Cent

Mr. Frederic R. McAlpin kindly sends for inspection two blocks of the current 50-cent, perforated 11, showing view of the "Arlington Amphitheatre" in very distinct shades. One is in a violet, while the other could be described as a red-violet, as it has a reddish tinge. Practically all of our current issue is obtainable in shades. It seems that the higher denominations, that is from 11c up, are printed about once a year, when a supply is made sufficient to take care of the next twelve months. As these printings are about a year apart, they are generally distinct differences, and if you followed the matter carefully, you could designate the high values by years. It is because of this long elapse that we have our 11c shades, which differ vastly.

The demand for the $1 stamp has greatly increased during recent months, so that the Bureau is now contemplating making plates of four hundred subjects for this denomination. Heretofore, plates of two hundred subjects have been used.

New Envelopes

Mr. P. R. Crooker writes that he has located six new envelopes with the new watermark, since our last list was published. These are as follows:

		Size.			*Wmk. Die.*	
1c	2690l	8	White	Window	A	30
1c	2710j	13	Blue	Window	A	28
1½c	3257l	13	White	Low	A	30
1½c	3282l	5	White	High	H2	30
2c	3256j	9	White	High	H2	28
2c	2905j	13	Blue	High	H	28

Grinnell Diamond Jubilee

Grinnell, Iowa, celebrated Home Coming Diamond Jubilee Week, by dedicating an airport and having special flights on October 18-19-20. Mr. C. S. George kindly remembers us with a cover bearing a special concentric postmark in green in honor of the celebration.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter kindly sends us an extract from a communication received from the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, dated October 9, 1929, from which we quote:

"The following information is furnished concerning the recalled U. S. issues surcharged Canal Zone:

Destroyed October 4th

79,408	1c stamps
19,401	1½c stamps
22,505	2c stamps
57,253	5c stamps
41,448	12c stamps
16,467	50c stamps
4,212	25c books each containing 24 1c stamps
67	49c books each containing 24 2c stamps
857	1c stamped envelopes
20	2c stamped envelopes

2. All rotary press 5c stamps were destroyed. 50,000 flat plate 5c stamps were retained and will be surcharged 'Postage Due 5c'. 200,000 1½c stamps were retained and will be surcharged as follow

50,000 1c postage due
75,000 2c postage due
75,000 10c postage due

3. The foregoing, including the postage due, will be considered as a provisional issue to be placed in use wh necessary and to serve our local ne until such time as a permanent series adopted."

From the foregoing, it will be no that provisional postage due stamps about to be issued and that practically of the flat plate and rotary stamps of denominations, replaced by the picto issues, have been destroyed.

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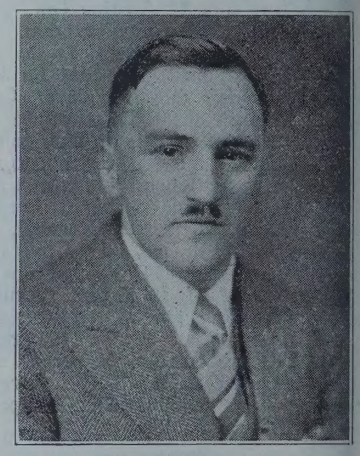
A PRECANCELED DEAL

A remarkable case of hitting the fa of the newspaper folks has been affor by the transaction recently, wher Adolph Gunesch, Chicago, acquired stock of precanceled stamps of Fred R of the same city. A note mentioning sale appeared in one of the Chicago pers, whereupon it was copied by ot newspapers, some of which played up



ADOLPH GUNESCH.

details cleverly enough. Then, the n was made the subject of an Associa Press dispatch and all over the land, story appeared in the newspapers in sp ranging from a few lines to a stick-f The statement that Mr. Raff had voted years to gathering the precance stock and that he had the best accun lation of them extant was well found It is known that Mr. Gunesch paid a g price for the lot; and the newspapers h the amount as $50,000. At any rate Gunesch made a great purchase with result that precanceled stamps have b brought prominently before the pub since we have received clippings fr over twenty newspapers by actual cou with the story in some form or other.

ITEMS—

WE are informed of the death of Ch E. Lewis, Osterville, Mass., an time dealer whose name will be famil to many readers of the WEEKLY. Lewis was particularly interested in U. revenues, and the estate has a stock stamps that can be purchased at a reas able price.

IF any of our readers have any mixtu of U. S. stamps that they wish to stow upon a worthy person we sugg that they send them to Alma Newcom A. P. S. 10235, So. Brewer, Me. M Newcomb, unable to walk at all, will to a good use any mixtures that may sent her.

STAMPS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

The revival of the old Olympic Games in the form of international athletic meetings on a world-wide scale provides an opportunity for the formation of a most novel and interesting collection of stamps issued by various countries in connection with the Games. Such a collection is of interest to practically everyone and should be the means of bringing many enthusiastic sportsmen into the philatelic fold.

The 1896 issue of Greece deals with the Olympic Games in classic style, the designs being obviously based on early Greek sculpture and art. The set is printed in rather weak colours, without sufficient depth of contrast in the designs, but the stamps depicting gladiators, the discus thrower, the chariot race, the Stadium at Athens, Pallas Athene, "Victory," and Hermes have always been popular. A search for them will prove that they are much scarcer than catalogue prices indicate.

The Greek series of 1906, though not very artistic, is more clearly printed, and the designs are very quaint. The actual "events" shown on the stamps are discus throwing, wrestling, and a foot race, but the stamps showing incidents in the life of Hercules, and the offering of sacrifice before the Games, are of unique interest.

The Belgian series for the Antwerp Games of 1920 next claims our attention. The American Bank Note Co. here do justice to the discus thrower and the runner, but a longer stamp was needed for the chariot race.

The Paris Games of 1924 gave us a series representing ideas rather than actual sport, though we see the Stadium on the 10c and an athlete in "shorts" is shown on the 50c. In connection with the Paris Games, there should be added the Uruguayan series issued to commemorate the victory of that country at football. The design is classical, and depicts the headless "Victory" of Samothrace, which would have made a better appearance if an upright format had been chosen instead of the oblong shape selected.

In 1925 the International Olympic Congress was held at Prague, and stamps bearing the portrait of President Masaryk were provided with an embossed overprint reading "CONGRES OLYMP. INTERNAT. PRAHA 1925."

In the same year Costa Rica issued three stamps to provide funds for the Central American Olympic Games. These stamps were poorly printed, and that old favourite, the discus thrower, is again presented to us, on the 5c stamp.

The 1928 Olympic Games have so far given rise to stamps from two countries, Holland, where the Games were held, and Portugal, whence come two very poorly produced stamps, on which I have already commented in *G.S.M.* The Dutch stamps, while partaking of the eccentricity which has characterised recent issues from that country, are a brightly coloured and attractive series, and have already proved very popular.

If to our Olympic collection we add stamps on which other sports are depicted, we shall have an even more attractive display, as the Hungarian sports issue of 1925 will be shown, and also stamps from various parts of the world which picture for us the delights of shooting, fishing, big game hunting and other open-air pursuits.

I strongly recommend my readers to consider the formation of such a collection. It will not cost a large sum and will provide a most amusing and interesting side-line. — *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

GRAF ZEPPELIN COVER $2.25

Small, neat covers carried on the last trip to America. 4M Zep. stamp on each and rubber stamp showing cover was on ship when disabled and forced back. Only 100 covers at this figure.

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Persia Air Mail—new set, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30kr*	**17.50**
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Nicaragua Air Mail 25c violet*	**.40**
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Foreign New Issues

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(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, please self-addressed stamped envelope.)

We are indebted to Mr. R. Roberts, of London correspondent, for information regarding the new issues listed below:

Brazil.—In type A75, the 20r has been issued in violet and the 100r in emerald green. These stamps are watermarked "E U Brasil" in block letters, multiple all over the sheet. The perforation is 13½ x 13. Also the 400r brown postage due stamp, design D4, watermarked "CASA DA MOEDA" in large sans serif capitals extending one and a half times across the sheet. The perforation is also 13½ x 13.

Newfoundland.—Two more values of the last issue are at hand, the 2c red and the red-brown, no watermark, perf. 14. The difference in the 2c is slight, the main feature being the word "Postage", the "P" of which is closer to the scroll than the left than in the De La Rue print. The color is more red, whereas in the old printing it was carmine. On the portraits of Their Majesties bear entirely different expression, and the shading of the background of the letter- "Newfoundland Postage" is blurred and indistinct. The whole impression is dull and flat compared with the previous issue, which stands out bright and clear in all details. The color is red-brown instead of deep brown. The change in both of these is rather for the worse than for the better, writes Mr. Roberts, so far as philately is concerned.

South Africa.—The new Air Post stamps in two values have arrived. They are the 4p green and 1sh orange, no watermark.

Sweden.—The 45o dark brown, King Gustav type, imperforate x 10 has been placed on sale. They are printed in continuous coils, on plates 17 x 10.

Australia. — From information received by *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* we learn that the forthcoming Western Australia Centenary stamp will be deep vermilion in color, but in other respects it is similar to the Canberra stamp. It will be printed in sheets of 80 (10 x 8) on unwatermarked paper, perforated 11.

Papua.—All values up to the 2sh6p denomination among a supply just received from this colony still bear the Harrison imprint with the exception of the 1½p, which is now printed by Ash, states *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.* This value is now in a slightly deeper shade of ultramarine, and still has the "Postace" error on the first stamp of the sheet. The ½p is also noteworthy in having the frame in a distinctly paler olive, while we think it advisable to state here that all stocks of the 2½p which came were badly faded and unfit for sale, the ultramarine having changed into a very pale lilac, which should not be considered as a shade of the normal.

Mexico.—There has been received by the publishers of *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly* two stamps of 10 and 20c denominations inscribed "Ejercito Renovador" and showing in the centre the Mexican Eagle with a snake in its beak. These are understood to be the unofficial emissions of the Sonora revolutionists in the uprising of last February, and that only a total quantity of 400 of the two values was printed.

Spain.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received second series stamp issued for the International Exhibition at Barcelona. The type is the same as the first issue, but the color is claret. The denomination is 5c. Also a new special delivery stamp has been received in a new design. The value is 20c and the color red, size 21 x 25mm, perf. 14.

A JOKE ON C. J. PHILLIPS

In the interesting and amusing reminiscences which Mr. C. J. Phillips has contributed to the *Jamaica Philatelist* occurs one very good tale. Some twenty years ago Mr. Phillips was travelling through Germany with his friend, Mr. M. P. Castle, and while in Berlin was invited to dinner by Judge Fraenkel to meet some of the leading collectors of that city. When sitting down to dinner Mr. Phillips noticed by the side of his plate three pencils, one about an inch long, very thin and slender, one normal size, and one enormous one, very thick and some 15 inches long. Knowing that this was a joke on him he turned to his host and asked him to explain. Judge Fraenkel said, "Well, Phillips, the big pencil is for the stamps you price too high, the middle one for the stamps priced about right, and the little baby one for the bargains you sell —you won't often use that one."—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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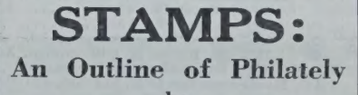

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96-9	**Italy** 1910, 5c & 15c, both sets, rare	1.80
*122-24	1921, 15c to 40c, complete	.40
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*379-83	1928, Tschakste set complete	1.10
*384-9	1928, 6s to 1l, complete	1.35
*390-5	The same set imperforate	1.35
* 1-17	**Lebanon** 1924, 10c on 2c to 2.50 pi on 50c	3.25
* 18-21	1924, Olympic Games set	1.00
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* 37-40	Olympic Games set	1.65
* 41-4	1p50 on 30c to 4pi on 85c	1.75
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* 50-62	0p10 to 25pi, complete	1.30
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* 86-94a	1928, 0p10 to 25pi, complete	1.75
* 95-103	4p on 0p25 to 7p50 on 2p50	2.40
*301-5	Dues 1924, 50c/10c to 5pi/1fr.	.70
*306-10	1924, 0p50/10c to 5pi/1fr	.60
*316-20	1927, 0p50 to 5pi	.65
*401-12	Charity 1926, 0p25 to 25pi, cpl.	1.50
195-208	**Liberia** 1921, 1c to $5, compl.	2.75
214-27	1923, 1c to $5, complete	3.50
*615-19	Registration 1919, cpl., rare	.90
845-57	Official 1918, 1c-$5, complete	2.75
* 1-3	**Liechtenstein** 1912, 5h-25h, cpl.	1.65
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70-80	1920, 10sk to 5auk, complete.	2.00
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*116-19c	1922, 20s to 10auk, complete	.60
*176-88	1923, 1c to 5l, complete	3.40
*219-22	1927, 15c to 60c, 4 var.	.40
*223-5	1l to 5l, complete	2.00
*226-32	1928, 5c to 1l	.85
*701-12	Germ. Occup. 1915-18, 3pf to 50pf, 12 var.	1.10
* 93-106	**Luxemburg** 1914-15, 10c to 5fr, complete	4.00
*107-8	1915, 62½/2fr & 62½c/5fr	1.20
*120-22	1921, 1fr, 2fr, 5fr, the 3	1.10
123-34	1921-2, 2c to 80c, cpl., used	.40
*139	1923, 10fr black, very fine	1.25
*142	3fr dark blue	.35
*301-6	Semi-Postal 1921-3, both sets	.90
*307-10	1924, 12½c to 5fr, compl.	1.85
*311-14	1925, 5c to 1fr, complete	.35
*315-19	1926, 5c to 1.50fr, complete	.45
*320-4	1927, 25c to 1.50fr, compl.	1.00
*540-3	Official 1923, 2fr-10fr, the 4	2.30
543	1923, 10fr black, fine used	.75
* 79-94	**Madagascar** 1908-17, 1c-5fr, cpl.	2.70
*108	1921, 60 on 75c, rare	1.25
*116-20	1922, 5c to 50c, fine	.45
*121-26	1922-5, 5 surcharges	.80
*127-46	1925-28, 10c to fr 1.10, compl.	3.60
*217	1924 Dues, 60c on 1fr orange	.40
* 1-14	**Marienwerder** 1920, 5pf-5m, cpl.	2.00
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* 94, 101-6	1923-5, 7 varieties	.90
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* 15	**Mauritania** 1906, 1fr azure, v. fine	2.75
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* 17	5fr carmine on straw, v. fine.	9.00
* 18-34	1913, 1c to 5fr, complete	2.75
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* 20	**Mayotte** 1906-7, 35c yellow, v. fine	1.10
* 21	1906-7, 45c gray green, v. fine	1.30
* 27	**Marshall Isl.** 1915, 5m slate & car.	1.30
* 72-85	**Memel** 1922, 35pf to 50m, cpl.	1.40
*401a	1923, 10m on 5c blue (Memel omitted)	.60
*320	**Mexico** 1910, 5 pesos car. & black, very fine	1.35
*381-5	1914 Dues, 1c to 10c, very fine	2.50
*528-37	1916, 1c to 1 peso, very fine	1.90
*1021	1919, 20c Sp. Del'y, very fine.	.45
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* 44-57	1925-8, 10c to 20fr, complete	3.35
* 22-5	**Monaco** 1901, 5c-25c, fine copies	.90
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* 33-5	1922, 20/15c to 50/1fr, the set	.70
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118	1920, 2½gld on 10gld, fine	1.60
119	2½gld on 10gld, fine	1.00
142-51	1923, 2c to 2½gld, fine set	2.50
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*454-5	Semi-Postal 1923, 2c & 10c	.65
* 88-103	**New Caledonia** 1905-6, 1c to 5fr, complete	4.80
*110-15	1921-2, 5c to 0.05 on 15, fine	.45
*116-22	1924-25, 6 provisionals	1.40
*123-33	1925-8, 10c to 20fr, complete	4.50
*122-32	**New Hebrides** 1912, 5c to 5fr, complete	4.25
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*440-52	**Nicaragua** 1927, ½c to 1cor (no 444, 446)	1.50
1057-68	Official 1926, ½c-50c, fine used	1.00
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94-105	**Nyassa** 1921, ¼ on 2½r to 20c on 200r, complete	.75
* 77-8	1919, 50c & $1, the two	.60
*185-93	**Panama** 1906-7, ½c to 50c, cpl.	2.00
*204-11	1915, ½c-20c, complete, fine.	2.00
*213	1916, 8c violet & black, rare	.70
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*218	1920, 50c orange & black, well centered	1.50
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*220-31	1921, ½c to 50c, complete	4.50
*234-43	1924, ½c to 1b, fine set	3.30
*244-55	1926, ½c to 50c, complete	4.00
*256-7	1926, Lindbergh set	.50
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*553-4	1929, Spec. Del. 10c & 20c	.40
*801-4	1915, Postage Due set	1.10
252	**Philippines** 1906, 2p black, fine	.75
274	1911-13, 10p deep green, fine copies	.75
284a	1914-23, 1p pale viol., block of 4	1.60
*289d	1918-26, 1 peso pale violet, perf. centered	6.50
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*251-2	**Poland** 1928, 50g & 1z in Philatelic pair	.90
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*294-7	1925, 7k to 40k, complete	1.15
*298-301	Same set perforated	.85
302	5 rubles red brown	1.50
303	10 rubles indigo	2.50
*330-2	**Russia** 1925-6, 3k to 14k	.55
*333-5	Same set perforated	.35
*336-8	3k to 14k	.55
*339-41	Same set perforated	.35
*343	1926, 2 rubles black violet	1.35
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*514	1919, Semi Postal, 3k carm. & gray black, buff	4.50
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*226	Turkey 1913, 30pi on 3 rub.	.75
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*119	1925, 10fr black brown	.90
* 79-94	**St. Pierre & Miquelon** 1909-17, 1c to 5fr, complete	4.00
*106-10	1922, 5c to 50c, complete	1.25
*111-15	1924-5, 5 provisionals	.70
*116-28	1925-8, 10c to 1.10fr, complete	3.75
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* 71	1923, 1l dark brown	1.50
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* 77-80	30 on 45c to 2l on 3l	2.50
* 82-93	1925, 5c to 5l, complete, rare	4.75
* 94-7	1926, 75c-2.50l, 4 provisionals	1.00
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*112-15	1928, 50c to 5l, complete	1.00
*351-2	1917, Semi-Postal, 2 provisionals, rare	2.90
*353-61	1918, Semi-Postal, 2c-3l, cpl.	3.30
*362-67	Semi-Postal, 20c to 3l, cpl.	1.30
* 79-95	**Senegal** 1914, 1c to 5fr, compl.	2.55
* 96-102	1922, 5c to 2fr, complete	.85
*108-11	1924-5, 4 provisionals	.50
*112-32	1925-8, 10c to 1.10fr, complete	3.75
* 62	**Somali Coast** 1903, 2fr yel. green & black	.75
* 80-96	1915-17, 1c to 5fr, complete	3.85
* 97-102, 109	1922, 10c on 5c to 30c, 50c	1.40
*103-8, 110-11	8 provisionals	.75
*112-29	1925-6, 10c to 1.10fr, complete	3.50
*1072-83	**Spain** 1928, Santiago, 2c-1pes	1.00
*1088-99	1928, Toledo, 2c to 1pes	1.00
* 58-73	**Spanish Guinea** 1907, 1c to 10p, complete	4.00
* 85-97	1909, 1c to 10p, complete	1.10
*102-14	1911, 1c to 10p, complete	9.50
* 88-90	**Surinam** 1913-15, 50c, 1gld, 2½ gld, the 3	2.50
* 96	1921-2, 32½c viol. & orange.	2.00
*100	1923, 50c brown orange	1.60
*101	1gld brown violet	2.75
*102	2½gld gray black	16.75
*103	5gld brown	21.50
*104-7	1925, 4 provisionals	.70
*108	1926, 12½ on 22½c orange	3.00
*109	12½ on 40c lilac & blk.	.60
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* 31-42	1925-8, 10c to 65c, complete	4
* 43-65	1928, 1c to 5fr, complete	3
*101-8	1920, Dues, 5c to 1fr, compl.	
*187-92	**Uruguay** 1910, 5m to 20c, fine	
*217-22	1919, 2c to 23c, complete	2
225-34	1919-20, 5m to 1p, complete	2
*238-42	1921, 5m to 5c, complete	
*260	1922-3, 8c salmon pink	
*267-76	1923, 5m-50c orange, fine set	4
*277	1 peso bright rose, fine	8
*278	2 pesos light green	6
*279-81	2c to 12c, complete	1
*285-96	1924, 5m to 50c, fine set	3
*297	1p buff, v. fine	2
*298	2p dull violet, v. fine	4
*300-2	1925, 2c to 12c, fine	1
*306-8	2c to 12c, fine	1
*309-16	1925-6, 5m to 12c, complete	1
*317-27	1926, 5m to 36c, complete	2
*330-2	1927, Philatelic Exhibition set	2
*334-42	1c to 20c, complete	
*345-8	1928, San Carlos & Rocha set, rare	1
*350-60	5m to 50c, fine	2
*361	1p yellow green	2
*362	2p Prussian blue & choco.	5
*363	3p deep rose & black, very rare	13
*364-6	1928, Olympic Games	
*367-9	Garzon set, complete	1
*276	**Venezuela** 1924, 25c ultramarine	
*277-8	1926, 5c on 1b & 25c on 5c, rare	2
*279-84	1927-8, 15c to 5b, complete	2
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*1-13, 201-2	**Vatican City** 1929, cpl. set	2

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* 66-73	1921, ¼p to 6p	1
* 86-92	1921-2, ¼p to 6p	1
* 98-105	1922, ¼p to 1sh	1
*106	2sh ultram. & olive brown	2
*116-25	1926, ¼p to 1sh	3
*129	10sh olive brown & gray	3
*131-47	1927, ¼p to 10sh, complete	13
*148-64	1928, ¼p to 10sh, complete	8
*401-10	Dues, 1925, ½p-1sh6p, complete	2
*159b	**Mauritius** 1912-22, 10 rup. green & red	6
*184-7	1925, 3 provisionals	1
*189-98	1925-6, 2c to 20c, complete	1
* 50	**Montserrat** 1916, 2sh viol. & ultr.	1
*115-26	**Newfoundland** 1918, Caribou, cpl.	6
120	1918, 6c gray	
121	8c magenta	
122-4	10c, 12c, 15c, the 3	1
126	36c olive green	1
*127-30	1920, 4 varieties, complete	5
*145-59	1928, 1c to 30c, complete	4
*172	**New Zealand** 1921-2, 8p blue	
*183a	1926, 3sh deep violet	1
9	**Nigeria** 1914-15, 2sh6p black & red	
* 31-6	**Niue** 1920, ½p to 1sh	
* 2	**Palestine**, 5m on 1p ultramarine	1
2	Same, cancelled	1
2	Same, fine block of 4	4
* 23	1920, 9pi bistre	1
* 24	10pi ultram., used or unused	1
* 45	1921, 9pi bistre	1
61-2	1922, 10pi & 20pi, the two	1
306-11	1924, Dues, 1m to 5pi, compl.	
* 26	**Papua** 1907, 2sh6p	1
* 32	1907-10, 6p dark green & blk.	2
* 50-3	**St. Helena** 1903, ½p to 8p, 4 var.	1
* 56-8	1908, 2½p, 4p, 6p, the three	1
* 61-6	1912, ½p to 3p, 6 var.	
* 69	2sh ultram. & blk.	1
* 20	**St. Kitts** 1907-18, 1sh orange & grn.	
* 32-4	1920-2, 2sh, 2sh6p & 5sh, the 3	4
* 61	**St. Lucia** 1907-11, 6p vio. & red vio.	1
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* 69	**St. Vincent** 1902, 1sh green & car.	2
*104-11	1913, ½p to 6p, 8 var.	1
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*101-2	5sh, horiz. pair	10
*103-4	10sh, horiz. pair	12
*106	£1 red & gray green, rare	6
*107-22	½p to 2sh6p, horiz. pairs	6
*123-4	10sh, horiz. pair	6
*343-4	Dues, 1924, 6p, horiz. pair	
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*357-66	1925-6, horiz. pairs, rare	3
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Preface

Collectors with short memories will find it hard to realise that it is nearly twenty years since the "boom" in Papua started. For three years or thereabouts excitement was at its height; philatelic journals published detailed studies of each denomination of the lithographed issues; controversies raged over thick and thin papers, upright and sideways watermarks, and "large holes" and "small holes" perforations; and several valuable handbooks devoted to the issues of British New Guinea and Papua made their appearance. Then the excitement gradually subsided; fresh candidates for popular favour arose; and of late years Papua has been little heard of. This is the more curious because other stamps which have been produced at the Australian Commonwealth Government Printing Office during the last few years, have proved fruitful subjects for study, and there are several points of interest to be found in the current issue of Papua.

The only articles which I have met with on this subject have appeared in the *Southern Cross Collector*, by J. O. Feil in Volume III, No. 2, and Volume IV, No. 1, and by J. G. Spychiger in Volume III, No. 3. These writers have pointed out a large number of more or less constant flaws, which exist in most values, to some of which I shall refer later on.

Chronological

The first values of the current type to appear were the 1d, 3d and 5/- denominations in 1916, the 3d and 5/- stamps not having been previously included amongst Papuan issues. All three stamps were printed by J. B. Cooke, the then Commonwealth Stamp Printer, and on the bottom margin of the sheets appear the monograms so familiar to Commonwealth specialists, viz., "C.A." below the second stamp of the bottom row and "J.B.C." below the fourth. These stamps, I may add, are printed in sheets of forty, eight rows of five.

In 1919 the ½d value appeared printed by T. S. Harrison, whose imprint appears below the third stamp in the bottom row. In the same year the 1d denomination printed by Harrison also appeared. Compared with the Cooke printing of this value the colour is very different, for whereas the Cooke 1d has the frame coloured carmine, the Harrison 1d ranges from pale red to a dull vermilion. (At the end of 1926, or early in 1927, this value appeared with the centre in quite a new colour—slate-purple.)

Subsequently the remaining values of the series, all printed by Harrison, were placed on sale, the last to be issued being the 1½d and 10/- stamps in 1925. Particulars will be found in the reference list at the end of this article.

The only value which I have seen with A. J. Mullett's imprint is the 1½d and I am not sure exactly when it appeared, but I believe it to have been some time last year. The 1½d value Mullett printing is slightly different from the Harrison printing in shade, the frame being a rather lighter brown and the centre a truer ultramarine.

By a recent mail our publishers obtained a sheet of the 1½d with the John Ash imprint. The colour of the frame now closely resembles that to be found in the Harrison printing of that value, the centre is, however, a much deeper and brighter ultramarine than in former issues.

The Watermark

Papuan stamps are printed on paper which was formerly intended for use in South Australia, and although rumours have appeared, from time to time, that this paper was nearly exhausted, apparently much larger stocks were in hand at the time of the suppression of the South Australian issues than was formerly supposed.

In the great majority of cases on holding up a sheet of Papuan stamps it will be found that the watermark reads to the left, i.e., if the stamps are held with their left side downwards (looking through the face) the watermark will appear in an upright position. This I take to be the normal state of the watermark of the Cooke printings, and of the Harrison printings with the exception of the 6d and the last printing of the 1d, for the watermark in these is inverted, i.e., it reads to the right-hand side of the stamp.

Of course it is possible that any or all values may exist with the watermark inverted, in fact Mr. Feil mentions the ½d denomination in that condition, but these I take to be irregularities, and not the normal state.

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nation has reverted to the normal position with watermark to the left.

Manufacture

The stamps are produced by lithography and I believe that one and the same stone has been employed for the central vignette of all values. There are a number of flaws, some of which, however, are not constant, but in all sheets that I have inspected of the Cooke and Harrison printings, there is a distinct weakness in the shading in the right-hand bottom corner of the vignette on the fourth stamp of the third row, i.e., No. 14. On this stamp, if well centred copies are taken, it will be found that the white space, above and to the left of the right-hand numeral of value, is considerably larger than in the other stamps on the sheet, and I think that this is conclusive evidence as to the existence of only one stone for printing the central vignette. In the Mullett and Ash printings there seems to have been a certain amount of retouching on the vignette stone in this position, but it is not very marked.

On the last Harrison printing of the 1d (slate-purple centre) and on the Mullett printing of the 1½d value there is a very distinct flaw in the upper portion of the vignette on the second stamp of the top row. This consists of a white scratch which starts below the second "a" of "Papua" and runs diagonally downwards to just above the left-hand sail of the lakatoi. From the sheet of the Ash printing of the 1½d denomination before me, I can see that some attempt has been made, not altogether successfully, to remove the flaw by retouching.

On the frame stones of all values there are a number of flaws which Messrs. Feil and Spychiger have tabulated, but which I do not propose to go very fully into here. Three are, however, worthy of special mention.

On the 1½d stamp, the first stamp of the top row has the word "Postage" on the right-hand side of the stamp spelt "Postace." On the first stamp of the seventh row of this value, the little bulge in the line which connects the two bunches of leaves in the bottom corners is considerably enlarged, the drawing of the leaves is also not normal, and it seems probable that this is a retouch on the stone; it was present in the first printing of this value.

In the 6d denomination the second stamp of the sixth row has the word "Postage" on the left-hand side of the stamp spelt "Postace."

General Observations

With the exception of those which might serve to distinguish the different printings of the stamps I have made no reference to the many shades which occur. These exist in all values, especially in the ½d and 2½d. Some of the shades of the latter value are indeed remarkable; I believe that the colour of that stamp is particularly liable to be affected by climatic influence, and many of its varieties might be better described as "fades" than "shades."

Some comment has been aroused by the action of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in considerably increasing the catalogue quotations of this issue in their recent supplement. This was due, I believe, to their impression that the stamps were obsolete, having been superseded by an issue printed on unwatermarked paper. The 6d denomination was accorded the greatest rise. It has been freely stated that this stamp is not at present on issue in Papua, the stamp of that value on sale being the 6d orange-brown (S.G. 98). I believe that large stocks of the orange-brown stamp remained to be worked off when the 6d bi-colour was issued, but the latter has always been available on demand, and only last month our publishers, on writing to Port Moresby for a supply of the bi-coloured 6d, had their order executed in full.

The publication of the statement that the stamps were to be issued on unwatermarked paper is to be regretted. In consequence thereof there has been a good deal of speculation in the current issue, the 6d value having been singled out for particular attention. Copies have changed hands for what, in view of the facts, can only be described as ridiculous prices, and those who have purchased at high figures are, I believe, doomed to disappointment.

Reference List

Printed by J. B. Cooke
Watermark to left.
1d black and carmine (1916).
3d black and blue-green (1916).
5/- black and olive-green (1916).
Printed by T. S. Harrison
(a) Watermark to left.
½d myrtle and olive-green (1919).
Variety, watermark inverted.
1d black and dull red (1919).
1½d grey-blue and brown (1925).
Variety, "Postace."
Variety, retouched frame line.
2d chocolate and purple (1920).
2½d myrtle and ultramarine (1921).
4d brown and orange (1920).
1/- sepia and olive (1921).
2/6 marone and pink (1921).
10/- green and pale ultramarine (1925).
(b) Watermark to right.
1d slate-purple and dull red (1926 ?).
Variety, "rift in clouds."
6d dull and bright purple (1923).
Variety, "Postace."
Printed by A. J. Mullett
Watermark to right.
1½d ultramarine and dull brown (1927).
Variety, "Postace."
Variety, retouched frame line.
Variety, "rift in clouds."
Printed by John Ash
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MONCTON TO SYDNEY

The Post Office Department of Canada has secured the respect and admiration of philatelists everywhere by the uniformly successful designs of its postage stamp issues and the unimpeachable manner in which its philatelic activities have always been carried on. The design and workmanship of its stamp issues are recognized as among the very finest known to collectors, and the fact that they are entirely the product of Canadian craftsmen and printers lends added interest and value to the achievements.

The newest major development of the postal services of the world—air mail service—has brought into existence a distinct and most interesting phase of philately, the permanent value of which must be apparent to the most conservative collector. Canada's contributions to "aero-philately" bid fair to set an example to the other postal administrations of the world. Her air mail stamp is a chaste design, symbolic in nature and happily conceived, depicting winged genii hovering over the Northern Hemisphere, an aeroplane in the empyrean and the outline of the Dominion of Canada discernible below. The frequency with which this design has been accorded a place of honour in books and catalogues relating to air mail stamps is a sufficient indication of the admiration it has aroused on every side.

It is perhaps in the originality and excellence of design and workmanship of her air mail "cachets" that Canada may be said to lead the world. These rubber stamps which, of course, are the delight of "first flight cover" enthusiasts all over the globe have attained a degree of artistic excellence in Canada, which is little short of astounding when one considers that the medium is merely an ordinary rubber stamp, usually impressed under conditions of great haste and difficulty in a busy Post Office when the mail is being closed. Here again the achievement is entirely Canadian. The romantic and picturesque features of the country, both historic and contemporary, are being used to excellent advantage on the more recent inaugural flights. However, the fact that these cachets depict wild Indians, Eskimos, buffalo and other more or less extinct species would deceive no one who is conversant with the progressive, civilized and law-abiding democracy known as Canada, as to the conditions existing there at the present day.

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LANSDOWNE (PA.) EXHIBITION

By Geo. M. Emery.

The Lansdowne (Pa.) Stamp Club, which now enjoys the largest membership of any suburban Philadelphia philatelic organization, will hold its fourth annual exhibition Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30. R. W. Swearington, exhibition chairman, has been busy for weeks completing arrangements for the show, to be held in the spacious offices of the Lansdowne Bank and Trust Co., who contribute each year the display quarters. The judges will be Charles J. Phillips, Philip H. Ward, and Eugene Klein, well-known experts.

The exhibition will be divided into sections as follows:—*A*—U. S. and possessions; *B*—Gr. Britain and Colonies, other than in Section B2; *B2*—Br. No. America, including Insular Colonies; *C*—European countries and Colonies; *D*—Other countries in North, Central or South America; *E*—Other countries in Asia, Africa, Oceanica or Australia; *F*—Specialties; (*F1*)—Cancellations; (*F2*)—Covers; (*F3*)—Proofs and Essays; *G*—General Collections; *H*—Rarities; *I*—Juniors; *J*—Non-Members; *K*—A Grand Prize for best exhibit in the show (open to members only). Three prizes will be awarded in each section: blue, red and green.

In view of the fact that awards will not be made to Club members who have previously received prizes in Club exhibits, much new material will be brought out by Lansdowne collectors. Some members will display portions of their collections shown in previous years, but not in competition. A majority of the exhibits will be spread out on glass covered tables, and some will be shown in specially constructed glass frames owned by the Club and used for wall display.

Among the notable collections shown will be U. S. Proofs and Essays, by Clarence W. Brazer, of Lansdowne, Pa. Mr. Brazer's philatelic activities cover only the last few years, but he has assembled what is believed to be the most complete and valuable collection in existence. His collection of U. S. adhesives and envelopes, now virtually complete, is

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Precancelled Stamps

A. F. Gamber, *Editor*,
Valley City, N. D.

A Pacific Coast reader of this paper, who regards precancels as the "JOKE (capitals his) of stamp collecting," says, "Did it ever occur to you what a little printing press can do after the stamps of your hobby get beyond the $1 per thousand stage?" We can leave to one side his joke regarding precancels. His opinions are his own business, but his query as to the possible usefulness of a printing press comes in very pat, as it is typical of the attitude many non-precancel collectors take. Yes, indeed, Mr. West Coast, many have had that little thought, and some of them as a result have enjoyed years of free board and room at your Uncle Samuel's expense. One recently did in Portland, Oregon, another one did at Leavenworth, and another is now on the inside of Atlanta Penitentiary, thinking upon the error of his reckoning. Precancels may or may not be the "joke" of stamp collecting, all depending upon one's viewpoint, but this printing press idea is far from being a joke. We extend you a hearty challenge to try to carry your idea out into concrete practice, and see how far you'll get with precancel collectors with it. And how much trouble you'll get into with postal authorities over it.

Here are some more new towns and types, what can you report in any of them: CAMPGAW, N. J., 1c compound, type U-82; LAUREL, MONT., 1½c compound, type U-82; DEPERE, WIS., type U-82, 1c compound; CARBONDALE, PA., type U-63, 5c compound; CHEYENNE, WYO., type U-63, 25c.

Once the projected new set comes fully into use, how long will it be ere the current set will have been fully retired? Some years, if we may take the 1917 set as any criterion. Two cities as large as Charleston, W. Va., and Saginaw, Mich., are now, or recently have been, using the old 30c precancelled, the former in its tiny type electro, the latter in its recently acquired U-12. At this rate we'll be seeing values of the present set appearing as late as 1935 or 1936. We should live so long!

The janitor wants to know how come these old issue values are just coming into use at those cities, when the Agency no longer has them. Because both offices had small quantities of them underneath more recently received supplies of the current set, and they have but lately gotten down to them. Or, in either or both cases, they had such a big stock of

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e stamps on hand that they haven't used them all up. I recall a similar in this state some years ago. The master at Hannaford, when the reg- rate was reduced from 10c to 8c, red an enormous stock of the 8c , he seemed to think that the re- ion of 2c in the registry rate would lt in a huge increase in the register- practice. He had a big stock of e stamps on hand long after other es had forgotten such a stamp had

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Some more precancelled envelopes in local typeset types to report: Dr. Randall shows me a new Carrollton type, one line of serifed caps and lower case 29mm long, between bars ½mm thick, 38mm long, and 5½mm apart. On the 1c circular die white size 8, and the 2c circular die white size 5. Rev. Markham showed me recently another such type, in two lines, Carrollton in caps and lower case 18mm long, OHIO in caps 9mm long and 3mm high, between bars ½mm thick, 21mm long and 14½mm apart, on 1c circular. A cut square, so I can't give the size. At the Kansas City convention I saw positively the gem: a size 8 white precancelled in *two* types, both locally typeset: JOPLIN MO in one line of tiny, plain caps 1¾mm high between hair lines 21mm long and 7mm apart; over it the same in one line of large plain caps 3mm high between bars 1mm thick, 34mm long and 9mm apart. A rambling guess would indicate that the first overprint didn't suit the local postmaster because it was too small, so he ordered the job done over in a larger and more striking type. I hope to tell you the result is a striking piece of work, the person who couldn't be interested in that, wouldn't give 5c to see the world come to an end.

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Dr. Mitchell calls me on a recent note. The RRDO error, which was said to occur on a certain Colorado Springs type, really occurs on a certain Grand Junction type instead (type I). One good result of making an error, it shows that at least *one* person reads carefully what is written.

Speaking of errors, we should have included among them the missing lower bar variety that comes from Owensboro, Ky., on its U-10 electro. This is not strictly an error, but the result of a break. C. C. Damon sends along a vertical pair with lower stamp carrying the marginal strip, to show its location in the bottom row (horizontal). However, it doesn't extend clear across, as I have a pair of the 2c due from there, one with no lower bar, the other with.

Mr. Damon also sends a couple Nashville old type Bureaus, compound perf., whereon the T is broken to look like the right half of a capital Y. And also a Denver old type 1c Bureau, whereon the second O is broken to look like G.

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At the International Exhibition at New York in 1926 a special section was created for the best arranged, annotated and mounted collection in the show. However, no such section was included at the recent Minneapolis Exhibition by the Exhibition Committee, and the writer constitutes himself a committee of one to make an unofficial award.

A couple of hours were well spent on already tired feet making a special inspection of all the collections. It became apparent at the outset that several outstanding collections, rich in material, were not fully or properly arranged or written up. Among such collections were Mason's New Yorks, Knapp's Western Expresses, Brazer's Proofs and Essays, Lichtenstein's Nova Scotias, Capes and Mauritius, Diamant's Mexico, to mention a few. Their owners in many cases are authorities on the respective subjects shown, yet had to be eliminated from consideration for this reason.

Then again, there were other collections most artistically mounted, arranged and lettered, yet after looking into their respective subjects, we decided to omit them from consideration. One of the most attractive exhibits in the whole show was Dole's Portraits on Postage Stamps. The arrangement, condition of specimens and lettering was probably unexcelled, yet it did not cover a real philatelic subject. Another eye-opener was Clark's Patriotics, well worth a trip half way across the Continent to see—historical, certainly, yet despite their popularity Patriotics *are not true philatelic items.*

After a second trip around the Exhibition hall and making special note of a dozen or more collections, we decided to make three tests: (a) Which was the outstanding collection displaying the most masterful and thorough study of a Pure or True philatelic subject. (b) The collection must be so annotated that the tyro, after having studied it, could go away with a complete understanding of the subject shown; and (c) The arrangement, neatness, and method of mounting were to be considered, as well as completeness considering the scope of the subject and the various philatelic problems encountered, for obviously a collection dealing with a simple subject could be fully covered while the last could never be written on a more complex matter. This may not be strictly adhering to the title of this article, "The best arranged, annotated and mounted collection," yet being unofficial, we exercise our divine philatelic right to follow fancy's whims.

An Unofficial Award

After eliminating various collections from consideration for the above reasons, the choice of a winner narrowed down to three:

Beverly King's *United States Postage Dues* and *Special Deliveries* were entered separately, yet may be treated as one. These collections showed the history and development of the stamps, included some very rare proofs and essays. The writing up was done in pencil, and while it is easy to criticize, more could have been done in referring to rates and uses as shown by covers to make it of greater philatelic interest. This we give the Phantom Third Prize.

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re *Chinese Express Delivery Stamps*, we cannot do better than quote in the owner's (James Starr) descrip-

This collection exhibits the entire se- of Express Stamps from the first through the demonetizing sur- ges. At least part of every cataloged ip is shown, and in most cases entires, and reconstructed used stamps. Each is fully written up and the Chinese acters translated, the mounting and ing up being the work of the owner." nnotations are made in ink, and the k is that of a born philatelist. It the Winner a somewhat close second. ne most interesting exhibit in the le show, in our opinion, is Thomas t's *Confederates, General Issues.* A f historical introduction is given in h a letter of John Brown and se- d provisionals and "stampless" cov- are shown. The collection is divided three sections, principal of which are lithographed stamps. The plating is of the most unique things about the ction. Accompanying reconstructed plates of stamps are descriptive charts, ruled off to the size of the individual stamps and sheets. In each space is an enlargement of the particular portion of the stamp which contains the most outstanding flaw or variety differing from the normal. Some of the reconstructing work is original, while other portions are very naturally the work of others. Stones 1 and 2 of the 5c green, 1861-2, are shown completely plated; of the 5c blue of 1862, stone 2 is shown plated; and stone 3 is shown partly plated, both in dark and in chalky blue. Examples of shifts, shades and sub-varieties are shown in profusion, and various printings and shades are shown of the later engraved stamps. A complete study has not been made of postmarks, as shown in the frames on display, yet many odd looking and interesting cancellations are to be noted. The writing-up is done in ink, and every stamp or cover is enclosed in a black frame. The lettering is done in small block letters, entirely in the handwriting of the exhibitor himself. All headings or titles are underscored in red.

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12	5c blue	.20	.10
13	10c yellow	.50	—
29	8c on 50c bistre brown	.50	—
30	8c on 50c bistre brown	.35	—
	1906 Surcharge reading up		
31	2c scarlet & black	.60	—
	Surcharge reading down		
32	1c green & black	.06	.04
32a	horiz. pair, imperf. between	8.00	—
32c	Z of ZONE missing, in block with 3 normal copies	2.00	—
33	2c scarlet & black	.08	.04
	2c deep scarlet & black	.06	.04
33a	2c carmine lake & black	.60	—
34	5c light blue & black	.15	.04
	Fine used blocks of four	—	.40
34	5c deep blue & black	—	.04
34a	5c ultramarine & black	—	.06
35	8c purple & black	.30	.15
36	10c violet & black	.35	.15
	1909 Surcharge reading down		
37	2c vermilion & black	.35	.12
38	5c deep blue & black	.40	.03
39	8c violet & black	.60	.20
40	10c violet & black	—	.18
	1909-10		
41	1c green & black	.03	.02
42	2c vermilion & black	.04	.02
43	5c deep blue & black	—	.02
43a	5c double surcharge	20.00	—
44	8c violet & black	—	.12
45	10c violet & black	—	.08
	1911-14		
46	10c on 13c gray	—	.06
47	10c gray	—	.12
	1915-20		
48	1c dark green & black	.20	—
49	2c carmine & black	—	.20
50	5c blue & black	.30	—
51	10c orange & black	.50	—
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54	24c yellow brown & black	—	.25
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	1921-1924		
57	1c green	.05	.03
58	2c carmine	.06	.03
59	5c blue	—	.08
60	10c violet	—	.20
61	15c light blue	—	.20
62	24c black brown	—	.60
64	1c dark green	.20	—
65	2c carmine	.15	.08

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PONY EXPRESS ENVELOPES

(The following clipping is taken from the Los Angeles "Record" and is sent us by H. B. R. Briggs, the editor and publisher of this enterprising daily. It will prove interesting reading and demonstrate that there are sidelines of philately in which good prices can be commanded. It will be noted that W. R. Parker, who has long been interested in Pony Express covers, figured prominently in the purchase of these rarities at the Watson auction.—W. O. W.)

Two faded, old envelopes sold Monday night in Los Angeles for more than $1,000 each, with eager buyers bidding hotly against each other.

On the envelopes are stamps of the famed Pony Express, fleet frontier mail service of the days of the California pioneers. On the backs of the same envelopes curious labels of the Wells, Fargo Express, and some early U. S. postage stamps as well, the 3-cent stamps of the 1851 issue.

The two old covers were sold at the Philatelic Club quarters, Commercial Club building, in the monthly auction conducted by C. S. Watson Co.

W. R. Parker of Oroville, Cal., was the purchaser. For one cover he paid $1,300; for the other $1,110. These are the highest prices ever realized for single pieces in a Los Angeles stamp auction, and also break the record for prices ever paid for Pony Express covers.

The two high priced stamp rarities were part of a recent "find" made by a stamp collector on visits to some of the pioneer towns of Arizona and Nevada. They came from files in old court houses

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WATERBURY ENTERTAINS

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On Oct. 28, the Waterbury (Ct.) Stamp Club enjoyed a visitation of members from the Fort Orange Stamp Club representing the cities of Albany, Troy and Hudson, N. Y. The Club members entertained their guests at dinner at the Waterbury Country Club, following which the company gathered at the Guild Room of the All Souls Church, where a most interesting meeting was held. After an address of welcome by the Pres. A. A. Baldwin, the meeting was turned over to Elliott Ryder, of Troy, who introduced the following exhibitors, who showed some of their philatelic treasures:—

G. L. Habbert, Troy, rare United States stamps of early issue on and off covers; W. W. Reynolds, Albany, specialized collection of three cent stamp of 1869 issue; Charles E. Brind, Albany, stamps of the Netherlands; Louis I. Swartz, Albany, 20th century stamps of United States in blocks of four and in unused condition; Wendover Neefus, Hudson, "30 miles collection" stamps and envelope cancellations of Columbia county; Elliott Ryder, Troy, collection of great number of varieties of stampless covers; W. L. L. Peltz, Albany, collection of railroad and steamboat cancellations on revenue stamps. Three Connecticut postmasters were among those who enjoyed the exhibit.

The Waterbury Stamp Club was organized in January, 1921, and meets the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in the library of the Mattatuck Historical Society. It has about 50 men in its membership, some of whom reside in New Britain, Naugatuck, Southington, Torrington and Watertown.

NEW GERMAN CHARITY STAMPS

ESSEN, GER., Oct. 23.

The papers contain an official announcement to the effect that this year's series of charity stamps will be on sale from Nov. 1 up to and including January 15, 1930. The set will again consist of 5 values, similar in design to the one previously used, viz.:—5, 8, 15, 25, 50pf, the selling prices being 7, 12, 20, 35, 90pf respectively=M 1.64 per set, or about 40c U. S. currency.

It will be remembered that last year's issue of charity postage stamps was sold at a premium of 100% over face, which was generally complained of as being excessive, and which induced the public to make use of the stamps on a moderate scale only. With a view to creating a more satisfactory result in the present instance, the P. O. Dept. has authorised a marked reduction of the excess, which in the case of the 50pf value reaches a maximum of 80%, while in regard to the other 4 denominations the excess ranges from 33⅓ to 50% only.

The new stamps will be demonetised June 30, 1930; they will, therefore, be valid for postage purposes for eight months. In addition to the adhesive stamps an 8pf domestic postal card will be placed on sale. Its selling price has been fixed at 12pf a piece.

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NEWARK STAMP EXHIBITION

The Collectors League of New Jersey will have an exhibition in the Newark (N. J.) Museum, 49 Washington St., Nov. 6 to Dec. 6. Daily from 11 to 6, also 7 to 9 P. M., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sundays and holidays, 2 to 6. There will be many interesting exhibits on display, including 14 frames of U. S. stamps from the combined collections of Edward C. Worden, Milburn, and Leo Rutstein, Maplewood. The mountings, some of which are quite elaborate, are mainly from the pen of Arthur Goldman of Newark. There will be no admission charge.

DAYTON EXHIBITION. NOV.

Walter C. Ritter sends us a clip from the *Dayton Journal* of Dayton, giving us the particulars of a stamp hibition which will be held at the gineers Club Nov. 16, afternoon and e ing. It will be under the auspices of Dayton Philatelic Society. The par lar point of interest in connection the exhibition will be the stamps of gressman Roy G. Fitzgerald, who re ly returned from a European trip. congressman has been enthusiastic a stamp collecting for years, and is a m ber of the local society.

RETURN OF L. W. CHARLAT

L. W. Charlat, after an extensive abroad in which he has visited Engl France, Holland, Germany, Switzerl Austria and Denmark, has resumed a connection with the stamp business established himself in the down t New York philatelic district, at Broadway. He has taken out a cont with the WEEKLY, and his adverti will be found regularly each week be ning with the issue of Nov. 18. Charlat is an old advertiser in WEEKLY, and we shall be pleased to him back again in our columns.

DOINGS AT THE SUBURBAN C

The November meetings of the urban to be held at the American Ho Hanover St., Boston, on the 7th and promise to be very interesting. On 7th D. V. Armen will show his U and a fine lot of British Colonies. Nov. 21 Mr. Bixby will show his U envelopes.

The Boston Philatelic Society will the Suburban on Nov. 21, the first number of inter-society visits that being arranged. This will be a not meeting.

The first meeting in December have a donation auction to provide fu for a real Christmas party.***The Pr dence Society invited the Subu to be their guests Tuesday evening, 5.***The attendants at the last two m ings has averaged over 70, and new m bers are being added right along, latest being Tom V. Binmore, Geo. Hynes, and Frank H. Haines.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—The account of the meeting of Waterbury (Ct.) Club, comes to us courtesy of Rev. A. T. Gesner, who s us a clipping from a local paper. Gesner pays a warm tribute to the latelists who visited them on the eve in question, and believes that this i change of visits between clubs will a great impetus to stamp collecting.

—Unofficial cachet, Northampton, Nov. 11, American Legion. Letters der cover to R. I. Weiss.

—Navy Day was observed by Ind apolis, Ind., with special cachet Oct. A very ornate gilt cachet was applie covers. Specimen from Harry Ioor

—Clarksville, Tenn., celebrated opening of airport Oct. 28. Special m ing applied to mail. Cover from Bryce F. Runyon.

—Claude P. Neet writes us that Petersburg, Fla., may have special chet on extension of CAM 25 by De If you want to take the risk send co to C. of C.

—Rene Boon sends us a Belgium clipping which condemns in no uncer language the set of 9 "orval" stamps cently surcharged in commemoratio the beginning of Prince Leopold's b ing operations. Owing to the manne which the sale of this set has been ducted local philatelic societies passed resolutions condemning the and recommending that dealers refus have anything to do with them.

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Editorial

THE new catalogue is out and the eighty-sixth edition of the Standard for 1930 is here on the day advertised and distribution of the volume has been widely made by this time. With the release of the catalogue, there is always a forward movement in stamps, and now there looms pleasantly before us a season of activity in which a greater number of people will participate than ever before. A volume of over 1,800 pages shows that there is substance to philately.

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THE gyrations of the stock market have not added to the joys of any stratum of citizenry of the country, one may observe. As for collectors they can get away from the moil and toil of the marts of trade by immersing themselves in their stamps. They have an advantage over others who have no buffer of the kind.

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THERE has been a tendency among unphilatelic writers to emphasize the necessity of cultivating a hobby if man is to live a well rounded life, and in the lists of suggested avocations, we find stamps have their place, as a rule. We thank those who have sent in clippings from various sources dwelling upon the hobby theme.

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THE Honorable W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general, contributes an article to the *United States Daily* with the heading, "Transportation of Mails Utilizes Vehicles of Diverse Types. Airplanes, Railroad, Automobile, Steamship, Motorboat, Horse and Wagon, and Dogsled in Postal Service." The lowly mule could have been included in the enumeration, since it does its bit. The article is an intelligent analysis of the conditions affecting the air mail service, and its conclusion is: "The post office department will continue to encourage an intelligent use of the air mail service."

TO those who have sent in first day covers of various kinds, we extend our thanks, and our friends may know that we appreciate their thoughtfulness even though acknowledgment may not be made to them individually. Clippings are always welcome and they are received in large number. Naturally, a great percentage of them cannot be used in their entirety, but even so, they sometimes suggest lines of thought that may be pursued to advantage.

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THE editor and publisher of the Los Angeles *Record* is H. B. R. Briggs, and in him philately has a friend at court even though he must be the busiest of men as we cannot conceive of any more exacting and responsible positions than those of editor and publisher of a Scripps-Canfield newspaper. Yet Mr. Briggs likes his British colonials and covers as befitting a member of the American Philatelic Society. Our duty done with this little reference to Mr. Briggs, we proceed to say that his Los Angeles *Record* of October 22nd contains a fine philatelic spread with a picture of two Pony Express covers that occupies a quarter page. The text is descriptive of an auction sale by the C. S. Watson Company that included these masterpieces. We quote: "Two 'Pony Express' covers bought at Monday night's auction by W. R. Parker of Oroville, California, for record-breaking prices. At the top, a unique piece selling at $1,110. Below, the $1,300 piece. Note the blocks of 'Pony Express' stamps which caused the hot bidding. On the reverse of each envelope are Wells-Fargo labels and early U. S. postage stamps." Elsewhere, we hope to make provision for the text as given in the newspaper.

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THE following skit comes from "an occasional attendant" at stamp meetings . . . cigarettes, cigars, pipes . . . we hope that none of the stamps become ash-receivers . . . the airy glad-hander, professionally cheerful . . . the president assuming the dignity of office and signalling the hard-working secretary to get ready . . . the member who answers the roll with a bellow . . . the one who doesn't answer at all . . . business . . . "we ought to so-and-so" . . . "in the Claro Club they" . . . the introduction of visitors . . . the introduction of the distinguished visitor by the president who delegates a member to further introduce him . . . the buyers, sellers and exchangers with their eyes glued on the stamps, at the table . . . wise-cracks and personal remarks allegedly humorous . . . cackles . . . stock-stamps and the other kind . . . plans for more members, for more entertainment, for the annual banquet . . . "there's a lot of big collectors who have never heard of the society" . . . committee reports progress . . . chairman committee not present . . . committees appointed . . . the dour member, the gabby member, the member with ideas . . . a little auction sale with the auctioneer in fine spirits which droop with the prices . . . meeting is over . . . some members stay and hold little courts . . . suburban boys duck . . . good night!

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A CORRESPONDENT says: "I have become interested in stamps again after a lapse of years, and find that many changes have taken place during my long vacation from philately. Prices on some of the U. S. have mounted so high that I should think that they would be as dizzy as they make me. You may not remember but I was one of the first collectors of U. S. dollar denominations in blocks, beginning with the Columbians, and when I see the prices at which such things are now held, even singly, I have a distinct and localized pain. You may recall what a brisk market there was in the unwatermarked values of the 1894 issue, and how some of us made a pretty penny when the sun shone. As a consequence of the discovery of the 2c counterfeit stamp of that issue, the government decided to watermark the stamps of the set then current. The change was made suddenly and the realization came to collectors that some of the stamps, the high values in particular, would be desirable in unwatermarked condition. (In the lower denominations, we had high hopes for the 8c.) Chicago was about the only city that had quantities of the $1, $2 and $5 denominations of 1894 in stock, at the post office, when the news broke and a few sharp-sighted men there smelled them out, and what is more to the point, they arranged what practically was a 'lien' on the lot. Then, an active traffic began in the stamps, with Chicago as the focal point. The WEEKLY of 1895 will bear testimony to the interest that was excited in these stamps. Cablegrams came from Germany, for instance, and there was a stampede to get the stamps at prices that allowed a *very* good margin over face. Prices were well maintained and all went as merrily as the proverbial wedding bell, but toward the end of the episode, a scandal broke in the newspapers, in which it was charged that one of the clerks at the stamp window kept back the unwatermarked stamps for preferred customers through subsidizing said clerk, but the case petered out. However, looking at the prices asked today for the stamps, they have proved to be the best of property. The difference between the watermarked and the unwatermark stamps is not marked, yet I rememb that my eye became trained by pract to mark the whitish crackly gum of t 1894 and to detect the watermark in t 1895 issue." Here is an echo of the pa We can call to mind the "brisk mark that there was for the 1894 issue, a while the prices asked in 1895 were hi enough, they are small in comparis with those of the present day. The c respondent had the right idea in colle ing high value blocks, but he did not ke his stamps long enough to cash in on we should judge.

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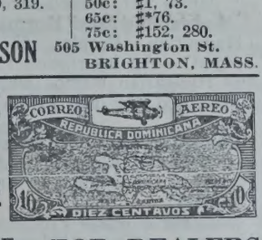

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About once a week I receive a request from someone that I furnish him with advance information on events that turn up too late to appear here. I should like nothing better than to do this, but it is simply a physical impossibility. It's all I can possibly do to keep up these notes, and the truly voluminous correspondence proceeding from them. A carbon copy of each writeup goes to R. A. Brooks for his bulletin service, and to Sec. L. B. Gatchell for the A. A. M. S. Bulletin, and to E. D. MacLennan, cover manager for the Cleveland Air Mail Society, and they broadcast the usable information to a great many of you, I know.

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Stephen H. Smith, Honorary Secretary Aero Philatelic Club of India, sends me a most complete check list of all Indian flights, which will be invaluable to all collectors of these covers.***The 1st issue of the *Air Mail and Precancel Journal* has put in its appearance, published at 3127 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Gives promise of being a very worthwhile paper, and a sample copy will doubtless be sent on request.***William G. McAdoo has submitted a proposal to the P. O. Dept. offering to carry air mail across the continent for $2.10 per lb., as compared to the much higher rates now in effect. This opens up various possibilities such as all first class mail by air, more stops, etc., which will bear watching.

Official Items

You'll note I said "items" instead of "flights" this time, as I have something to chronicle which I have not seen mentioned any place at all thus far. Included in a lot of covers recently received for a forthcoming auction were two mailed from Nicaragua to Canal Zone Sept. 7, franked with the orange surcharged air mail stamp, *with overprint inverted!* Inquiry from the owner furnishes the information that these are two of three which were spotted in this mail, and that he knows of no others in collectors' hands. I should be much interested to know whether this error has turned up elsewhere.***Same lot of covers includes another FAM I had not before seen—first flight Cristobal to Buenaventura and Tumaco, Colombia, May 24th—cachet in black.

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First mail from Argentina by the completed FAM 9 route was reported in New York, Oct. 23rd. I regret to say that none of my covers have showed up, so I can't give the details yet. Letters left Buenos Aires Oct. 12.***George Street shows me a cover from this flight addressed to Cuba, of which he says there were but 20. This bears no cachet, but has the Buenos Aires "Via Aerea" cancellation of the 12th, backstamped the 21st. He says also that no mail directly from Chile to Buenos Aires was accepted, but only mail in *transit*, that is, mailed from points farther north, and passing through Chile en route.***You will do well to consult last week's Stop Press column for information about the first Venezuela-U. S. mail, soon to come.

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At the same time Canal Zone was using the cachet mentioned last week for the first Argentine flight, mail left Panama on the same flight bearing a small first flight cachet "Primer Vuelo Colon-Argentina." I repeat—watch Panama as well as Canal Zone on these flights.***I note an advertisement for the first flight Tela, Honduras-U. S., for Sept. 21st. Another new one on me.

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Major C. M. Lopez and Dr. Walter Hess send valuable data on the West Indian flight. Total letters from San Juan, including mail sent from Miami, Cuba, Haiti, and San Domingo, as follows: To St. Thomas—5,619, St. Johns—2,719, Port Castries—2,378, Port of Spain—4,251, Georgetown — 2,448, Paramaribo — 5,935. About 30% of these from San Juan alone, the balance from the other terminals named, mostly Miami, of course. Letters received at San Juan from Miami, postmarked Sept. 22, and were dated at Miami anywhere from the 12th to the 20th, and were cacheted at San Juan. Mail from Miami after the 20th received the cachet at Miami, and does not bear the San Juan postmark at all. There are a few extra varieties for you, all right. As intimated last week, only southbound mail from St. Thomas, V. I., was supposed to receive the cachet, though I received one sent northward with it on. Mail received addressed to San Juan was as follows: From Paramaribo—435, Georgetown—545, from Port of Spain—501, Port Castries—571, St. Johns—656, St. Thomas—946. At Nassau, Bahamas, were received the following: from St. Thomas—20, Port Castries—17, Trinidad—13. Yeah—just try for complete coverage of all old and new points on this route!

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Greenfield, Mich., is the little old-time town which Henry Ford has established as his museum of Americana at Dearborn. Apparently a post office is part of the equipment, for on Oct. 21st, the occasion of Mr. Edison's visit and the accompanying celebration, there appeared a cancellation from Greenfield, machine type, "Edison Celebration — Light's Golden Jubilee — 1879-1929." This, accompanied by the unofficial cachet for the return of the National Air Tour to Dearborn, makes an attractive cover.

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Referring to the Georgia flood mail mentioned last week, Geo. C. Harvey tells me he has covers, supposedly carried by the special service, backstamped Millen, Ga., Oct. 5, Swainsboro, Oct. 3, Waynesboro, Oct. 1, and Augusta, Oct. 5.*** Victor M. Saurez tells me that Mexico will celebrate Aviation Week the first week of December, and that 2 special stamps will be issued, values 5c and 15c, Mexican. Doubtless a special cachet also, and I'd suggest covers and money order

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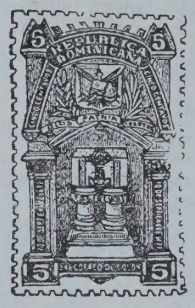
Dominican Republic, 1899

By A. C. LeDuc.

In Feb., 1899, a set of stamps was issued by the Dominican Republic to raise funds to build a mausoleum for the remains of Columbus. The set consists of eleven values besides minor varieties. There are eight different designs to the set, all of which are elaborate, and in spite of the size of the stamps they appear to be crowded.

The 1 centavo pictures the voyage of Mendez from Jamaica to the island of Santo Domingo. This stamp comes in brown-violet and in green. The 2 centavos shows Enriquillo's rebellion and is printed in rose. The 5 centavos, in blue, shows the sarcophagus of Columbus.



The 10 centavos shows an emblematical figure of Spain guarding the remains of Columbus. This stamp is colored orange and is an upright oblong as is the 5 centavos.

The 20 centavos, brown, shows a picture of Toscanelli replying to Columbus, while the 50 centavos, green, pictures Las Casas defending the Indians. The one peso, printed in a grayish-blue shade, shows Columbus at the Salamanca assembly. The two pesos, in a brown upright oblong, depicts the mausoleum of Columbus in Santo Domingo Cathedral.

There were two more values added to this set (both in black) the following year, namely a ¼ centavo in the design of the 5 centavos, and a ½ centavo in the design of the one peso.

Balloon Post

During the Franco-German war of 1870 Paris was for a time entirely surrounded by the enemy and the French resorted to an ingenious expedient for communicating with the outside world. A balloon corps was organised and during the siege no less than 65 balloons were sent up carrying mail for outside points. A great deal of this mail reached its destination, as many of the aeronauts were able to land in places friendly to the French. No special stamps were issued in connection with this service though an enhanced rate of postage was charged and the letters were generally marked "Par ballon monté".

Bits of Information

Bollo Della Posta di Sicilia.—An inscription appearing on the stamps of Sicily meaning "stamp of the Post of Sicily."

Bollo Della Posta Napoletana.—An inscription shown upon all the stamps of Naples which signifies "Stamp of the Neapolitan Post."

Bollo Postale.—An inscription shown upon the stamps of the small republic of San Marino meaning "Postage Stamp."

Bollo Straordinario Per le Poste.—The inscription shown on the so-called newspaper stamp of Tuscany issued in 1854. Its literal meaning is "Stamp extraordinary for the post." The stamp was not a postage stamp in the strict meaning of the term but represented a fiscal tax collected on newspapers coming from foreign countries.

Brunei

I. A British protectorate in northwest Borneo situated between the territory of the North Borneo Company and Sarawak. It has an area of 4,000 square miles and a population of over 10,000. Until 1888 it was an independent Mohammedan state and its Sultan was at one time overlord of the whole of the island of Borneo. Its capital, Brunei, is chiefly built on piles. Postage stamps for use in this Protectorate were first issued in 1906.

II. Some years ago a set of stamps purporting to be a genuine issue for the state of Brunei made their appearance but the history attaching to these labels is so unsatisfactory that they are now generally believed to be a bogus emission. The central portion of the design shows a small vessel on a large expanse of water with a mountain in the background. On each side are palm trees and at the top a five-rayed star is shown.

Avisporto-Maerke

The only inscription appearing upon a series of Danish stamps which are intended to prepay the postage of newspapers sent to non-subscribers. In Denmark newspapers can be ordered through and paid for at any post office, and they are then delivered by the postmen unstamped. These stamps, therefore, are only used on newspapers sent in bulk to the news agents, or on those that are not subscribed for through the postal department.

Study Your Stamps

Oranje Vrij Staat.—The Dutch form for "Orange Free State" as shown upon the earlier stamps of the country now known as the Orange River Colony.

Oriental Inscriptions.—Many stamps bear no inscriptions in Roman characters but are lettered in Arabic or other Oriental devices. Under this heading we find such stamps as Afghanistan, many of the Native States of India, Abyssinia, and Turkey. Those of Afghanistan are usually circular in shape and the center is filled with a tiger's head or a further inscription in native characters; those of Abyssinia show a portrait or a lion with a flag; those of Turkey show a star and crescent; while those of the Indian States can only be identified by reference to the illustrations in a catalogue.

Qrts Post.—The only inscription on one of the stamps of Switzerland issued in 1850.

P.—This letter, overprinted on various stamps of the Straits Settlements, denotes they were intended for use in the native state of Perak.

Porto Gazetei.—The only inscription on some of the early stamps of Roumania.

Posthorn.—A posthorn, surmounted by a crown, forms the design for the early newspaper stamps of Austria and Hungary.

British New Guinea

A British colony comprising the southeastern portion of the island of New Guinea or Papua, which is situated at the extreme northeast of Australia. It has an area of 90,000 square miles and a population of more than 350,000. It was proclaimed a British colony in 1888, and at first the ordinary stamps of Queensland were used there. In 1901, a special set inscribed with the name of the colony, made its appearance. In 1906, the name of the colony was changed to Papua, necessitating the overprinting of the stamps on hand and (in 1908) the issue of a new series bearing the new name.

Lights

By A. C. LeDuc.

The advent of the fiftieth anniversa of the invention of the electric lamp Thomas Edison, and the picturing Edison's first incandescent lamp on a r cent issue of United States stamps, ca to mind other stamps relating to lig The 1890-91 series for British Ea Africa shows a lighted lamp (probab an arc light) as the central design. T motto on each variety is "Light and Li erty." The 12 centavos stamp of t commemorative series of 1902 of the D minican Republic shows a torch bear at one side and an arc lamp on the oth side.

Corner Letters

These were letters running in alph betical sequence introduced into the low angles of the first postage stamps issu in Great Britain as an extra safegua against forgery. In 1858 letters we

placed in all four corners, those in t upper angles being the same as those the bottom corners, but in reverse orde This system of lettering the stamps w not entirely discontinued until the Kin Edward stamps made their appearan in 1902.

Junior Dictionary

Jornaes.—An inscription shown upo certain stamps of Portugal or overprin ed on some of the stamps of Mozan bique for use upon printed matter. Th word means, literally, "Journals."

Mafeking Besieged.—An overpri applied to various Cape of Good Ho and Bechuanaland stamps used in Maf king during the siege of 1899-1900.

Mafia.—The chief town of Germa East Africa at which various provisiona are said to have been issued during th early days of the British occupation 1916. Different German East Africa fiscal stamps were overprinted "O. H. M. S. Mafia" (On His Britannic Maje ty's Service, Mafia) and when this sma supply gave out some of the "I. E. F stamps of India were further overprinte "G. R. — Post — Mafia." These sho lived provisionals were eventually supe seded by an issue of East Africa an Uganda overprinted "G. E. A."

Magdalena.—A department in th republic of Colombia. Provisional typ set stamps were issued here in 1901.

Magyar Nemzeti Kormany Szeged- (Hungarian Peoples Governmen Szeged).—An inscription found on var ous Hungarian stamps which were thu surcharged for use in the Komitat o Szeged.

Magyar Tanacs Koztarsasag—(Hun garian Soviet Republic).—An inscriptio found on the stamps of the republic o Hungary.

Magyar Posta.—Found on stamps o Hungary and mean "Hungarian Post."

Magy. Kir. Hirlap Belyeg.—This in scription is shown upon the journal ta stamps of Hungary and means "Hunga rian Royal newspaper stamp."

Majunga.—The chief port on th northwest coast of Madagascar. Owin to a temporary shortage of 15c stamps i February, 1895, a limited number of pro visionals of this value were made locally all being exceedingly rare.

ilatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

Contributions are solicited. Sign them or as you please. If reply be necessary enclose -addressed stamped envelope.)

t seems that the U. S. Post Office had same trouble in the old days as it is w having with stamps not sticking. l the covers I find are stampless.
Max Smith.

* * *

Mary had a little stamp,
A two cent red, I guess;
She cut a couple o' holes in it,
And wore it for a dress.
—Everett Klaas.

* * *

'll be glad when I'm off you forever,"
d the glue to the postage stamp.
—Chas. C. Ryckman.

* * *

Just "Gas" Work

Collectors should watch Bennett Balin Race covers. They may be in for quick rise, although there is danger of lation.—Chet. Hodgson.

Don't you think that "air" stuff about Graf Zep flying around the world is lotta "baloony"?—Edward Lockwood.

vision England as a small star in the nerican flag.—George Bernard Shaw.

My advice to fool drivers, smokers, d stamp advertisers is: Keep off the as".—Dad Fetchett.

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A man once twisted a donkey's tail;
It kicked him in defence;
But he did not care for on his rear
He had collected a beautiful pair
Of inverted Buroprints.
—Everett Klaas.

* * *

We're there with the bromide. Recently we handed the Juniors a bed-time mp story, and Max Smith remarks: hat story you printed would have put ybody to sleep." Aw now, Max.

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Sweeter Grass Across the Fence

Canadian (chattering with a New rker whom he had just met): "I'm a general collector; I specialize in S."

New Yorker: "Correct! I believe in ing one country and sticking to it. nada is my country."
—Cap'n Townsend.

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GOAT GETTER NO. 8

Don't it almost run you goofy
When some "patronizing" mutt
Comes along and scans your album,
Then remarks, "It ain't so hot"?
—Phil U. Tellem.

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Collectors as a whole don't mind the w stamp issues, says Bobbie Dunlop. t what is filling the asylums is the ck of jokes about the newcomers.

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Ignorant: "How many 'm's' in the rd 'commemorative'?"
Smart Guy: "Three".

* * *

The Indians didn't think
The Ohio River "worth a dam";
But in that they differed
From our dear old Uncle Sam.
—Chas. C. Ryckman.

* * *

Dear Prof. Gummy: Several stamp alers to whom I owe bills have threated to attach my property. But they ven't. What'll I do?
Ans.: Sue them for breach of promise.
—R. E. Dunlop.

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Miss Collector: "Yes, indeed, one can t a good education from studying mps."
Mrs. Dum Nutt: "I suppose that's w applicants for Post Office jobs pass eir examinations."
—Max Smith.

EMS—

A NEAT registry cancel is being used at Manawa, Wis. Covers to Miss retchen Lindow, P. O., will be given oper attention.

ON Nov. 14, the Bloomfield (N. J.) Stamp club will be host to the New rsey Philatelic Federation, at its room the Bloomfield Public Library. In dition to several interesting exhibits, ll be an auction and a general good ne.

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PONY EXPRESS ENVELOPES

(Continued from page 681)

and originally carried legal documents from San Francisco to officials of the territorial courts, all the way on fleet "Pony Express" horses from San Francisco to the interior.

The $1,300 cover was described in the auction catalog as "a gorgeous rarity," with which enthusiastic language the half hundred philatelists present thoroughly agreed.

It bears on its two faces a vertical strip of five of the 25-cent blue Pony Express stamps, another single (No. 6798) a Wells, Fargo frank, type V, on a 3-cent U. S. envelope (No. 2330), with a block of four and a single of the 3-cent U. S. No. 65, all "tied" to the cover with large circular Wells, Fargo express, San Francisco, cancellations.

The other prize piece, selling for $1,110, is considered even more unique than its sister envelope, and if ever offered again at auction is expected to touch $2,000 in price. It bears "a beautiful block of six" and a single of the Pony Express 25-cent red stamp (No. 6799), on a 3-cent U. S. envelope No. 65, with Wells, Fargo label type V, all tied to the envelope with the Wells, Fargo San Francisco cancellation, and a "Too Late" cancellation as well.

These philatelic rarities were recently exhibited in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and drew high mail bids from eastern stamp collectors. A score more Pony Express and Wells, Fargo covers sold at prices ranging to several hundred dollars each.

"I am happy to keep these interesting souvenirs of pioneer days in California," said Parker, after the sale. "They will be part of the collection I will show at the Oakland stamp exhibition Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week."

Los Angeles is rapidly becoming a philatelic center, with half a dozen recognized dealers in stamps, frequent auctions by the Watson firm, B. W. H. Poole, Charles S. Thompson and California Stamp Company. A score or more local collectors and dealers will attend the Oakland exhibition. The American Philatelic Society will hold its annual convention here in 1932, the Olympic games year.

"PLATING"

Many of my readers must have been puzzled on occasion by references to the plating of stamps. While this is rather advanced Philately, it is one of the most fascinating phases of the hobby, and it is at least worth while to know what it means.

Philately, in its best sense, is a study of everything which will enable us to build up the history of a stamp, or an issue of stamps, from the moment when the idea of issuing it was first put forward, down to the present moment—for the history of a stamp is never completed, as it may be forged or faked at any point in time and Philately includes the study of forgeries and takes as well as of the genuine stamps.

Now if we have a stamp which was printed by a process which resulted in small individual differences occurring in the design of every stamp in the sheet, and no complete sheet of that stamp is in existence, it is of great interest to try and reconstruct a sheet from such fragments as may be available, in order that we may see how many stamps there were in the sheet, and in what order these minor variations occur. (It is rather more complicated than that, in many cases, but I am treating the problem simply, on the assumption that every stamp in the sheet we are trying to reconstruct is different in some minor detail from the others.)

Obviously the biggest step we can take is to find the largest blocks of stamps obtainable, and, after these, whatever smaller blocks and pairs, either horizontal or vertical, we can secure. Copies with marginal paper attached are also helpful as they indicate stamps from one or other edge of the sheet. We shall also have a quantity of single specimens of the stamp we are studying and we shall have carefully examined these and made ourselves familiar with the minor variations in the design, which we can identify as being of regular recurrence.

Now, taking our largest block as a starting-point, we look at the other blocks and see whether any stamps on them have minor variations in the design which we can also identify on stamps in our big block. Let us assume that we have a block of nine, each stamp of which shows minor variations in the design. We will call them A to I.

A B C
D E F
G H I

Now we have a vertical block of six stamps, and we find that the two stamps at upper right show characteristics which prove that they are the same as stamps D and G on our block of nine. Laying the two blocks so that they overlap, we have now identified the positions of four more stamps, thus:—

A B C
J D E F
K G H I
L M

Examining our pairs, we may find one in which the right-hand stamp is the same as K in our block of six. This gives us another addition at the left of row K G H I, and if this pair has marginal paper at left it proves to us that the vertical row of which J K L form part is the second vertical row from the left of the sheet.

Continuing the process it will eventually be possible, if sufficient material is found, to reconstruct a complete sheet with the different stamps arranged in the same order as they were when the sheet left the printing press. Obviously all these stamps will not have been in the *same* sheet originally, but as each complete sheet is the same, we have reconstructed a complete sheet, or have "plated" the stamp of which it is composed.

Apart from the design and marginal paper, other factors can be taken into account, particularly the watermark. If the margins of the sheet were watermarked with words or inscriptions, marginal copies can be placed in their relative positions by a careful study of the portions of the watermark which are shown, while if a large watermark covering the entire sheet is a feature (such as the watermark of the first Queen's Head stamps of India) the position of individual stamps in the sheet may often be identified by the portion of the watermark they show.

This philatelic jig-saw work, besides calling for accuracy of observation, provides the excuse for an intensive hunt for stamps, and in the case of a stamp difficult to obtain, it may be years before the keen student finally completes his reconstruction.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

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(U. S. oddities and varieties will be noted in this department. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Postal Regulations

The Postmaster General has called a conference to take place in Washington on November 11, 12 and 13, 1929, at which time, he desires to discuss with large users of mail, certain changes in postal laws and regulations, which have been suggested from time to time by mail users.

The first session which will be presided over by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Frederic A. Tilton, will open on the first day at 10 o'clock, at which time, there will be a discussion of first-class mail, especially in reference to business reply cards and envelopes. At the afternoon session, views will be given on non-metered first-class matter.

The second day's meeting will be devoted to third-class mail, at which time, rates will also be discussed. At the afternoon session, fourth-class mail, as well as other mail sent at a rate less than first-class postage, will be talked about.

On the last day, the morning session will consider second-class mail, whereas the afternoon will be devoted to miscellaneous subjects. All interested in the modification of the postal laws and regulations, are invited to present their views at this time.

Current Oddities

Mr. E. L. Dithridge calls attention to the varying shades of the "Fallen Timbers" stamps. They are to be found even on the same sheet.

Several readers have called attention to sheets of the same stamp, as well as the "Ohio River Canalization" stamp, in which the plate numbers did not print.

These are found quite frequently in most of our recent issues.

Errors

In the Chronicle, listing the Ohio River Canalization stamps, plates No. 19838-19841, were through a printer's error, listed as "curved" plates of four hundred, whereas the little ditto marks should not have been placed under the word "curved" as the stamps are all printed from the flat plates.

Mr. H. W. K. Hale calls attention to discrepancy in the Pierson chart of United States issues and suggests its correction. He writes as follows:

"I think the readers' attention should be called to the error in listing No. 519. As the experienced collector will know, this is the 1908 imperforate, No. 344, with value expressed in words, subsequently perforated 11 by 11. Therefore, the figure '519' should be placed on the third line of the chart and not on the fourth line; but in the same column, of course."

Canal Zone

Mr. Edward Stern of the Economist Stamp Company has located a new Canal Zone error, namely, the 5c blue Roosevelt, flat plate variety, in which the word "CANAL" is found inverted.

This is from the top row of one of the lower panes, hence, all of them have straight edge at the top.

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A NARRATIVE COLLECTION

By H. N. SMEETON.

A narrative collection? What is th Just a form of collecting that I trie short time ago and found rather am ing. Briefly, the idea is to find a sub round which to write a narrative, ill trating one's story with appropr stamps. In my own case I chose "Trav illustrating my subject with air mail map stamps. As it was a first atte at this class of collecting, I deliberat refrained from serious writing up, c fining my narrative to more or less morous lines. The result could not described as a notable addition to science of philately, but as a propaga stunt it could be made into a very defi asset. In this way.

Although the narrative ignores usual details of philatelic writing such as printings, perforations, wat marks, etc., it presents the stamps in s a way as to attract the attention of veriest philistine.

In my experimental narrative collect I mounted an average of four stamps page, arranging the stamps on the side, and writing the narrative on right of the pages. In this case reading matter to each stamp was m or less "self-contained" (though whole made a coherent narrative), s left about an inch space between stamps, connecting the narratives by li terminating in arrow heads ——> In this way continents and oceans w quickly crossed!

If the notion were to be tackled se ously, one could get together some v interesting stamp books. I have an u to form such a collection, taking "View as my subject. To make the narrati really interesting would involve one much study and searching for facts c cerning the subject chosen. Incidental one's store of knowledge would be much the richer at the end.

Such a collection need not entail v great expense as regards buying t stamps. One is not forced to inclu every stamp issued bearing on the su ject of one's narrative. Personally, should choose my subject, then go to t catalogues and compile a list of the m suitable stamps for illustrating my na rative. Then would follow the planni of the display, considering what form t narrative shall take, and the best meth of "illustrating" it. The stamps cou be purchased in the rotation one requir them, and the narrative could be co tinued as one got the stamps.

It would not, in the strictest sense, pure philately, and no doubt serious st dents of our hobby would look upon su collecting with disdain. It would, ho ever, be very attractive stamp collectin Also, it opens up a vision of somethi that at long last will attract the attenti of the outsider to the joys of collectin

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...ip-to-shore service from the Bremen ...ended till further notice, and from ... Ile de France for the winter—both ...nnounced in the *Postal Bulletin* of ... 25. Should make covers from ...nt flights all the better.***And ... gather round and listen to this, boys ... girls. Canada announces new regu... service via the prairie route, opening ...t Dec. 1st, and has provided for 38 ...rent point to point cachets! Here ... are—5c postage via money order, ... your prepared covers to the various ...masters. Winnipeg to Regina, Moose ..., Medicine Hat, Calgary, Saskatoon, ...th Battleford, and Edmonton. Re... to Winnipeg, and the rest as above. ...licine Hat to Winnipeg, Regina, ...se Jaw, Calgary. Calgary to Medi... Hat, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw. ...catoon to Winnipeg, Regina, North ...leford, Edmonton. North Battleford ...Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmon... Edmonton to Winnipeg, Regina, ...th Battleford, Saskatoon. Moose Jaw ... Winnipeg, Regina, Medicine Hat, ...gary.

Unofficial Cachets, Etc.

...orrection on the St. Louis Balloon ... Winner was Ward T. Van Or..., pilot of the "Goodyear." (When I ...te the report, exact measurements ...e still to be made.) Louisville, Ky., ...rs were from the "Belgica." Covers ...n Navy balloon, and "Goodyear" still ...ing. Latter probably thrown over as ...ast near Lebanon, Ind. Local collect... please note. St. Louis Jr. Chamber ... Commerce, sponsors, ask that any ...rs received minus the signatures be ...rned to them, and they will be signed ...omeone prominent in aviation circles. ...Boston, Mass., formerly reported as ...edication early in December, will not ...he rededication of an enlarged port—...ch will take place next spring—but ...bly some formal ceremonies in con...ion with some new facilities. Will ...a cachet, but if you don't wish your ...ers mailed, send stamped envelope for ...rn at once to C. of C.

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...ow many of you noticed that Casa ...nde, Ariz., spelled it "Prosperty"? ...rge Wehlau calls it to my attention. ...Los Angeles C. of C. returns covers ... says no cachet for dedication of ...es Field.***Special flight over Pitts...gh Oct. 23, in connection with the ...ht Jubilee Aerial Parade, mail car... and cacheted by CAM 11.***Glen..., Ill., dedicated Oct. 20—no cachet, ... red postmark.***Menlo Park had a ...ial cachet for the Jubilee on the 21st. All covers backstamped Metuchen, N. J., same morning. Special flight?

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Curtis-Reynolds Airport dedication at Glenview, Ill., Oct. 20—purple cachet privately sponsored but open to all collectors.***Denver, Colo., also came printed in red Oct. 20.***National Air Tour arrival cachet back at Dearborn Oct. 21,—black, olive, purple, and magenta, from Dearborn, Detroit, and Greenfield, as mentioned above.***Bethany, Conn., on R. F. D. route of New Haven, dedicated Oct. 12. No cachet, covers postmarked New Haven.***My Durango covers all had Durango postmarks. They are now reported as of Pueblo. Special flight?*** Moberly, Mo., and El Paso, Tex., are reported as dedicating Oct. 6. No word as to cachets or covers from either.*** Mercer Airport, Trenton, N. J., dedication Oct. 26—green cachet celebrating 250th anniversary of Trenton.

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Airplane Model Meet, Wilmington, Del., red cachet Oct. 26, by N. A. A.*** Model Airplane Meet, Islip, L. I., Oct. 26—black mimeo cachet.***El Paso, Tex., Gadsden Purchase cachet Oct. 24-26—map shape in various colors.***Dedication of Mt. Hope bridge, Newport, R. I., Oct. 24, featured mail carrying plane flight across the route. Cachet by C. of C., about 1,500 mailed. Elton Manuel adds another governor's signature to my growing collection with that of Gov. Case, of R. I. Covers cancelled 12M, hour of bridge opening.

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Pratt, Kans., dedication mailed 500—cachet by local chapter N. A. A.***St. Joseph, Mo., Nat. Air Tour—330, 150 purple, 75 blue, 70 green, 65 black.*** Winston Salem Air Tour—750—by C. of C.***Springfield, Mass., Tour—700—by local N. A. A.

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Interstate Airlines, contractors CAM 30, will have special cachets for the first anniversary flight Dec. 1. Covers may be sent to Field Managers, Interstate Airlines, at Evansville, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Chattanooga, Tenn., Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Covers for St. Louis or Chicago to Miss LaRue Smythe, Interstate Airlines, Inc., Evansville, Ind. ***Universal Airlines will have a cachet for Wright *26th* anniversary at St. Louis, Sept. 17. Covers to S. R. Peltason, 1211 Locust St., St. Louis. Not so crazy about this one myself.***Air Mail week at St. Louis soon, covers as above.*** Coming—International Aero Expo. at Chicago, Dec. 1-9. Anybody have the dope?

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Note—for Bulletin managers—Antonito, Colo., will have a special flight *in* to Alamosa, date of latter's dedication Nov. 10 or 11. Cachet by Legion—covers to Commander at Antonito.

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The coöperators for this week: *J. P. Penning, C. P. Manson, Samuel Schafer, *Zix & Shockley, *Geo. A. Zimmerman, *Leo August, *Dr. H. A. Davis, Stephen H. Smith, **Norman C. Snell, D. Olin Herriott, Jos. Glenczewski, *Everett G. Emerson, *Geo. W. Kessler, *Maurice S. Petty, *Leon Berman, *Thomas O'Sullivan, George Nowobilski, Major C. M. Lopez, *Dr. Harry Ioor, A. C. Roessler, *Perham C. Nahl, *S. Bayer, Billy Buck, O. H. Phinney, F. W. Cummings, Lt. J. J. Johnson, George H. Porter, III, *F. D. Markee, *J. Delano Bartlett, *Elton S. Manuel, Victor M. Saurez, George Wehlau, Jr., Dr. Walter Hess, Geo. T. Street, Geo. C. Harvey, Nelson F. Gerken.

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(*Note.*—Various coöperators reporting new items frequently offer to sell copies to collectors in general at usually reasonable enough prices, and ask me to publish such information. I regret that the scope of this department will not permit me to do this. These correspondents have asked it with the best of intention, and with no thought of personal gain, but I might subject myself to criticism by regular advertisers were I to publish such notices.)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., ENTERTAINS

Recently, the Lincoln's Home Philatelic Society, Springfield, Illinois, invited members of the Chicago Philatelic Society to spend an evening as its guests, and Dr. Hennan, C. F. Mann, B. L. Voorhees and C. E. Severn took advantage of the opportunity to foregather with their Springfield friends. A meeting was held on October 26th, at the office of Mr. Raymond V. Bahr, with the following Springfield men in attendance: Dr. Homer P. Macnamara, president, Raymond V. Bahr, George Defraties, George Doying, Edwin Galbreath, A. J. King, Clarence G. Kohler, Henry Mischler, Carl Rauth, John Ruckel, Melvin Spencer and W. A. Steiger. An excellent dinner preceded the meeting where the visitors became well acquainted with their hosts and then all repaired to the quarters of Mr. Bahr, which are fitted admirably to serve as a philatelic *rendezvous*. Mr. Steiger showed his album filled with striking air mail covers, which in some respects is unique. It includes scores of "pre-pioneer" flights, if the term may be used to describe town to town trips on which letters were carried by the pilots, who verified the covers by autographing them. The regular air service has not yet been established by the government on these point to piont routes. Other collections of merit were shown, and then Mr. Bahr's extensive philatelic possessions had the table. He displayed his U. S. in sheets, booklet panes and plate-numbers, as well as in other settings. His air mail are celebrated for their number and variety, and we cannot imagine a more representative lot of them. The thoroughness with which Mr. Bahr collects is worthy of comment, but it would be an endless task to enumerate the attractive pieces in his huge collection.

The philatelic tales told by Mr. Steiger stopped the show; his vantage point in the postal service gives him a good observation spot. Henry Mischler gave reminiscences of his many years of philatelic service, and he invoked the spirits of some of the old guard in an interesting way. Others provided their share of the entertainment, and if ever late hours were justified this was the occasion.

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OCTOBER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The first month of the new year has opened in splendid fashion, as the list of contestants below gives evidence. To L. W. Hudson, particularly, belongs credit for the splendid showing of 62 subscriptions in a single month. We also recognize the good work done by the Johnson Stamp Co., and the Hawkeye Stamp Co. The record for October is as follows:

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We have many twos and ones and shall be pleased to furnish forms to any subscriber or advertiser who may be willing to use them.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Our Press Review

By C. A. HOWES, *Editor.*

Le Philateliste Belge which comes to our desk is a well gotten up and attractively printed monthly now in its ninth year. A fine portrait of former King Leopold II, he of the long, white beard, which we know mostly in profile on the Belgian stamps, though a younger portrait appears on the Belgian Congo issue of 1887, appears on the cover. The September number announces the death of three prominent European philatelists, William Bigwood, who had been president of the Belgian Society of Timbrologie (they still cling to this early French term for Philately), and who had been prominent in various exhibitions as well as instituting the medal of Philatelic Merit; Henry Kruseman, a specialist in Holland and Colonies and Brazil; and Michel van Gelder, a specialist in the rarities in European stamps, who received a palm of honor at the New York exhibition of 1926.

Articles on the Belgian perforations of 1863 and the work of a counterfeiter who specialized in cancellations applied to Belgian and Belgian Congo stamps to enhance their value are interesting to specialists in Belgian stamps. From several pages of "Information" we glean that there will be a special stamp of 4 francs issued for the Philatelic Exposition at Antwerp, that a new issue with King Albert in helmet is in preparation to be produced by heliotype process, and that the new Charity issue of six subjects will soon be ready. There is to be a philatelic exhibition in Algeria in May, 1930, under the auspices of the French Philatelic Societies of North Africa (Algeria, Tunis and Morocco).

The subscription is given as 2fr (8 cents) per number at 31 Ave. de Haverskerke, Forest, Brussels, Belgium.

The *Madrid Filatélico* is still hale and hearty in its 32nd year of publication. The September number presents an account of the philatelic exhibition and congress at Le Havre, France, last May, and has a "boost" for the coming Antwerp exhibition in 1930. An article on the "Golden Jubilee of the Electric Light" tells about the Edison celebration in this country. Collectors of Venezuela will be interested in a study of the last two (three) issues of similar designs printed by Waterlow & Sons in 1914, and again from 1924 to 1929, and by the American Bank Note Co. from 1915 to 1923. Quantities of the various values ordered during these years and the shades of their various printings are noted in an extended table which will appeal to Venezuela specialists. Various notes of interest, a plea for the preserving of "original gum" on unused stamps, and an extended Chronicle make up a quite interesting number. Published by M. Galvez, Cruz 1, Madrid 12, Spain, at 5 pesetas (72c) per year, post free.

The October number of the *Journal Philatelique de Berne* has an interesting article, illustrated, on the different postmarks of the city post office of Bremen. Also a dissertation on the Rayon stamps of Switzerland with the ribbon at the left partly erased, a minor variety of interest to specialists, which seems to be somewhat in dispute between a defective plate effect or a defective printing result. Illustrations of the forthcoming "Pro Juventute" issue show a most beautiful set, three having charming landscapes, one of which includes the Lake of Lugano. A fourth value is dedicated to the memory of Nikolaus von der Flüe (1417-1487) who was an Alpine hermit of great influence among the people. He was beatified in 1669, and is the patron saint of the original Swiss Cantons. The head represented is a beautiful Christlike portrait. Under the "Review" we note another "squeeze" on collectors—the "Orval" stamps of Belgium have been surcharged with a crown and double "L" to commemorate the laying of the cornerstone of the new abbey by Prince Leopold. Also that in the first few weeks the new Vatican stamps were sold to the amount of over 56 million lire or nearl 3 million dollars! We are also warne under "Counterfeits" to look sharply fo counterfeits of more or less recent su charges on British and Colonial stamp A very interesting number. Subscriptio 3 Swiss francs (60c) from Zumstein Co., Berne, Switzerland.

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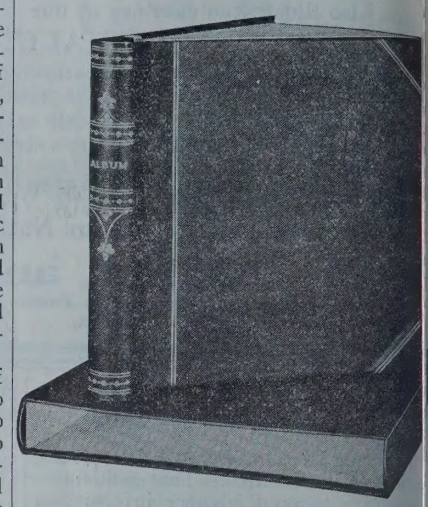

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SEVERAL LISTS AT HAND

The Economist Stamp Co., 87 Nassa St., New York City, has issued a bookle of 86 pages devoted to U. S. stamps an colonies and accessories. It is a ver comprehensive list and will be sent t anyone requesting it.—From W. T. Wil son, Birmingham, England, comes his Bi Monthly list of special offers and bar gains. It offers many novelties that wi be of interest, as well as a detailed lis of offers of Norwegian stamps.—C. E Nickles, 213 Seaton Place, N. E., Wash ington, D. C., will be glad to send a cop of the October issue of the *Washingto Stamp News* to anyone who may desir it. If you are interested in U. S. stamp it will pay you to file this list for refer ence purposes. The little magazine con tains considerable up-to-date informatio

RANSPORTATION OF MAILS UTILIZES VEHICLES OF DIVERSE TYPES

By W. Irving Glover, *Second Assistant Postmaster General.*

The office of the Second Assistant stmaster General could well be called bureau of transportation for, in its administration, the Second Assistant Postster General has jurisdiction over the isions of railway mail service, interional postal service, air mail service, route service and mail messenger vice. These five services transport ll by dog sled (in Alaska), by mule, horseback, by horse and wagon, by tor boat, by motor, by fast speeding road trains, by vessels to the four ners of the world and airplanes speed- over 25 routes within the boundaries the United States and nine air routes the neighboring countries north and th of us.

Each of these divisions has its impor- t responsibilities to the Government. ey are cogs in the great wheels of the tal service which, ofttimes, I believe, ld well be called the department of mate service relations because the ctions of the Post Office Department ch the 115,000,000 people of this coun- practically every day and, without the ious forms of transportation as enurated, certainly there would be a very erial slowing down in the delivery of r letter, your newspaper, or your parpost package.

roblems of the Post Office Depart- t have usually been problems of transtation and so it was in the early days 918 when the Department had a vision , some day in the future (it knew not n), great quantities of mail would be ried through the air and so from that y date, i.e., May 15, 1918, it has neered the way, and has developed an mail service which is outstanding in field of aviation the world over.

he Post Office Department never had nind that it would continually operate air mail lines of the country, but it the picture that, after the establish- t of several of the lines and the of to the aviation world that mail ld be transported by plane—not only the day time but by night—that it ld turn the operation of the Govern- t line, which has always been the bone of the air mail service (the line reen New York City and San Francis- over to private operation and the her development of the air mail lines he country would also be under pri- operation.

, today, the country is practically net- ked with air mail lines. There are 25 routes flying 44,662 miles daily, of ch practically 25,000 miles are flown ight. Cities, whose total population unts to over 65,000,000 of people, are direct air mail routes and, with the her extension of the air mail lines ch the Postmaster General has in mind, it will not be a long while before every city of any size in the Union will be tapped by an air mail line and the borders of the country will be shrunk to even smaller proportions than they are at the present time.

The air mail service of the Post Office Department is no longer in an experimental stage. It has been demonstrated that it is feasible and possible in every way. Continual improvements in the art of flying as regards speed, safety of the mails, the character of the plane, lighting and radio communication, are taking place in the air mail service and the operators have been anxious to render the maximum of service to the Department.

If the air mail map were to be drawn today there is no doubt in the minds of the Post Office Department officials that there would appear many changes in the same. It has been proven that the various short lines of the country have been expensive ones to the Department and, no doubt, longer lines would have been put in operation wherever possible, and, if these longer lines were in operation today, there would be a more efficient service rendered to the patrons of the Department than it can accomplish now.

The Post Office Department encourages the use of the air mail service wherever it will render service, save time and be of real benefit to the user. The Department does not encourage the promiscuous use of the air mail service but advocates an intelligent use of the service and, even with this intelligent use, the poundage carried will be of tremendous proportions and will continue to grow. There can be no gain to the user of the air mail if a letter is sent by this service in a plane leaving a certain city late in the afternoon and arriving at the office of address too late for carrier delivery, and the letter would receive first carrier delivery on the following morning if it were sent at the ordinary 2-cent, first-class, rate.

Really, the great saving in time in the air mail service is effected on the longest routes. There can be no comparison between the air mail and the railway mail in the time saved between New York and San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Statistics of the Post Office Department show that a large percentage of first class mail is moved after the peak load of the day has passed in the post office, that is, in the period from 5 to 7 p. m., and naturally this mail is worked in the post offices and railway post offices at night and this condition will remain true for all time in the air mail service that the greatest efficiency rendered to the user of the air mail will be given by the air mail service where handled at night.

The Post Office Department will continue to encourage an intelligent use of the air mail service.—*United States Daily.*

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nformation in regard to new issues and va- es will be welcome. If reply be necessary, ose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

ur London, England, correspondent, R. Roberts, advises of the new issues d below:

zores.—Provisionals, surcharged on Ceres type, 60c blue, surcharged "4 C" . 15, also the same overprinted on the e value but perf. 11½. 25c rose, perf. , surcharged "15C" and the same e with the new value "20 C." We erstand the 4c on 60c, perf. 15, is a item.

zechoslovakia.—3Kr purple-brown, o Cathedral type, 4Kr blue, new picl design, Tatry Mountains, 5Kr n, view of the City of Prague. se stamps of the 3Kr and 5Kr values similar to those of the 1928 issue, with "Koruny" between the two figof value in the lower corners.

rench Guiana. — New designs in age Due series, inscribed with value "a percevoir": 5c blue and deep blue, 10c blue-green and pale brown, 20c rose and green, 30c rose and brown, 50c brown and violet, 60c brown and terra cotta, 1fr pale brown and blue, 2fr green and red, 3fr slate and violet.

India.—1½a rose and 15R sage green and blue, Nasik printing have been issued. Both are multiple star watermark.

Niue overprinted on New Zealand, Queen Victoria type, 5sh blue-green on thick Cowan paper, perf. 14½x14. This is quite a different color from the previous rough perf. 14, and the clean cut perf. 14½x14 which was on thin paper and which was quite a yellow-green color. 10sh reddish maroon, on thick Cowan paper, perf. 14½x14.

French Oceanica. — New Postage Due series, inscribed with value "a percevoir" in 5c brown and pale blue, 10c green and pale rose, 30c carmine and brown, 50c brown and green, 60c yellow-green and mauve, 1fr reddish mauve and blue-green, 2fr sepia and terra cotta and 3fr blue-green and violet.

Samoa.—2 pound bright violet, on thick Cowan paper, perf. 14½x14, with white gum. This is quite a different shade from the previous one which was a deep purple on thinner paper, with yellow gum. The watermark is single line N Z and star.

Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England, report the appearance of the new items listed below:

France. — Sinking Fund, 40+10c green, 50+25c magenta, 1fr50c+50c red-brown, same types and overprints as before.

Jaipur.—¼a bistre, Service issue.

Russia.—5k chestnut in the new series reported in issue, No. 2025.

Philatelic Magazine states that the new Commemorative stamps are now on order. The design comprises a vignette of the Seal of Arms of the Colony, and the border includes three tablets showing the dates 1629, 1729 and 1929, as well as the name of the Colony and the denomination in figures.

Japan.—According to information received by *Philatelic Magazine* the National Shrine Commemoratives were issued October 2nd to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of the shrine "Ise Daijingu" at Mie. The design shows a side view of the main hall of Daijingu, and the values are 1½ sen, violet, and 3 sen, red. A special commemorative postmark was issued at certain post offices between October 2 and October 5.

Cuba.—Yet another commemorative stamp issue is foreshadowed according to *Stamp Collecting.* This time the 200th anniversary of the University of Havana is the reason for the issue. The stamps will remain valid only until the end of the year.

Germany. — *Stamp Collecting* states that the date of issue of the annual Yuletide Charity Stamps has been put back until November 29, 1929.

Netherlands.—On and after November 1st the cost of inland registered letters will be 21 cents, made up of 6c inland postage plus 15c registration. A new denomination of 21 cents is to be added, therefore, to the current series.

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Dear Ed:

The old pen has got so rusty I dunno if it'll say what I want it to. But this here Cachet fever, now, has got under my hide, having come home to roost, if you know what I mean, and I got to speak out in meetin'.

The American Legion has a Convention here last week, and the boys licks up quite a lot of cannon milk, if you get me, but what I wants to get at is that Chris, the Secy. of the local Airlines, which pulls off a Air Derby during Convention, he hears about this here Cachet business, so he fixes up a fancy one and sends notice of it to the stamp papers. Thinks maybe it'll put the old town on the map and won't hurt the airmail none. Gets the P. M. in cahoots with him. Your sheet barely mentions it, along of forty others, but one of your rivals gives it the Big Spiel.

I dunno which has the most pullin' power, if you get me, but anyway, Ed, would you believe it? Covers begins pilin' in to Chris and to the P. M., and long about night before the Big Time, Chris gets snowed under and hollers to me for help. So I goes over to Chris' house, and he has the dinin' room flooded with the things. (Lucky his old woman was away). Well, we gets some of those covers separated out for the three days of the Derby, because Chris, he's up-to-date and figgers on usin' a different color for each day. And I gets busy on the dinin' table with the Cachet marker, while Chris opens some more mail, and I swats the first day with red, only part of the time it was purple, and the second day with black or blue or whatever it was, and the third day with green.

And some of them covers would a made you see pink. Did me. Time they got all the fancy out o' date stamps on 'em (Chris learned more about stamps that night than he ever knew before), and address, and return address, and red, white and blue dew dads, weren't no room for 'ary Cachet. So some of 'em I has to swat top of somethin' else. Some fellers got no idee of Chic, as they say in Paree, more'n a rabbit. Straight edge stamps, stamps way off center, stuck on crooked; and one guy he cuts 10c Lindys in two and uses half on a cover and writes "no 5c airmail available." I bet that were a lie, because that guy lives in one of the biggest burgs this side N. Y. No 5c airmail—! Well, I hain't no time nor no authority to argue with him, so I Cachets him, and let's the P. O. clerks do the cussin'. Probly if he gets 'em h a-tall, they'll be in the "prepared for but not issued" class.

Some birds wants signatures, no mear autografs, and the P. M. had a grafed some, only he's a wise old and only autografs those addressed young ladies. (At least, he hopes the young.) So take it from me, boys you want valuable P. M.'s autogr address your covers to your sweethea And then try to get 'em back. W Chris, he autografs some, as Daddy the Scheme, I guess, and then some t want the Pilot's autograf. Chris he s they ain't gonna be no Pilot, this ma startin' by train, so he asks me to a graf those. Which I does, me never been off the ground. But then I w Official Pilot of the Cachet, weren't

Long about midnight, when the n beer give out, the covers did too, and took stock. Had over 3000 of 'em. that ain't Worship of the Great Cachet, as Cap Street'd say. And fo measly little one horse Derby. I di even go cross street to see it. Take n tho, boys, second day water carrier sp a bucket of suds on the landin' field, covers mailed that day are sure to valuable some time. Don't part with ' (Covers with suspicious lookin' stains due to near beer gettin' spilled, not plane landin' in Podunk R.)

I forget, no yarn ain't complete wi out a Scotcher. One guy sends us cover with 2c stamp and three slips paper, and writes, "Please put Cachet each day on separate slip of paper enclose in cover." But we gets e with him. We don't put no Cachet on cover. Any time I produce four separ and distinct Cachets, count 'em, for cents, which I don't get anyhow, know about it. And so will you.

We was goin' to cremate the Cac marker with appropriate ceremonies, the near beer was all gone and it too darned hot to start the furnace a how. So I suppose by now the kids h got the wall paper all Cacheted. S Ed, not a bad idee. Wall paper w Your Favorite Cachet, Done in Ec Nude, Henna (no, the old hen's whoopee any more), and Biege. H ing you are the same,

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By Douglas Armstrong.

The elevation to the Peerage of the Chief Scout calls to mind the storm of captious criticism nearly 30 years ago that centred round the appearance of his portrait upon one of the local postage stamps issued during the siege of Mafeking.

Ill-natured attempts were made in those days to represent this act as a form of *lese-majeste*. Influence was even brought to bear upon Queen Victoria herself by detractors of the hero of the hour, and for a time this threatened to prejudice his career.

Although the incident has long since been forgotten it is only recently that General (then Colonel) Baden-Powell's position has been completely vindicated by publication of the Memoirs of Colonel Herbert Greener, who was actually responsible for the designing and issue of the Mafeking stamps.

In the course of these reminiscences he declares that the local post stamps were actually prepared without the knowledge of the Commanding Officer. When a sheet was finally submitted for his approval the first question he asked was: 'Why my head? What about the Queen?"

It was explained that with the limited facilities at their disposal it was feared that justice could not be done to the Queen's likeness, and being occupied with more important military matters he allowed it to pass with the remark, "Well, I don't quite like it, but as you have gone so far, you had better carry on."

Undeserved Criticism

"The last thing that crossed our minds," writes Colonel Greener, "was that members of the garrison would stick these stamps on letters despatched through the post office to friends outside in *addition* to the ordinary postage stamp.

"This led to misunderstanding. Unkind and misguided people spread a report that they were an emergency issue of official stamps, and said unpleasant things about the Commanding Officer in that connection, which were quite undeserved. The fault—if there was any, which I don't admit—lay with Lord Edward Cecil and myself.

"I might also mention that Major (now General) Sir Alexander Godley, was asked for an independent opinion about the design, and quite agreed that it was a good idea and most appropriate for the purpose for which the stamps were required."

The Siege stamps of Mafeking are numbered amongst the most interesting and valuable relics of the Boer War. *En passant*, it may be noted that the most complete collection of these historic issues is that of His Majesty the King.

They were prepared in the beleaguered town during its investment by the Boer forces which lasted from October, 1899, to May, 1900, and are of two distinct kinds.

First we have various contemporary postage stamps of the Cape of Good Hope or Bechuanaland Protectorate overprinted "Mafeking Besieged." These were surcharged with new values which were employed to prepay letters smuggled through the enemy's lines by native runners to the North and South, between March 24 and May 17, 1900.

They were provided for use upon civilian correspondence by authority of Lord Edward Cecil, the overprints being applied at the office of the local newspaper, *The Mafeking Mail*.

The Cause of the Pother

The second series, the cause of all the pother, was a purely local affair for franking messages from point to point in the defences during lulls in the bombardment and was produced by a photographic process upon ferrocyanide paper in sheets of twelve stamps by Dr. D. Taylor.

There were two values only, 1d showing Sergt. Major Goodyear of the Cyclist Cadet Corps on his bicycle, designed by Dr. W. A. Hayes, and 3d with the head of Colonel Baden-Powell, for which Capt. (now Colonel) Greener, D.S.O., was responsible.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On October 31, 1929, Mr. George B. Sloane sold at the Collectors Club in New York, a choice lot of Confederate States from the collection of State Senator Thomas H. Pratt, of Kingsport, Tenn. The sale included a fine lot, not only of covers, important because of their stamps, but a number of Prisoners of War Letters, Army Field Cancellations, and the like. They are described as undoubtedly the "finest in existence" and were awarded the Gold Medal at the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition in Cleveland. Another collection consisting of general issues were added to the lot.

Among the handstamped postmaster provisionals, a Montgomery, Ala., No. 40, with small part of cover gone, sold at $17.20. A Statesville, N. C., No. 133, impressed on a letter sheet, very fine, reached $21.50. Among the provisional adhesives, used on the entire cover, an Athens, Ga., 5c purple, tied to small cover, in excellent condition, except upper left corner margins slightly clipped, brought $54.25. A Charleston No. 22, with small rectangular section cut from the upper left of the envelope, went at 19.73. A Danville, Va., 5c black on buff, with small part of the design missing at left, sold at $45.50. Among the Provisionals not on cover, a Knoxville, Tenn., 5c carmine No. 65, unusually fine, although close at top, brought $53.00. A Memphis, 2c blue, complete reconstructed sheet of 50 stamps, as illustrated and described in Pratt's book, sold at $107.50. A very fine Mobile 5c went at $10.25. A Petersburg, Va., 5c red No. 112, with horizontal crease, sold at $30.00, a second copy with ornaments slightly touched at top and right brought $35.00, and a third copy in remarkable condition, described as a corner stamp, reached $50.00.

The sale contained the three periods of the New Orleans, 5c Provisional, copies selling in accordance with condition, at prices ranging up to $17.00, the latter price being paid for a very fine unused copy of the Third Period. Two copies used together and tied to a single cover of which one was very fine and the other slightly cut into at bottom, brought $46.00.

Among the General Issues, used on cover, a 5c green used from Sumter, S. C., March 23, 1861, brought $14.00. A similar cover from Davidson College, N. C., illustrated, sold at $14.25. A horizontal pair from stone 1 used from Richmond reached $16.00. A similar cover from the same town, stone 2, went at $12.00. Copies of the 10c Patterson on cover ranged from $19.60 to $23.50, the latter price being paid for a copy tied with a "Wartrace, N. & C. R. R." postmark. Two copies of the Hoyer and Ludwig on separate covers, brought $12.75 each. The 5c blue of 1862 used on official envelope from the War Department, Nitre Bureau, Official Business, stamp being from stone 3, sold at $29.50, while a horizontal pair from stone 2 from Sparta, Ga., cancelled in bright red, reached $36.00.

The outstanding piece of the 10c rose was an extraordinary copy with remarkable margins used from Gainsville, Ala., which sold at $76.00. A second cover of the 10c, used together with, and partly covering a horizontal pair of the 5c green, from Mobile, reached $33.00.

Two singles of the 5c Local Printing from Chester Court House, S. C., cancelled in emerald green, very fine, changed hands at $14.00, while a 2c brown with light crease on cover from Athens brought $21.75. A very fine copy from Richmond brought $56.00, and a further fine copy from the same town on an official envelope of the Treasury Department reached $42.00.

Of the "TEN" covers, prices varied from $13.50 to $67.50, depending upon condition, the latter price being paid for a striking, outstanding cover neatly tied with a blue Richmond postmark. An outer line, showing two frame lines and cancelled, Montgomery, Ala., July 4, sold at $66.00, while $56.00 was paid for a cover showing the outer line at top and left, and partly on the other two sides. The stamp had been torn away from the cover, but skillfully replaced.

Among the "Off Cover" pieces, an 1861 5c green horizontal strip of five, stone 2, full o.g., brought $75.00. A block of four of the 10c, excellent margins, fresh color, o.g., but with light creases, sold at $68.25. A single 2c green, blue town cancellation, slightly thin, reached $29.00. The "TEN" blue ranged from $10.75 to $29.00, the latter price being for a copy on piece of cover, cancelled Culpeper, Court House, Va. An outer line off-cover, showing frame line on three sides, brought $41.25.

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Prisoners of War Covers sold from $5.00 to $30.50, this last price being paid for three letters with 10c blue Confederate and 3c U. S., the covers being endorsed: "Exchanged", "Released", "Died." A Point Lookout sold at $18.50, Camp Chase at $8.00, Elmira at $15.75, and a R. I. Barracks at $8.25.

Among the Field Cancellations used for the Union forces, a "Banks' Division" tying an 1861 3c to cover, brought $7.25, a "G. B. D." in block type on the same stamp on Patriotic cover sold at $42.50, a Chattanooga, Tenn., went at $14.00, and a Ship Island, Miss., sold at $14.00. Among the Confederates, a strip of three of the 2c brown cancelled "Army of Tenn." sold at $40.00.

Among the War Relief Organization covers, a U. S. Christian Commission imprint on three covers, each of a different type of imprint, all showing pigeon flying with letter, covers containing copies of 3c 1861 sold at $7.80.

The sale also contained a few Foreign of which I note one or two items of general interest. A Canal Zone, 1924, 17c black, showing the variety "ZONE CANAL" sold at $6.60, a Caroline Islands, 1900, 10pf bisected and used as 5pf No. 9a, known as the "Ponape Typhoon Provisional" sold at $12.75. The three scarce Cayman Islands, twentieth century provisionals, namely, ½p and 1p on 5sh, and 1p on 4p, all in very fine o.g., condition, sold at $10.50, $10.25 and $36.25 respectively.

This is the first important sale of the season, and will possibly hold the record for fine things for the year, insofar as Confederate items are concerned.

BY THE WAY—

WE learn that Moldavia issued in 1858, the rarity, 81 "parole" if a newspaper is to be believed. Perhaps, "parole" is past tense of "parale."

ANOTHER newspaper says that a life-size picture of a lion's head, fashioned from postage stamps, was shown by a painter in France. Stamps to the number of 50,000 were used and the artist certainly was on the job as 3,000 hours of close work were required to put the finishing touches on the picture.

ASSOCIATION NEWS, the insurance journal that is rapidly forging to the front, is edited and owned by Shirley E. Moisant, Kankakee, Illinois. Mr. Moisant says that he still reads the WEEKLY.

THE post office department is buckling down to the task of moving the Christmas mails with the usual expediency. Between 65,000 and 70,000 additional temporary clerks, and between 2,500 and 3,000 temporary railway mail clerks will be required to handle the augmented influx of mail. Only special delivery mail will be delivered on Christmas day.

FOR the eye of Mr. J. S. Hastings: the *Collector's Companion* mentioned recently in the course of a paragraph was the paper of that name published in Chicago, in 1885 and 1886. There were a half-dozen other *Collector's Companions,* one of which was published by the writer, Will M. Clemens, at Akron, Ohio, in 1876.

CAPTAIN C. A. TOWNSEND, Chicago, was the attraction at a recent meeting of the Howard News' stamp club in Rogers Park, where he kept the boys and girls spell-bound by his recital of his stamp experiences. The Junior Stamp Club of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago, is holding regular weekly meetings, and recent speakers have been Messrs. North, Opalla, Henneman, and Col. Sebring.

WE find in the theatre ads of the *Illinois State Journal,* Springfield, Ill., the following: "Today. Matinee. Free Stamps. Children, Join Our Stamp Club Now. Majestic." Newspapers, theatres and department stores are organizing stamp clubs for the young folks. Next!

THE German Stamp Collectors Club, Chicago, at its meeting on October 8th, at its club room re-elected Julius Loeffler president. Other officers were named as follows: Vice-President, Wm. Maedge; Secretary, Wm. Theueringer; and Treasurer, Jos. Whiteburg. The annual banquet will be held on Sunday, January 12th, at Lincoln Turner Hall, Sheffield and Diversey Avenues, at 3 P. M. Entertainment will be provided for the ladies, and an exhibition and bourse will be open to all philatelists. Banquet tickets are $1.50; members free.

THE Oakland, California, Philatelic Society has been the recipient of a rare bit of advertising as a consequence of its recent exhibition, which we are certain was held successfully on October 25th to October 27th. The San Francisco *News* was to the fore with notices and, locally, there was no dearth of newspaper attention. The Oakland post office promised to exhibit four frames of stamps and to establish a station at the Exhibition for the sale of current stamps, including the new Canal issue. A number of important exhibits have come from the east, and all in all, Oakland surely has done itself proud.

THE Garfield-Perry Club *News,* Cleveland, Ohio, is running an interesting history of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, one of the oldest local societies in the country. We notice that in the minutes of a meeting held twenty-five years ago, the name of Charles J. Phillips appeared, and he "gave a long and interesting talk on the celebrated collections of Europe", and was given, in turn, a hearty vote of thanks. Recently, a most enjoyable surprise party was given to the vice-president, F. W. Green, at his summer home in Brecksville.

THE address of our esteemed correspondent, Reverend Joseph Dreyer, S.M., has been changed from Paulina, La., and he informs us via Louisville, Ky., first day Canal cover of his new station: 423 Olivier St., New Orleans (Sta. A), La.

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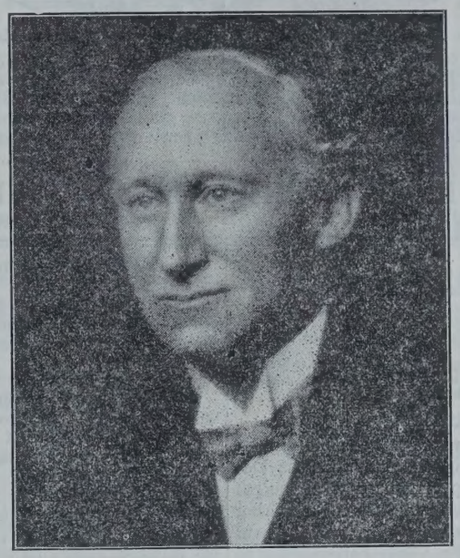

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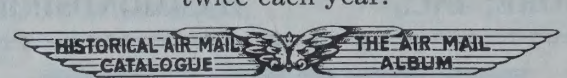

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2c New Production

Mention was made in this column a few weeks back of the fact that the Department was experimenting with the rotary print stamps, in the hopes of making them more satisfactory to the general public. They are not only endeavoring to have the sheets lie flat, but to have the stamps adhere to the envelope, when they are finally attached.

The latest experiment is to print the stamp, dry it, and then gum it in a second operation, whereas the former stamps were printed, gummed and dried all on the same machine. It is hoped that these new stamps will meet with general approval.

I note that the Philadelphia post office has just received a substantial supply, and no doubt, other large offices have received similar lots. The postal clerk is instructed to sell these to large users with the intentions of asking them a few weeks hence, if they have had any trouble. The sheets noted at the Philadelphia office bear plate number 19185, and may be distinguished from the normal stamp because of its deep shade and because of the thicker gum, which gives the back of the stamp a transparent appearance.

It is doubtful if the new stamp is worthy of catalogue rank, but the specialist certainly will be in a position to distinguish this issue from the older one. Other minor peculiarities are evident.

2c Ohio Canalization Stamps

Mr. P. R. Crooker sends for inspection copies of the new 2-cent Canalization stamps in very distinct shades, one used from Williamsport being in an extremely deep carmine, similar to the so-called "lake" shade of the 2c 1890, whereas the second copy from Canajoharie is quite light and much brighter. The two shades differ from any that have been noted heretofore and are almost worthy of catalogue rank.

Mr. W. S. Ripley, along with others, calls attention to the fact that slightly different shades of the same stamp are found on the same sheet. These differ from those just described, in that the first two stamps are from an entirely different mixture of ink.

Metered Mail

Mr. E. B. Lemmond has submitted for inspection something new in the way of metered mail that has not been noted heretofore. The stamp which appeared on a parcel post package is of the new square type of meter imprint, but on the package in question, there are three different meter values, namely, a 1c, 5c and 10c; the three imprints covering a postage paid of 16 cents. These were used from Baltimore under date of October 26, and bear permit No. 10577. A combination, such as this, has not been noted heretofore.

NEW SEASON APPROVAL BOOKS
During the summer I have remade all my approval books, and have combined in them many important purchases made during the past year.
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By HARRY E. HUBER.

The 5c, 12c and 50c stamps in permanent designs ordered by the Canal Zone Bureau of Posts in January last, were shipped from Washington, D. C., to the Isthmus on June 4, 1929, in the following quantities:—

5c,	1,106,000
12c,	556,800
50c,	296,800
	1,959,600

Circular No. 1 of the Director of Posts, dated June 19, 1929, describes the stamps, and gives instructions for their issue on June 25th (5c) and July 1st (12c and 50c).

"The Panama Canal.
Canal Zone.
Executive Department.
Balboa Heights, C. Z.
June 19, 1929.

Circular No. 1.

To all Postmasters:
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1. Five, twelve and fifty cent Canal Zone postage stamps of the permanent issue have been received and will be distributed to postmasters upon requisition therefor in the usual manner, to be placed on sale as indicated below.

(a) The 5 cent stamp, which is the same size as the special delivery stamp in use in the United States and which bears a view of Gaillard Cut looking south from Bas Obispo, will be placed on sale at all post offices not earlier than 8 a. m. on June 25th, which is the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Canal Zone postal service.

(b) The new 12 cent stamp, which bears the likeness of Colonel D. D. Gaillard, formerly a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission, will be placed on sale at all post offices not earlier than 8 a. m. on July 1st.

(c) The new 50 cent stamp, which bears the likeness of Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, who was also a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission, will likewise be placed on sale not earlier than 8 a. m. on July 1st.

2. The old issue of 5c, 12c and 50c stamps will be held by postmasters and will be offered for sale unless the new stamps are specifically requested by your patrons.

3. In your postal accounts, stamps of both the old and new issues may be combined and need not be shown separately. Requisitions, however, should indicate the new issue when such stamps are desired.

4. Requisitions for a reasonable supply of the new stamps should be forwarded to this office in the usual manner without delay.

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6. Within the next few days all postmasters will be furnished with special rubber stamps, the impression of which shall be placed on all first class mail matter, excepting official mail, posted in the Canal Zone, both ordinary and registered, which is deposited for mailing on June 25th only. This rubber stamp will be commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Canal Zone postal service.

C. H. CALHOUN,
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(2) 5c Gaillard Cut, June 25, 1929

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1873—1c, Nos. 12, 13, 16, 26, 125 to 128, etc., 307, 308 (thirty in all).
" 2c brown*, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 161 to 169, 234, 241, 242.
1875—2c vermilion, Nos. 245, 246, 296, 297, and twelve plates (Nos. 161-242) of the 2c brown series.
1873—3c, Nos. 1, 5, 7 to 11, etc., 309, 310 (one hundred twelve in all).
1875—5c, Nos. 243, 244, 247, 248, 284, 306.
1873—6c, Nos. 18, 21, 304, 305.
" 7c, No. 22 only (obsolete 1875)*.
" 10c, Nos. 23, 25, 302, 303.
" 12c, Nos. 24, 137 (obsolete 1875)*.
" 15c, No. 31 only (obsolete 1889).

The first 55 Continental numbers duplicate the National series but the same number occurs on the same denomination in both series only on 1c plate No. 16, three cent plates Nos. 1, 5 and 7 to 11, and on plate No. 24 of the 12c. Most of the numbers from 27 to 124 are department plates and those from 194 to 217 were assigned to periodical plates. These last were made late in 1874 and regular postage plates numbered 218 to 242 probably were made between then and June (?), 1875, when the first 5c Taylor plate (No. 243) was made. Eighteen plates (219-240) are 3c, and two plates (229-230) are 1c.

* The 7c and 12c stamps (and presumably the 2c brown), were not issued to post offices after June 30, 1875. Any Continental plate proofs of the 7c and 12c printed after that date were from plates 22 and 137 and those plates were also used in 1880 for the American special prints.

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The vignette consists of a steam shovel at work on the western side of Culebra (or as it is now called, Gaillard) Cut, looking south from Bas Obispo, taken from a photograph about the time the dry excavation was completed. Over the arched vignette opening is "Canal Zone Postage" in colorless letters; in the lower corners, the numeral "5" on solid circles of color, and across the bottom, "CENTS" in colorless letters. Acanthus leaf scrolls at the sides connect the denomination circles with the curved label at the top.

The border and lettering on the 5c was engraved by Howard I. Earle of the Bureau's staff, and the vignette and ornamentation by Louis S. Schofield.

One set of four plates was made (200 subjects each), numbered 118115, 118116, 118117, and 118118.

(3) Establishment of Canal Zone Postal System, June 25, 1904

June 24, 1904, has always been considered as the date of the opening of the Post Offices in the Canal Zone, and the issue of the 2c, 5c and 10c postage stamps of the Republic of Panama, overprinted "Canal Zone." This because of the fact that the Executive Order of W. H. Taft, Secretary of War, establishing the Canal Zone postal system is dated June 24, 1904, as is also the order of the Governor of the Canal Zone. G. W. Davis, charging the Treasurer of the Canal Zone, E. C. Tobey, U. S. N., "with the work of establishment and operation of Post Offices, and the operation of the postal system."

However, a careful examination of old records by the present Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, C. H. Calhoun, indicates that the ten Post Offices, with Panama Railroad agents as postmasters, did not commence to function until June 25, 1904. This date, therefore, must be considered as the inauguration of the Canal Zone postal system, and date of issue of the provisional Canal Zone postage stamps.

It is interesting to note that this is confirmed by a clipping from the New York *Tribune*, quoted below:—

"Panama, June 24, 1904. A postal service in the Canal Zone **will be opened tomorrow.** Nine offices have been established. E. C. Tobey, Treasurer of the Canal Zone, is today organising and instructing postmasters in their duties. Mails from the Zone to the U. S., and vice versa, will be carried at the domestic rates of the U. S., and until a supply of American stamps is received, Governor Davis has arranged with the Republic of Panama to use Panama stamps with the words 'Canal Zone' printed on them. Arrangements have also been made with the Panama authorities to receive and forward Central and South American and West Indian mail. Nine postmasters were appointed today. As soon as possible registered letter and Money Order offices will be established."

Although the clipping, and the Executive Order of June 24, 1904, mentions nine offices, ten were actually opened on June 25, 1904, i.e., Cristobal, Gatun, Bohio, Gorgona, Matachin, Empire, Culebra, La Boca, Ancon, and San Pablo, Matachin, not mentioned in the Executive Order, was substituted for Bas Obispo and the tenth office was San Pablo.

(4) Special Cachet, June 25, 1929

The special cachet (reference to which is made in paragraph 6 of Circular 1 (June 19, 1929), furnished all Canal Zone Post Offices, for application to first class mails, posted on June 25, 1929, is a horizontal rectangle, 56x44mm, inscribed, six lines—"1904-1929—25th Anniversary—Inauguration of—Canal Zone—Postal Service.—1904 June 25 1929." This was applied in carmine by the majority of the Post Offices, but in black by Pedro Miguel, and in violet by Gatun.

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It is learned on good, but unofficial, authority that the days of the 5-cent bi-colored air mail stamp are numbered, and that no doubt, the very first new regular issue will be a 5-cent air mail stamp, printed probably in blue and somewhat similar to the special delivery, although possibly vertical in design. As the quantities of air mail stamps now being used are very substantial, no doubt, the new printing will be from the rotary press. It is quite possible that the airway beacon now appearing on the bi-colored stamp may be a characteristic feature of the new issue.

Nothing of an official nature is as yet available, but in view of the excessive cost of bi-colored flat plate printings, no doubt, such a stamp will evidently materialize.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

MOSLER EXHIBIT

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.

The Cincinnati Stamp Collectors Club was entertained Nov. 7 by G. M. Mosler, Pres. of the A. P. S., who exhibited two very fine collections of U. S. and Revenues. These collections contained nearly all the high valued revenues and inverts. It was a rare treat for the 52 members and guests present. The talk given by Mr. Mosler on general stamp news of the day was greatly appreciated. The first Thursday in December, Wm. Bertsche, Jr., will exhibit and talk on contract air mails. Collectors are cordially invited to attend the first and third Thursday of the month.

A. E. HUSSEY, M.D.

DOINGS IN MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Nov. 9.

My agent advises me under date of Nov. 1 that at some time during the latter part of October the Mexican Postal Service authorized the surcharging of a number of stamps with the following inscription: "HABILITADO — Servicio Oficial—Aereo" in three lines. This surcharge was applied vertically on No. 663 to No. 669, and horizontally on No. 670. The stamps used were those of the Pan-American Postal Congress Issue of 1926, but were not those of the regular issue but a set printed in black. These stamps were issued to be given out to those who were members of the Congress as a memento of the event, and were never issued for postal duty. The stamps have been on sale since that time in the stamp department (wholesale) at the General Post Office in Mexico City, but were never on sale at the stamp windows.

A government circular of last April shows that there were on hand some 750 copies of Nos. 663 to 669, and some 200 copies of No. 670. It is said that some 600 copies were surcharged of the Nos. 663 to 669, and 78 copies of the No. 670. The stamps were on sale for two days at the wholesale department during which time the whole lot was sold out. They were not to be had at the regular windows. It goes without saying that this was a purely speculative operation and would seem that the facts surrounding the issue should condemn it.

Of the new issue of Air Mails the three high values are now out, 1 peso, 5 pesos and 10 pesos, which with the five values now out, Nos. 913-917, complete this issue.

I am also advised that during the first of the month of December there will be celebrated in Mexico a week to be known as "Aviation Week." It is expected that a set of two stamps will be issued to celebrate this event. The value of the two stamps is not yet stated but they will probably be of low value. A newspaper clipping which I enclose gives some details of this issue. It appears that the stamps will have a picture of an airplane soaring over the Main Plaza of the city and views of the Cathedral, National Palace, and possibly other buildings as seen from the air. It is said the issue will be possibly 50,000 copies, and will be in use only a short time.

THERON E. PARSONS.

EXHIBIT AT ELIZABETH, N. J.

The Union County Philatelic Society held an interesting meeting Nov. 6, when Hon. E. R. Ackerman, M. C., from New Jersey, exhibited a part of his collection and gave a talk on his recent trip to Europe.

AIR MAIL NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15.

The first air mail over the Panagra route left Buenos Aires for U. S., Oct. 12. Official permission to carry the mails was only granted 24 hours earlier with the consequence that many people failed to get in on this flight. To Trinidad, for instance, there was only one letter, and five to each of the following places:—Arica, Mollendo, Paita, Tumaco, Puntarenas and Belize. To Cuba there were only 45 letters of which 3 were philatelic items.

The 1st air mail from Miami to Buenos arrived here on Oct. 14. The philatelic items were about 1,000 letters.

On Oct. 11 the Commemorative set of three values to celebrate the "Day of the Spanish Race" was issued as previously announced.

A. H. DAVIS.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—The Southern Tier Stamp Society has elected the following officers for the coming year: Dr. John Keller, Hammondsport, Pres.; R. C. McAllister, Painted Post, Vice-Pres.; Geo. Loop, Sayre, Vice-Pres.; K. B. Levegood, Elmira, Sec.-Treas. The November meeting was held at the Newtown Tavern, Elmira, Monday, the 18th.

—Dedication, Chandler Field Airport, Fresno, Cal., Nov. 21. Cachet, air mail courtesy of Louis Gundelfinger.

—Dedication, Waycross, Ga., airport, Nov. 26.

—Pontiac, Mich., air mail anniversary, Nov. 27. Cachet by C. of C.

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CELLANY—

E are indebted to Frank A. Seiberg for a clipping from the Philadelphia *irer*. It describes a Commercial eum that has been organized in Philphia, to develop increased business ions between the manufacturers of city and producers in the Colombian ublic. The plan is to use air mail, the Museum proposes to furnish Coian air mail stamps so that mail can elivered at interior points.

N any reader oblige Adolph Gunesch, 9719 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., with present address of Geo. Fox, formerf 1206 Woodward Ave., Detroit, ı.?

ADING Mr. Konwiser's article on Revolutionary Period Postal Days, s me to write you of an item just d in the New York *Morning Post*, l November 7, 1783:—

Ve are informed by a gentleman from ceton, that the eaftern mail was on fday night taken out of the Poft- at that place. The robbery was nitted in the moft daring manner. Martin who carries the mail as far dorifftown, had no fooner entered office, and laid his charge on the , than a fellow entered, blew out andle, and carried off the mail with s contents." This item is contributed e paper's Philadelphia correspondnd it may be, that Mr. Martin car- the mail between that point and ristown, N. J. It seems there were ts in those days, too.—E. E. MES.

E neglected to make a correction that should have been made in the Pierhart of U. S. varieties that appeared r issue of Oct. 21. Mr. Pierson had ed us of this, but so long ago that I passed from our minds. We quote his letter: "You will find my notain a letter I wrote you some months Stamp Number 519 should be d up one space so that it will be in horizontally with TWO in the first n." Collectors who value the chart d make this correction at once.

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5c Air Mail Combinations

GROUP III

Center plates 19636 to 639; 666 to 669; 674 to 677; and 688 to 695; with all border plates.

In this final grouping we have twenty center plates instead of the usual twelve as listed in the preceding groups, yet the total number of known combinations is by far the smallest. We have but 154 to date, but as time goes on we may reasonably expect to add considerable to this number, for as fresh supplies are ordered from the Bureau, and in turn are sent to the various offices throughout the country, we shall probably find that a large part of the supply held in the Bureau vaults at the present writing, contain printings from these plates.

No copies have ever been found, as far as I am aware, from center plates 636 to 639 inc. During the past few months we have several times requested column readers to be on the alert for these numbers. My advice to anyone lucky enough to locate any specimens with the above centers is to take all you can get. The biggest collectors in the country all fail to report anything from these plates; all want them, and you will have no trouble in disposing of them. No copies from center plates 689 and following have been reported to date, but may come in anytime. This leaves but nine center plates in a group of twenty, from which we have copies. Here they are: Center 19666, borders 606, 607, 612, 614, 615, 620, 623 to 635 inc., 670 to 673 inc., 669 and 701; center 19667 with same border plates as above; center 19668, borders 607, 614, 615, 620, 623, 625, 626, 634, 670, 671, 672; center 19669, borders 606, 607, 612, 614, 615, 620, 623 to 635 inc., 670 to 673 inc., 669 and 701; center 19674, borders 607, 612, 614, 615, 620, 623, 625, 626, 627, 629 to 635 inc., 670 to 673 inc., 699 and 701; center 19675, borders 607, 612, 614, 615, 620, 623 to 635 inc., 670 to 673 inc., 699 and 701; center 19676, borders 607, 614, 615, 620, 625, 626, 627, 631, 634, 670, 671; center 19677, borders 615, 620, 627, 632, 670, 671; center 19688, borders 615, 620, 625, 627, 670, 671.

It will be observed that no copies have been reported from border plates 19605 and above, in this group, that is, with centers 19636 and following. As in group II, nothing has been reported from border plates 640 to 643 inc., and 696, 697, 698, 700 and 702 and following. Our check list is now completed, and further combinations may be added as discovered and reported by column readers. We will chronicle all combinations as soon as reported, thus enabling all to keep their list right up to the minute. In future issues we plan to include remarks on individual varieties and certain plates, and with the help of column correspondents present information of interest to all who follow this most fascinating subject.

We have but two additions to our list this week, both in Group I, and were received from our New York correspondent; center plate 19580, borders 592 and 605.

A. F. Gegenheimer sends an interesting oddity for examination. It is a 1c Walloon. The masts seem to have been extended, either through accident or design, resulting in the appearance of the flags at half mast. Our Washington correspondent is checking the variety, and further details will appear in an early issue.

Lists of plate numbers and letters are acknowledged from the following: Mrs. J. W. Lundy, Rev. E. M. Gearhart, Frank Reeder, Jr., Oscar Ackerman, Leon D. Miller, Louis O. Dutcher, A. F. Gegenheimer, Thomas H. Hawk, G. D. Maresca, Jack Nichols, William Ward, Al J. July, D. Olin Herriott, A. Hermann and L. A. Heilman.

And here are a few of the plates reported during the week. These are picked at random, no attempt being made to list or classify all numbers received. As an aid, we may later give the office of issue from which copies are reported, etc. Again we find a few rather early numbers. ½c, 17019-078-079-080; 1c, 15548, 18956, 19215-216-218-300; 2c, 19159-174 - 211-212-233-245-242-273-332-333-383-401-402-403; 1½c, 18694-728; 3c, 18126-127-803; 4c, 18038-039-082-084; 5c, 18907-908-909; 6c, 18037-421; 8c, 18191; 9c, 18-742; 11c, 17617-620; 13c, 18107-924c; 14c, 17466c; 15c, 17431-432-433c; 17c, 18023; 10c S. D. 19248-249; 10c S. H. 19555; 15c S. H. 19560. More next week.

Thomas H. Hawk reports an Ohio River block with freak perforation, caused by the sheet being folded under when placed in the perforating machine.

MAIL DELIVERY AT LAS PALMAS

(Wide World—B. I. Imbrie)

Passengers for the Cape or Australia have as a rule to wait nearly three weeks after handing their final farewell letters to the pilot who takes the ship down the Mersey from Liverpool before they can post again in Cape Town. Some of the cargo steamers, however, have instituted an extra service from the Canaries, which are reached about a week from home. Although this service is entirely unofficial, and on the face of it extremely risky, it is, as a matter of fact, very efficient and rarely, if ever, miscarries. The day before reaching Las Palmas a notice informs passengers and officers that letters must be delivered to whoever is taking the responsibility of "postman," with a shilling per letter for postage and "expenses." Some twenty to thirty letters are usually handed in. A stout six-foot plank is made into a raft, and a mast fixed to it carrying a flag. An iron keel is lashed on to keep the contrivance upright, and a suitable fixture is made amidships for the precious cargo. The letters themselves, with the cash for their transmission, are placed in a square tin watertight box, well soldered round the cover. The tin is then enclosed in a covering of sailcloth, on which is painted the address of the ship's agents. When the vessel is about a mile off Las Palmas, speed is reduced and a lookout kept for a fishing boat. After attracting the attention of the fishermen, the raft is launched and the steamer resumes her course again, the whole operation only taking a few minutes. The letters are always picked up and duly posted ashore, the money enclosed with them being ample to make the trouble worth the fishermen's while.

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THE Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Washington, is engaged in research work that has for its object the improvement of the paper used in our postage stamps, and already there is a basis for the belief that valuable data have been obtained. The inquiry is being made at the request of the treasury department, which wishes to take advantage of the distinct progress in paper-making, which, the Bureau says "is an industry that is still in its infancy, and research work is expected to develop many new types through pulp processing."

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OUR latest news about new issue possibilities comes from Omaha, Nebraska, where, we learn, the Auto Club of that city has endorsed the movement instituted by the American Automobile Association to give publicity to the national parks, "instead of former presidents," as a newspaper puts it. The Omaha *Bee* says: "The frying pan may replace George Washington's face on the 2-cent stamp."

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THE suggestion is made that among the objects of current interest that are placed in the corner-stones of large buildings, current stamps be included, among the coins, newspapers and other records of the day. In years to come when the memorials are removed from their long tenancy, the stamps will afford interesting proof of the flight of time.

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AN author recently consulted the WEEKLY in order that it might check up the philatelic action that is one of the features of the plot. He has some knowledge of collecting, but he does not wish to trust himself with the stamp dialogue without being "edited." The story is not a stamp tale primarily, but the philatelic theme enters into it.

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ONE of the most unusual stamp il- lustrations that we have seen for some time is one in the St. Paul *Daily News*, showing the Ramsey County, Minnesota, county treasurer, Mrs. Obst, standing against a background on which letters are shown from countries all over the world, prepaid by the proper stamps. The envelopes enclosed money that came from property owners living abroad or traveling in payment of real estate taxes.

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MR. ARTHUR BLAKEY, Chicago, shows the Scott Standard Catalogue, 46th edition of 1884, which has the figures 45 on the front cover blotted out by "46" in characters over two inches high, thereby giving the impression that some of the covers left over from the 45th edition were used provisionally for the 46th. We shall refer hastily to a few of the prices in this list that was published forty-five years ago, since comparisons with present day quotations are apt to be of interest. Even in 1884, the 5c black New York was not given away, as the price assigned to it then was $1.50, but the 5c and 10c of 1847 were sold at 10c and 50c, respectively. The 3c of 1851 was priced comparatively high at 5c, while the 5c of the issue was $1.00. The 1c perforated of 1857 was listed at 2c, used or unused, and the 3c unused at only two cents, the quotations indicating that the unused were in large supply as a consequence of the Civil War demonetization. No type discrimination was made in the 1c at that time. The 24c of 1861 was only 5 cents, and the 10c cost one cent used. The 30c and 90c grilled of 1868 were not priced. The 90c of 1869, which was never common, was listed at $2.50. The 12c and 24c of 1870, grilled, were not priced, and the 15, 30 and 90c grilled were rated at 50c each; and the 10c at twenty-five cents. The latest U. S. in the book was the 2c of 1883. The Executive Department stamps were not priced, and the only one of the dollar values of the State given a price was the $2 used at $3. The following paragraph taken from the "preface" shows that locals were looking up: "The great and increasing demand for 'locals' as the stamps of the various private express companies are incorrectly called, has induced our publishers to incorporate a complete illustrated list, and it is hoped that it will be the means of familiarizing collectors with the appearance of these rare stamps, a large number of which are worth, at present, from one to ten dollars each, our publishers being prepared to pay nearly the full retail value for all of them." Naturally, the changes in the foreign are marked in most cases. Great advances have been registered in certain issues, but on the contrary, there are a few stamps that cost almost as much then as now.

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MR. JACOB A. ALTMAN, Phila- delphia, says that he is surprised that each year collectors ignore the anniversary of the postage stamp in May, 1840, and he thinks that something ought to be done about it, but he does not say just what. Mr. Altman is not alone in his feeling of astonishment as it does seem as though this important day should not be overlooked, but alas! when husbands forget their wedding anniversaries, for instance, it follows that days of happy memories are not always kept green, as it were. How may the day of the birth of the stamp be suitably honored? In England there have been ceremonies on the "natal day" of the penny black.

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A BOOK on stamps has just come from the press of Harper & Brothers, New York, that is true to its colors; it is "Stamps," written by Kent B. Stiles, and illustrated by many pictures. The book is the interpretation of practical philately as well as the romance of stamps, and here is where the trained hand of the writer, such as Mr. Stiles is, may be depended upon to produce a finished piece of literary ware. Mr. Stiles planned his work with a sense of values and has accomplished his mission so as to attract the eye of the casual reader and compel it to attend to the unfolding of the theme. The book, while compressing much of its subject in all its branches into 375 pages, does not suggest high pressure salesmanship; it is rather a leisurely dissertation on the subject of stamps. Excess baggage is not carried and graceful gestures are dispensed with; and fact has precedence over fancy. The old-fashioned description "vade mecum" properly may be applied to "Stamps", but the words do not suggest the entertainment that is furnished by the author. He tells of the inception and development of collecting, and he is particularly happy in his "Foreword." A factor of strength is that the present estate of philately is reflected by an experienced man with a good sense of the perspective of philately, and the book is one that may be resorted to by the business man, for instance, for information. What "the well-versed man ought to know" is in "Stamps." Mr. Stiles' work with its lessons in philately becomes a text-book that is to be recommended heartily, but, by the same token, it is not amendable to the rules of the hasty reviewer. A glossary of philatelic terms is given nearly fifty pages, and there are lists of books, magazines and societies, which, while not complete, give an idea of the extent of the sweep of stamps. We pat Mr. Stiles on the back for a book that reflects credit on collecting and on himself. Typographically, the book is in keeping with the fine traditions of the publishers, Harper and Brothers. We may add that Kent B. Stiles is editor of the stamp departments in *The Youth's Companion* and *The American Boy.*

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Official Flights

You'll recall that the extension of CAM 19 service to Camden recently was on a Sunday, whereas the shuttle flights to New York and Washington take place only on week days. The only covers I've seen heretofore are postmarked the 15th, with the 1st flight cachet, and were flown over the regular route north or south. Now Chas. G. Reiss shows me a cover, mailed on the *16th*, to be mailed via the shuttle plane, and lo and behold, we find a first flight cachet on these which went south. However, northbound via the same service did not get the cachet. Anyone else have anything of the kind happen?***First night trip from Omaha, Oct. 1st, carried about 2,000 letters, all with the special cachet which the C. of C. says was applied by the P. O.

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If you're still waiting for some long overdue FAM's to turn up, this may lend you courage. On Nov. 4th, I received back from Coquimbo, Chile, covers sent there via the FAM 9, first trip leaving Miami May 14th!***First flight from Quito to Guayaquil was Aug. 28, from which first flight 5 covers were signed by the P. M. General of Ecuador.*** Just remember that FAM 7, Miami-Nassau, Bahamas, is scheduled to reopen service Jan. 1st. No cachet, of course, but rather worth sending a cover or so for.

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Otto Edenharter sends me a card which he says is from the first official drop of mail over Germany from the Graf Zeppelin. He writes as follows: "Postage 50pf cards, 1 mark letters. All Zeppelin flights in Germany make these cards in the future. All sendings to the Post Office, Friedrichshafen, Germany." The card is postmarked Friedrichshafen, Oct. 7, with the "Luftpost" cancellation, and also Breslau and Berlin, Oct. 17. It bears also the usual red cachet, "Mit Luftschiff Graf Zeppelin befordort".***Long, long ago I sent covers and a money order to Holland, asking that the covers be forwarded by the first new service flight to the Dutch East Indies this fall. These covers have just arrived, postmarked Amsterdam, Sept. 12, and backstamped Weltevreden, Sept. 22. Each bears the blue "Per Luchtpost" label, and 75c in air mail stamps, in addition to 12½c in ordinary postage.

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Have to mark another one off. Covers and monies sent to Madagascar, also long ago, have come back too, but under cover, with a polite note from the respective postal officials saying that they are not allowed to handle covers for collectors in this manner; and also that the air mail service has not definitely been established as yet. To balance that, Mr. W. Nock, of the Salvation Army, whose address is Box 862, Hilo, Hawaii, says

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Bits of Information

Bond Paper.—A strong, tough paper made from linen rags. Die proofs of several United States stamps may be found on this paper.

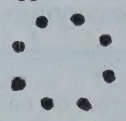
Bonilla.—The Bonilla stamp is a special label issued in the republic of Honduras in February, 1912, to commemorate the election of President Manuel Bonilla.

Central American Steamship Company.—A steamship company long ago merged in another concern, with steamers plying between the United States and Mexico. The company issued a series of stamps which, in May and June, 1886, were used for the prepayment of postage on letters and newspapers carried by its vessels.

Cent de Peso. — A value expressed upon many of the stamps of the Spanish Colonies and which was equal to about ½c U. S. on the average.

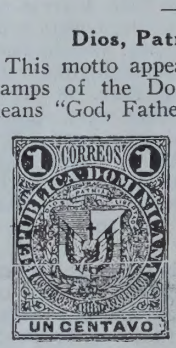
Douglas Patent Paper

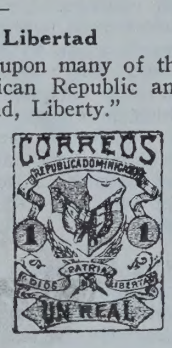
This was a double paper consisting of a thin surface paper adhering to a thicker and harder paper. The surface paper was punctured by small holes so arranged that eight, in the form of a circle, appeared on each stamp, and part of the printing ink thus passed through the holes and was applied to the backing paper. Any attempt at cleaning was, therefore, certain to result in the tearing and removal of the thin surface paper. Some of the 2c and 3c United States stamps were experimentally printed on this paper in 1882 or 1883, and these were placed on sale at the city post office at Washington. It was ultimately decided not to permanently adopt this paper.



Dios, Patria, Libertad

This motto appears upon many of the stamps of the Dominican Republic and means "God, Fatherland, Liberty."





Study Your Stamps

Postes.—The only inscription, other than that relating to the value, shown on some of the early stamps of Belgium and on the issue for Alsace and Lorraine. The latter have large numerals as the main part of the design while the Belgian labels show a portrait or coat-of-arms.

Postzegel.—On the 1852-64 stamps of the Netherlands.

Preussen.—Prussia.

P. S. N. C.—These letters appear in the corners of the first stamps used in Peru. The stamps were originally issued by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.

R.—This letter, with new value, was overprinted on some of the French colonial stamps intended for use in Reunion. (2) A letter "R" forms the only "inscription" in English on the locally produced labels for the Indian native state of Jhind.

Rayon.—The only inscription shown on some of the early stamps of Switzerland.

Reichspost. — Shown on the 1889-1900 stamps of Germany.

Republique Francaise (or Repub. Franc.).—France.

Roumelie Oriental.—Eastern Roumelia.

Beer Stamps

Beer stamps, with tobacco, cigar, cigarette, snuff, distilled spirits and other special tax stamps, come under the category of tax paid stamps. The presence of the stamp of this kind on the bottle, barrel, package, or what not, denotes that the tax has been paid on the article or commodity, and the rule is that the stamp must be destroyed upon opening the package or container. Beer stamps first were issued under the act of July 13, 1866, when seven stamps were issued, ranging in denomination from 12½ cents to two dollars, inclusive, to pay the tax at the rate of one dollar a barrel. The central design of these large stamps was the size (of barrel) in words and figures. Several issues intervened between 1866 and 1871 when the vignette of some celebrity replaced the old design in the center of the stamp. In the next issue, that of 1875, the 25c exists with inverted center; the vignette was in black with colored frame in this and in the other values of these sets. In 1898, the tax on beer was advanced to two dollars a barrel and provisionals resulted. The regular issue of 1898 ranged from 25 cents to $4, inclusive. The series of 1901 marked the reduction of the tax to $1.60 a barrel and some odd denominations were the consequence; for instance, 26⅔ cents for a sixth of a barrel. In 1902, another provisional showed the reduction of the tax to one dollar again. In 1909, the design of the stamps was changed to words and figures in center and they were printed in one color on blue paper.

How to Organize a Stamp Club

By A. C. LeDuc.

Club Constitution

Article I.—*Name*

This society shall be called the .... Stamp Club.

Article II.—*Object*

It is organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of stamp collecting as a clean and instructive hobby.

Article III.—*Membership*

Sec. A.—Any person of good moral character who is interested in some phase of stamp collecting is eligible for membership.

Sec. B.—A candidate must be voted on at a regular meeting of the club and if elected must pay to the secretary the sum of ....., which constitutes the dues for one year.

Sec. C.—Upon receipt of the dues for each year, the secretary will then issue a membership card entitling the member to all the benefits of the club for the ensuing year. The membership card shall be signed by the Secretary to make it authentic.

Article IV.—*Officers*

The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian.

Article V.—*Duties of Officers*

Sec. A. President.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club in a dignified and proper manner and to appoint such committees as the Club may from time to time determine.

Sec. B. Vice-President.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at the meeting.

Sec. C. Secretary.—The duties of the Secretary shall be:—To send out notices of meeting; to keep a list of names and addresses of all members; record all matters coming before the Club, and read at the next succeeding meeting; receive all fees for membership to end of the fiscal year; give receipts for all money taken in; transfer all monies to the Treasurer and carry on all necessary correspondence.

Sec. D. Treasurer.—The Treasu shall have charge of all funds belong to the Club, pay all bills from treasury, after approved by the Cl keep accurate record of all receipts expenditures and report at the first m ing of each month the financial stand of the Club.

Sec. E. Librarian. — The Librar shall have charge of all books and ma zines belonging to the Club. He sh keep these in an orderly manner and l them to members.

Article VI.—*Meetings*

Sec. A. The Annual meeting of Club shall be held .....

Sec. B. Regular meetings of the C shall be held ..... (Usually weekly or fortnightly), at pl designated by Secretary.

Sec. C. Five (or more) members sh constitute a quorum for the transact of business.

Article VII.—*Committees*

Sec. A. Executive.—This commit shall consist of the five elective offic and shall in an emergency transact a necessary business, providing all me bers are notified of the meeting.

Sec. B. Entertainment.—The Presid shall appoint an entertainment commit consisting of one or more members a definite time or from meeting to me ing, as he deems wise.

Article VIII.—*Amendments*

This Constitution may be amended filing a written change with Secretary open meeting, notice given each memb and may be adopted at the next meeti by a two-thirds vote.

Order of Business

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Reading of records of last meetir
3. Communications.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Suggestions for betterment of t Club.
8. Recess for entertainment.
9. Adjournment.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

..... *Stamp Club*

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..... *Secretary.*

Junior Dictionary

Mai Gt. Pre. 1902.—This overpri was applied by means of a handstamp all the then current stamps of Hayti May, 1902, by order of the Provision

Government, which was in power at th time. The two middle words are a co traction for "Gouvernement Provisoir (Provisional Government).

Perper.—The unit of value in th currency of Montenegro since 1910. Th perper is divided into 100 paras and has nominal value of 20c in United Stat currency.

ilatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited. Sign them or as you please. If reply be necessary enclose f-addressed stamped envelope.)

OH, JACK, HOW COULD YOU!

ttle Jack Horner sat in a corner
ounting stamps in his collection.
He licked with his tongue
And stuck with his thumb,
id so spoiled their pristine perfection.
—Everett Klaas.

ttle Jack Horner sat in a corner,
a album of stamps in his lap.
No hinges had Jack,
He put glue on the back,
r he said, "I'm a thrifty young sap."
—Chet Hodgson.

ttle Jack Horner squalled in the corner;
'd messed up her stamps with his pie.
And little Miss Muffet
Had hopped from her tuffet,
id fetched him a poke in the eye.
—Toofus the Office Boy.

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There is very little success where there little laughter.
—Andrew Carnegie.

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A lady, while cleaning house, burned a ge stamp collection belonging to her her, who 50 years before had been a J. postmaster. "Oh, my," she said to il U. Tellem, "you could have had m all for nothing!" Phil's comment "And they shoot men like Lincoln!"

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There was an old man from Waitly
Who took up the hobby, philately;
It is said all around
When his check book was found,—
His expenses have multiplied lately.
—Gay E. Milius, Jr.

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n regard to those White Plains stamps bserve a number of balls lying around t no chains. How come?—Bill Ball. Well, Bill, balls like that do away with ins sometimes.—Ed.)

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Boy: "I want some Swiss stamps."
U. S. Postal Clerk: "We don't have m, son."
Boy: "Sure you do. It's the stamp th a lot of holes around it."
—Max Smith.

* * *

When bigger and better commemora- es are made, I'll keep right on com- nting on 'em.
—Red of Berwyn.

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Any Other Suggestions?

The P. O. Dept. is making a holler ut its annual debt. To whoop things I suggest that they mix maple syrup th the stamp mucilage.
—Tarzan (Boston).

To overcome the postal deficit the gov- ment should put Jack Dempsey's pic- e on the four cent stamp; then every- e would pay double postage just for chance to lick him.
—Everett Klaas.

Among the designs on the proposed w issue, Norman Hatzung wants rep- sented: the Teapot Dome gushing rth, the annual Mississippi floods, and traffic cop. Thus in equal proportions uld be mixed oil, water and wind.

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Herbert Spencer, the English philoso- er, objected so strenuously to the state's erfering in the individual's affairs that got to the point where he carried his SS. to the printer himself because he d not trust that governmental institu- m, the Post Office, says Will Durant.

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Force of Habit

(Different people discover a burglar)
P. O. Clerk: "Hike or I'll cancel u!"
Postmistress: "Gracious, where's my se powder?"
Postman (blows whistle): "Wait a cond. I think I'll have something for u."
Percy the Peerless Collector: "Bea- ice, my tweezers! I shall tweak his se."
Stamp Dealer: "I suppose you want % off Scott, huh?"
—R. E. Dunlop.

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I got a light shock when I learned at another million Edisons were issued.
—Bill Ball.

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By Sydney A. R. Davis.

Midway between the British West Indies and Nova Scotia lies a group of some three hundred and sixty lime and red sand stone isles which are known as the Bermudas. Without streams and low lying these islands cover an area of only 19 square miles, and although only twenty of them are inhabited they are able to support a population of 27,741 of whom just over half are natives. The people of the islands cultivate and export a quantity of Lily Bulbs Potatoes and other produce.

The date of the discovery of the islands by Juan de Bermudez is not known, but on a map published in 1511 the island is indicated as La Barmuda. In the year 1609 Admiral Sir George Somers sailing on his way to Virginia in the "Sea Venture" with eight other ships was wrecked on one of the reefs off the islands, this accident resulted in a settlement being made there, and the islands being named The Somers Islands. The Virginia Company hearing of the settlement sought and obtained from King James I an extension of their charter, so as to include these islands within their domain, shortly after selling them for £2,000 to a body called "The Governor and Company of The City of London for the Plantation of the Somers Islands" in 1684 the Company was dissolved, when the government of the Colony passed to the Crown.

The chief island is Great Bermuda upon which Hamilton, the capital is situated, other of the islands are named St. George, St. David, Somerset and Ireland. At St. George the former capital is a land locked harbour and the floating dock which is depicted on the stamps of 1902.

The first stamps of Bermuda are the rare Postmaster's stamps which were issued for local postage only, these are impressions of the circular postmark with the day and month removed, they have the word HAMILTON at the top and BERMUDA at the bottom around the curve of the circle separated by a star, with the year in the centre, the value "One Penny" and the signature "W. B. Perot" (the Postmaster of Hamilton) in pen and ink completed the stamp. There is no record of the dates that this stamp was in use, but copies are known dated 1849 (in black) and 1854 (in red).

On September 13, 1865, supplies of three denominations were received in Bermuda, which were placed on sale on the 22nd, becoming available for Postage three days later. These stamps were of the value of 1d rose, 6d purple, and 1s green, they were printed in London by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. by the surface printing process and were issued in sheets of 240 in four panes of 60 on paper watermarked Crown C. C. perforated 14, the 1d is known without perforation and is exceedingly rare in this state. The designs of the three stamps are similar, all having the head of Queen Victoria in the centre enclosed within a circular frame, and tablets of solid colour with BERMUDA at the top and the value in the lower part of the stamp all in sans-serif capitals, the 1d had straight tablets at the top and bottom, the 6d two curved tablets above and below the frame, and the 1s a curved tablet with the name above, and a straight tablet below with the value. On the 14th March, 1866, a two penny stamp printed in blue by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., in the same make-up and on the same paper as the earlier stamps, in this the name tablet at the top of the stamp is straight with the letters in a curve with the value expressed in coloured capitals. Seven years later on the 10th March, 1873, the series was completed by the issue of a three penny stamp printed in the same manner in buff, this was issued to pay the postage on single letters to British North America, in this stamp the Head was enclosed in an additional octagonal frame, the name being indicated in coloured Roman capitals in a straight tablet at the top and the value in similar capitals in another straight tablet at the foot.

The 3d, 6d, and 1s stamps are known with the perforation 14x12½.

The supplies of the three penny stamp became exhausted eleven months after their issue, and on 21st February, 1874, the Council approved of the issue of the one shilling stamp surcharged Three Pence, which was applied diagonally at The Government Printing Office in black in panes of 60, of this surcharge which was issued on 12th March, 1874, there are three types, two in fancy, and the third in Roman capitals which was issued on April 19th of the same year.

A second provisional issue was made in 1873 when supplies of the Penny Stamp ran out, to meet this emergency the 2d blue, 3d buff, and 1s green were locally surcharged One Penny in two lines.

Until 1880 Bermuda had no stamp to the value of ½d and 4d, on 23rd March of that year these values were issued, printed in the same way as the other stamps, the ½d in stone, and the 4d in orange-red. The design of the Half Penny stamp was not unlike that of the one shilling English Stamp of the period, having the head of the Queen enclosed within an oval frame of solid colour with the inscription BERMUDA at the top and HALF PENNY below all in uncoloured sans-serif capitals, separated by ornaments of key design, the four spandrels completing the design being filled by ornamentation. The four penny stamp had the head of the Queen enclosed within a circular dotted frame, with the inscription in curved tablets of solid colour above and below in uncoloured sans-serif capitals. Both these stamps were printed on Crown C. C. paper.

The Crown C. A. paper came into use in May, 1884, when the 1d appeared on this paper followed by the 2d in December, 1886, in 1890 the ½d appeared printed in green, and in July, 1893, the 2d in purple, in January, 1886, the 3d in grey, in July, 1893, the 1s in yellow-brown all on Crown C. A. paper, and on 10th November, 1884, a 2½d stamp printed as before was added to the series. This stamp was issued for the prepayment of Foreign Postage, and had the head of Queen Victoria in the centre within a circular frame, with tablets of solid colour above and below formed so as with the side frames to form a hexagon, the top tablet containing the name of the colony, and the lower the value TWO PENCE HALFPENNY all in uncoloured capitals.—*Filatelia.*

(To be Continued.)

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Filatelic Oddities

By SEVARD.

After reviewing our latest Scott's catalogue, we are a trifle ahead on what we lost in the stock market. Where are these guys who wanted to loan us money on our stamp collections?

Various meter varieties have bobbed up of late. The Air Mail meter from Cleveland, Ohio, permit 70, Meter 6003, Type E, 5 cents in blue with "Via Air Mail" above the indicia should be in every air mail collection. It ranks ahead of airport dedications by a long take off.

THEN WE HAVE SEEN THE ENGLISH TYPE MACHINE APPEAR, THE ONE WITH THE FIRM'S AD IN THE INDICIA. THOSE WHO COLLECT BRITISH METERS KNOW THIS OF OLD.

Another English type has appeared from Washington, sent us via the Southgate information service bureau. This is meter number 10187, and the indicia is in the shape of a square 1869 postage stamp, perforate one-half of one per cent. It resembles greatly the French permits.

Altho by no means meters, Washington has tried out a number of cancel machines which are new and odd. As you know, Washington tries out a lot of new patents on mail matter, and many Washington postal markings are used but a few days during test runs. The one we recently received was run off a meter machine to count Penalty Envelopes.

We have seen a number of foreign slogans which are quite tricky. The German "Benutzt Die Luftpost" with a trimotor plane is counterpart to our slogan "Air Mail Saves Time," altho we like our airplane much better.

Mr. Clatterburg, Washington, D. C., sent us a number of the green ink machine cancels which appeared in New York City and Baltimore this year. Faded tints were also noted from Columbia, S. C., Boston, Mass., as well as the Fox Street and West 43rd Street stations in New York. Mr. Everett Erle, San Francisco, also found bluish varieties. From what we glean, in April, 1929, cancel ink, which was used for the green cancels used in connection with various special cancels, found its way into general use. As this green ink was fed on black ink rollers, cancels are noted from day to day with changes of shade. Baltimore, and one New York machine, attained a full greenish tint, whereas the rest are mostly in blended shades varying on blue, blue-green, or faint tinges of the greenish coloring.

One also notes the fancy Tomahawk registry cancel. There are two varieties, the early and the late. The early type is small. These were first reported to us in May by Mr. Hugo Beihoff. The late type is without a doubt made to order, as it is larger and evenly cut. We believe they are worth what one wants to pay for them, the seller having a slight advantage.

Mr. Everard, Vancouver, B. C., wrote us interesting matter on stamp appeal. We have always believed in stamp appeal. Collect stamps that appeal to you. Sometimes we have difficulty in knowing why we like a certain stamp more than some other. But we always find a kindred soul who also finds an appeal in our stamps. Mr. Everard finds that the stamps which were put aside merely because they appealed to him are now the very fine stamps of today. They have a ready sale. They are valuable. A second sense in buying is usually a first sense in selling.

THIS SUMMER, WHILE WE WERE TRAIPSING AROUND PARIS, WE OBSERVED CONGENIAL BUYING AND SELLING AMONG THE POPULACE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. IN THE OPEN AIR, STAMP MARTS WERE BUSY. BUT THERE WAS ONLY "ONE" DEALER IN U. S. ISSUES. AND HIS PRICES WEREN'T CHEAP. MR. KLEIN AND MR. WEST HAD RUINED THE STAMP MARKET IN U. S. ISSUES FOR US POOR DOWN-TRODDED, PLAIN ORDINARY COLLECTORS. I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE STAMPS IN THE OPEN BREEZE, BUT SOMEONE STEPPED ON MY HAND.

Our latest computations on catalog values seem out of line with Scott's figures. We slip the slide rule for the 2c 1926 compound at .00021 or 21c per thousand. The 2c horizontal coil stamp goes at .00029 or 29c a thousand. The 2c 1922 perf. 11 goes at .00189, and the 2c 1922 perf. 10 at .00214. The White Plains stamp is about .03115, slightly better than Scott's price. And a perfect copy of the 2c perf. 10 ought to bring .04361 or a nickel. Our Boscawen is still waiting for the fifteen grand, less two per cent cash.

Last evening I sat at a philatelic bourse and 99% of the stamps for sale by the ordinary collector were cheap stamps. These chaps have no guide for pricing their stamps. These are the chaps who are the body politic of philately. They come away from the meeting with sales of eight cents or ten cents, and finally they won't bring sales books anymore. They feel that they are always at the tag eng of the catalog maker. They buy at fancy catalog figures, but always sell at rock bottom prices. This applies more to precancels and air mail covers than to the general run of stamps. One auction dealer told us that he was considered a gyp because he couldn't auction off stamps at full catalogue value. One stamp dealer tried to replenish his stock and found prices too high to keep his mark-up within reasonable limits. He had to hunt up new fields for "finds." As before mentioned, 99% of the stamps offered are cheap stamps. The little fellow expects to be a part of the bourse, and if he can't sell, he won't play. He quits. He buys less often. He gives up a branch of his collecting. He speculates. He carries his stock on a margin of hopes and no imagination. He sneaks out the back door of stamp investing when he finds he has stamps that pay no dividends. The market is too high. It is too high because it isn't stabilized. The 99% of the stamps for sale are orphans as to values. Business is good, old-timers are still prosperous, stamps are in demand, but let the little fellow have a chance to market, too. Avoid speculation, determine firm market values and investment potentialities, and no matter what sales prices are, sit tight, and with the old axiom, "When in doubt, do nothing," believe that stamp collecting takes more intelligence than licking hinges.

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Illustrated above is the 10L valu of this Italian set which complete the issue. It is a fine engravin showing a full length portrait of S Benedetto, the founder of the Monas tery of Monte Cassino. The stam sells at a 2 lire premium above i face value of 10 lire and is in slat color, perf. 14, with no watermark.

Alexandria, French P. O.—*L'E de la Timbrologie* states that a "Caisse d'Amortissement" stamp was on sale October 1st. The value is 15 milliemes.

Denmark. — Information recei from Mr. A. E. Pade is to the effect t two new values have been issued in air mail stamps of this country. T are the 50 ore gray and 1 Krone bro The design is the same as previou issued.

Mr. R. Roberts of London, Engla sends the following new items chronicle:

Australia.—King George type, pale olive bistre, perf. 13½x12½, wat marked small A and Crown all o The stamps are printed in sheets of with inscription "John Ash, Austral Note and Stamp Printer" between two panes.

Finland.—1½mk purple and gre design A19, no watermark, instead watermark posthorn as before.

Jhind State. — Nasik prints, green, 15R blue and olive and 25R ora and blue, stamps of India overprinted before for use in this native state.

A new type of special delivery stamps has been issued as above, i red for Spain. The size is 21x25mm perf. 14.

Stamp Collecting reports these new sue notes:

Belgium.—Writing in a local pap M. Gisquiere states that "The Antwe Philatelic Exhibition (July 26 to Aug 3, 1930) expects to obtain two spec stamps having as a common motif city arms of Antwerp."

Ecuador. — The 1 centavo fis stamp, printed in blue, has been adapt to postage purposes by overprinting w the word "POSTAL" vertically in red.

Italy.—A decree of September 2 by the Council of Ministers authori the issue of a special set of posta stamps in commemoration of the dea of St. Anthony of Padua, which falls d in 1931.

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AIR MAIL NEWS

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he'll be glad to hold covers for any who wish to send them for any air mail service which may develop there—and he says a six point service seems probable before very long. Postage is likely to be the usual 5c per. We appreciate Mr. Nock's offer, as also the continued cooperation of Postmaster Chilson, who, though not allowed to hold covers himself, was instrumental in getting me in touch with Mr. Nock.

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Seemed to be some variation in the markings on first flight FAM 9 covers from Buenos Aires. One cover which I have seen bears the usual "Via Aerea" Oct. 12th cancellation on the front, and what appears to be a machine cancellation on the back as follows, in 4 lines, "12 Octubre—Inauguracion Linea Aeropostal — Via Pacifico — Buenos Aires-Nueva York." Other covers, dated either the 11th or 12th, bear the regular "Via Aerea" dated cancellation only, while still others have a round dated cancel on the front reading "Bs. Aires—R y V. D. —Via Aerea." Takes more Spanish than I know to get that "R y V. D." part.

Airport Dedications, and Other Unofficial Cachets

Our thanks are extended to R. I. Weiss and J. N. Tucker, both of whom sent prepaid wires this week in connection with armistice day events. Unfortunately, too late for use. Try again, friends, and a bit earlier if you can.

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In various periodicals have appeared from time to time lists of cities which are reported by the Dept. of Commerce as planning new airports. In nine cases out of ten, a dedication is a long distance in the future. I have a form questionnaire which goes to all such, and the news of any immediately forthcoming activity is always published here. I suggest that those of you who have been sending covers to all cities so listed, would find it more profitable to wait till things develop a little more, and also the hard worked Chamber of Commerce secretaries wouldn't have to write so many letters in answer. The following letter received from one secretary will illustrate my point: "So far we are simply talking about an airport. It will be at least a year—possibly 2 or 3—before plans materialize. Stamp collectors are bothering us to death with stamped letters for mailing on dedication date. If you can influence them to 'lay off', please do so. We haven't time or postage to return their letters." Other papers please copy!

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And as a further example—the following are the cities reporting nothing doing at all, or not for a long time, in this week's mail: Delphos, O.; Beatrice, Neb.; Oroville, Cal.; Visalia, Cal.; Marysville, Cal.; Rialto, Cal.; Riverside, Cal.; Merced, Cal.; Cuthbert, Ga.; Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Hebron, Ind.; Dunellen, N. J.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Petersburg, Va.; Lenora, Kans.; Arlington, Ga.; Watonga, Okla.; Middlefield, O.; Hannibal, Mo.; Bristol, Conn.; Elizabethton, Tenn.; Meridian, Miss.; Oakland, Neb.; Durant, Miss. Many of these will develop in the future, but let's give them a chance!

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CAM 11 cachet for 26th Wright Anniversary, Dec. 17, from Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Youngstown. Covers to J. P. Penning, E. Eugene, Homestead, Pa., as usual.***Ring Laying ceremony at Akron was postponed till Nov. 7, due t death of Sen. Burton.***Norman Rosenstein says the Findlay air mail day ca chet was applied only in red to late co ers, which are postmarked 11 P. M.** John C. Adams reports a special cach from Portland, commemorating the ar rival of "The Land of the Soviets" flier and has a cover signed by all 4 pilot Doesn't say who sponsored the cachet.

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Another Golden Jubilee flight at Pitts burgh, Oct. 28, cachet same as reporte last week.***Fresno, Calif., dedicate Chandler Field, Nov. 2, cachet in red o violet.***New Orleans Menafee Airpor same date, and 3rd—cachet by S. A T. Flying Service.***Dedication new ad ministration building, Kansas City, Mo was featured by an elaborate cachet o the 2nd, also.***Further National Ai Tours from Wasau, Wis.—printed stick er; Moline, Ill.—black cachet; Kalama zoo, Mich. — mimeographed cachet.** Harry Ioor sends a Navy Day cover from Indianapolis—flown and dropped from a navy plane in action over the city.

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C. W. Horn, Lock box 986, Atascadero Calif., says that Paso Robles, nearby will have a new port before long. No cachet definitely promised yet, but he says he'll hold covers if you want to send them along.

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Trenton dedication mailed 3,309.*** Gadsden Purchase figures: Aug. 24—special del.—24, 2c rate—218, air mail—1,533; 25th—1,361; 26th—1,274—all air mail.***Wichita dedication — 500.***Gettysburg, Pa. — dedication — 250.***Menlo Park Edison cachet—5,200.

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Coöperators for the week are as follows: J. N. Tucker, *Harry Ioor, N. Rosenstein, C. W. Horn, W. G. Fountaine, *J. Delano Bartlett, Chas. G. Reiss, Geo. R. McNeil, Geo. Nowobilski, John C. Adams, Wm. Dunn, Anna Schafer, C. M. Silipo, E. N. Randell, W. Nock, A. E. Koestler, C. F. Bramann, Nelson E. Willits, *Otto Edenharter, **Samuel Schafer, *J. P. Penning, Maurice S. Petty, *E. MacLennan, *P. R. Hudson, A. C. Roessler, R. I. Weiss, *D. E. McPherson, *Allen P. Harding.

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NEW CANAL ZONE, 1929

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() 12c and 50c July 1, 1929

The 12c and 50c stamps, issued July 1, 29, are in conventional size, vertical ctangular, 19x22mm, and line engraved d recess printed from flat plates in eets of 400 (20 horizontal by 20 verti-), with a margin on all four sides, in ich the plate number appears over, or der, the 5th and 15th vertical rows, and the side margins (reading up at the t, and down at the right), opposite the and 15th horizontal rows.

As with the 1c and 2c issued Oct. 3 d Oct. 1, 1928, respectively, between 10th and 11th vertical rows, and the h and 11th horizontal rows, guide les, in color, divide the 400 subjects o four panes of 100 stamps each (10 0), and knives passing along these ide lines (while the stamps are being rforated 11), cut the 400 stamp sheets o four Post Office sheets (of 100 mps each). The stamps of each pane rdering on the guide lines (19 in each st Office sheet of 100), are not perfo- ed at their outer edges, i.e., are straight ged. These Post Office sheets of 100 mps have margins only at the top and e side (upper left and upper right nes), or at the bottom and one side wer left and lower right panes).

The vignette of the 12c consists of the ad of Col. David D. Gaillard, facing ont, within an oval, inscribed at the ot, "Gaillard". Around the sides and of the oval is "Canal Zone Postage," d in the upper corners are triangular ornaments. Circles in the lower corners, bear the numeral of value "12", with "Cents" in a straight line between. The numerals and all lettering (except "Gaillard") are colorless.

On the 50c, the vignette is that of the head of Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, facing front, with "Blackburn" at the foot. On a curved ribbon at the top is "Canal Zone Postage", in color. Acanthus leaf ornamentation extends upward at either side, from solid circles in the lower corners which contain the numerals "50". "Cents" in a straight line at the foot, completes the design.

The border and lettering on the 12c was engraved by Howard I. Earle, the ornamentation by C. Frank Wittenauer, and the portrait by Louis S. Schofield. The border and lettering on the 50c was engraved by William B. Wells, and the ornamentation and portrait by Edward J. Hein.

One set of four plates of 400 subjects was made for each denomination: 12c 118186, 118187, 118188 and 118189; 50c 118119, 118120, 118121 and 118122.

(6) Sale of U. S. Stamps Overprinted "Canal Zone" (1c, 1½c, 2c, 5c, 12c and 50c) discontinued Sept. 30, 1929

Circular No. 2 of the Director of Posts, dated June 20, 1929, fixed Sept. 30, 1929, as the date on which the sale of U. S. stamps overprinted "Canal Zone", in the denominations 1c, 1½c, 2c, 5c, 12c and 50c should be discontinued. Advance notice was given of their retirement so that collectors and dealers might have sufficient time in which to secure such stamps as they desired, before the stocks were depleted.

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Director of Posts."

Summary

Permanent series—Canal Zone Postage. Line engraved and recess printed (from flat plates) by Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C. Unwatermarked. Perforated single line 11.

1c green (Gorgas), Oct. 3, 1928.
2c carmine rose (Goethals), Oct. 1, 1928.
5c blue (Gaillard Cut), June 25, 1929.
12c brown violet (Gaillard), July 1, 1929.
50c lilac (Blackburn), July 1, 1929.

Air Mail—overprinted on permanent series at the Panama Canal Press, Mt. Hope, Canal Zone, in blue, in 2 lines, "AIR MAIL—15 CENTS 15" (or "25 CENTS 25").

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25c on 2c carmine rose (Goethals), Jan. 11, 1929.

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By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

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The Gimbel Company is one of the department stores that has given much attention to the sale of stamps and accessories, with the result that their business is constantly growing. These sales are devoted entirely to albums, catalogues and pages, in addition to packets and sets. No effort has been made to sell individual stamps, which is practically impossible without a trained sales person.

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By H. S. ACKERMAN, Chairman.

I am in receipt of an interesting report of the first meeting of the Unit held at the Convention in Minneapolis, sent in by the Secretary of the Unit, Mr. F. C. Bundlie. The Secretary, Dr. Davis, informs me that the convention voted not to print the proceedings and suggested that the above report appear here. As the report is quite long, I shall brief it and give you the essential details. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Victor W. Rotnem, one of our members, on Wednesday, August 21st. There were twenty or more in attendance. Mr. Rotnem, after making a few remarks, introduced Mr. G. M. Mosler, President of the A. P. S. Mr. Mosler offered his assistance to put the unit through and to work for its success. Mr. F. W. Grant was elected temporary chairman, after making some remarks he called for nominations for Chairman. The writer was elected unanimously. Mr. F. C. Bundlie of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was nominated and elected Secretary. General discussion took place after these formalities. Mr. Norona, Secretary of the Stampless Cover Unit, was a visitor and gave much encouragement. Those there then sat down to tables and began exchanging items of interest. The meeting was closed with the hope that this Unit would grow to be the biggest of them all.

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Mr. Hugh Southgate, Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of our members, wrote me he would be interested to see some notes on that most interesting branch of the precancels, the Bureau Prints. So I am going to tell you something of my collection. I was quite puzzled what to do with the perforate ten one cent in yellow-green ordinary and coils. To date I had ignored shades. I had seen in some collections that others had placed the two outstanding shades of the 12c in their sets of the 1917 issue. It became necessary to remount my Bureaus and I then decided to take in the two prominent shades of each value. I found that the shade that was at first used in all values differed with the shades of the compounds, markedly in the one, one and a half, three and ten cents values. I will give the original shade first, 1c blue-green —yellow-green; 1½c pale brown—dark brown; 2c dark carmine—bright carmine; 3c purple—lilac; 4c light brown—dark brown; 5c on the indigo blue—more bluish; 6c dull orange—more red in it and brighter; 7c gray dull black—deeper black; 8c olive—lighter in shade; 9c pink —brighter shade and more color; and the 10c dull yellow—more of the orange in it. These colors are not to be taken absolute, but as a guide in comparison when you have the two shades together. Another thing you will note that there is a change in each case, of the compound of pigments used, I say this to caution against two impressions of the same printing showing heavier inking. Some towns have more than two shades. A couple of towns have a light red-brown shade on the 1½c, quite a pretty shade. Probably the 5c is the hardest to see. Daylight is far the best for this work. One other point is to be remembered and that is the Bureau was printing stamps all the time, so first orders of some towns appear only in the later shades, especially certain values. If first you will work on the large cities like New York, Chicago and Boston, you will get the guide to mapping out the rest.

In this manner I mount two sets of the perforated 10s. There are a few shade items in the compounds. I have never got enough of these to go far. In addition I mount plate breaks, offset prints and the like. At a later date I will give a list of these. I have only got thru the "M" states in remounting. I also mount the corner stamp showing margin paper on two sides, one comes with plate number. I like to get blocks with margin strips. The first Bureau Prints were on some of the first of the 1922 series bureau plates. These plates have a little tick or short line opposite to each row of stamps on the margin paper, long since discontinued.

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One of our members, Mr. Allan R. Brown, exhibited at the last meeting of the New York Precancel Club, the precancelled cover as follows:—

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March 1, 1858

printed in square block caps with heavy face, 3mm high, second line in caps and small caps, on 3c buff 1853 envelope, Scott's No. 2314. The cover is in fine condition for its age. This is certainly a wonderful precancel find, and dated at that.—*American Philatelist.*

SOME GIBBONS' PRICINGS

By W. E. FYNDEM.

Perhaps the most surprising feature of the new Gibbons is to be found, not in the stamps which have advanced materially, but in certain instances where there has been no movement at all. As I pointed out last week, Europeans have, on the whole, done extremely well, and in a large number of cases the early issues have risen sharply.

There are, however, one or two notable exceptions; Spain is a good example. The early issues of this country, which has never been really unpopular, and which today is certainly not out of favour, have remained absolutely stationary. The first issue of Sweden has also remained unchanged, and the same remark applies to the Swiss Cantonal stamps. On the other hand, the early issues of Belgium, Norway, Portugal, Russia, and France all show considerable appreciation, especially the two last named.

What is the explanation of the difference in treatment as between these two groups? They are all specialists' countries, so *that* avenue does not look very promising so far as finding a solution is concerned. Nevertheless, I believe part of the explanation is that in the latter group there are two specialists to every one in the former group.

Something of a vogue for plating used copies of Spain S. G. 1 has sprung up in recent years, but I unhesitatingly say that the demand for early Spanish stamps is not on the same plane as the demand for, say, early French, or early Belgian. In this connexion it must not be forgotten that Messrs. Gibbons have an enormous continental clientèle. Both France and Belgium are streets ahead of Spain as stamp collecting countries, and I have not the slightest doubt that, to some extent at any rate, it is the continental demand which is responsible for what, at first sight, appears to be an inconsistency.

With Swiss Cantonal stamps I think that there is another explanation, which may apply, in part, to other countries. Messrs. Gibbons have not yet introduced differential pricing into Part II of their catalogue. In other words, their figures are more in the nature of averages than actual basic prices; therefore they are less liable to fluctuation.

To come back to the new catalogue however, it is interesting to note that where there has been no change in first issues, there has been a good deal of liveliness in second and middle issues. This applies to both Sweden and Switzerland where the Postage Dues also have come in for some attention.—*Stamp Collecting*

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By HERMANN FOCKE.

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Its addition to the regular postage on letters entitled the sender to a despatch by special messenger either by automobile or mule-back to the nearest major post office, and meant the saving of perhaps two or three days, and I have seen several of the particular little stamp on letters received in this country; therefore I cannot see any reason why it should be deleted from the catalogue, unless the same is done with all other Department stamps, which step, however unjust, might not be regretted by many collectors. Scott's price of 10c seems to me very low, and I seriously doubt that they can deliver the goods, certainly not in used condition, because its circulation was short-lived.

Towards the end of 1928 it was replaced by a permanent issue of the same value of 4c in green on white wove paper, about 20x24mm, perf. 12 all around, the stamp showing a range of mountains with the rising sun in the centre; at top the words CORREO RAPIDO—SANTANDER in two lines, and at bottom the value 4 CENTAVOS 4, which stamp is still in use.

In September of the present year there appeared two others, provisional Express stamps for use in the Northern part of Santander, or perhaps only in the City of Cúcuta, as the inscription would indicate, of which I received first the 4c value in deep blue, and later on the 2c in deep carmine red; both stamps are of the same design, printed in sheets of six in a vertical row on very thin white tissue paper, perforated only horizontally (11½) between the stamps, so that the top and bottom stamps are perforated only on one side and the remaining four items on two sides.

The size of this highly interesting provisional is 36x20mm and the inscription reads at top: COLOMBIA—NOTRE SANTDER., at bottom: PROVISIONAL — CUCUTA, at sides: left reading up CORREO, and right reading down RAPIDO; in the center appears the coat of arms of the Republic with the value on both sides, "2 cvos." or "4 cvos." in two lines as the case may be.

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BANQUET OF THE POSTAGE STAMP CLUB, CHICAGO

A very enjoyable time was had on the evening of November 9, 1929, the occasion being the annual banquet of the Postage Stamp Club of Chicago, held at the Bismarck Hotel.

At 6.30 P. M., those present sat down to a sumptuous repast with President A. Hippchen presiding, and during the meal musical entertainment was furnished by Tony Prince, the Broadway Recording Artist, and His Accordion. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was followed by short stories by the same artist, and then we were entertained by a wonderful show of the Black Art given by Andrew Andmar, which greatly mystified most of those present. When the tables were cleared Col. Frank O. Sebring was introduced, and he gave a very interesting talk on the Anthony Wayne Stamp, the occasion of its issue and a vast detail of historic facts about the "Mad" General and the Battle of Fallen Timbers. Next on the program was a very appreciated discourse by Prof. Paul G. Andres on his experiences as a collector and his travels over the country and visits to the various dealers. As the concluding speaker, Capt. B. B. Lipsner, the Superintendent of the Air Mail Service, gave an interesting talk on Air Mails, and announced his new book which will shortly appear on the subject of the development of the Air Mail Service from its inception to the present day.

An auction sale of some 115 lots was then held, Mr. Fowler being impressed as the auctioneer. Air Mail covers were the subject of the most spirited bidding.

While the banquet was being held in Parlors D and E a very interesting display of stamps was in progress in Parlor C. There were a great number of frames of stamps shown, and many were of great interest. The members and the laity found great interest in the entire exhibit.

Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ripstra, William H. Gilley, John B. Boddie, Julius Loeffler, George A. Zimmerman, Capt. B. B. Lipsner, C. H. Krippaehne, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hilding, Karl Feis, Adam Kloskowski, Herbert Prenevost, Harold Prenevost, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Andres, J. Fred Vickrey, Henry M. Hartjen, L. H. Sherwin, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mosher, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Hippchen, Col. Frank O. Sebring, A. M. Floesller, R. C. Davidson, L. C. Kohanna, Ignatius Saklas, Miss E. Forpanek, S. A. Nelson, C. L. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoibal, Mr. and Mrs. William Forpanek, Max Shultz, Miss Mae A. Scott, James A. MacDonald, J. L. Elledge and daughter, Andrew Andmar Sonnichsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ades Fowler.

A vote of thanks for the wonderful way that we were entertained and for the amusement and exhibition was given to those having the matter in charge.

from top to bottom, stamps Nos. 1, 3 and 5 have the word SANTDER touching the left margin; there is a stop after CUCUTA., the double lined inner frame has a gap in the middle under the coat of arms, and the E in DE has invariably a smudge.

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On receipt of the first copy of the 4c value I immediately sent for a supply in sheets, but by the middle of October, when my order was received at Cúcuta, the issue of this value was already exhausted and only the 2c value could be supplied in mint sheets, which, by the way, have no gum, but from used copies of the 4c stamp I take it, that the same plate and two clichés were used, because they show the identical varieties.

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C. S. WATSON SALE
October 21

On October 21, 1929, the C. S. Watson Company of Los Angeles sold an assorted collection of United States and Foreign items, including some excessively rare Pony Express and Western Frank covers. In fact, the former brought record prices and as a result, were well written up in the local papers. While only a quotation here and there has been furnished, we are enumerating the outstanding pieces which are brought to our attention.

An 1861 Pony Express 25c blue vertical strip of five and single used on Wells, Fargo 3c envelope, on which was also affixed a block of four of the 3c 1861, all cancelled and tied with large circular Wells, Fargo postmark, went into a California collection at $1,300.00.

A similar cover, showing a beautiful block of six of the 25c red, used on a 3c envelope, along with a single, pair and strip of three of the 3c 1861, brought $1,110.00.

A cover with a superb single of the 25c red and a damaged block of eight, used along with a strip of eight of the 3c 1861, changed hands at $255.00. A price of $425.00 was paid for a strip of four of the 25c red, together with two singles tied with Wells, Fargo postmark.

The four Pony Express covers described above all passed through the Wells, Fargo San Francisco office. The two first prices are undoubtedly records for covers of this type.

Among the United States off-cover items, a perfection used copy of the 5c New York brought $52.50, while $160.00 was paid for a block of six of the 10c 1851 used, showing Type II and III, of which the top pair had a light crease and was thin, but the lower block was in good condition. It was described as a little heavily cancelled. A superb block of six of the 6c 1882, No. 208, moved at $65.00.

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W. S. BARKER SALE
October 28

On October 28, 1929, Mr. W. S. Barker sold in Boston a small collection of United States and Foreign, containing several pieces of interest.

Among the United States, there was little of importance. The scarcer items were: A complete sheet of the 1893 4c cataloguing $18.75, sold at $17.00; a set of twenty-one first-day Norse-American covers, changed hands at $18.00; and a set of the Shanghai, complete, Nos. 3280 to 3297 inclusive, sold at $11.40.

Among the Foreign, a Canada 6 pence 1852 wove paper, fine, sold at $20.00; an 1859 10c black at $16.00; an 1868 6c brown, watermarked, No. 25b, at $38.60. A Hawaiian 5c on 13c, No. 7, with close margins and thin spots found a new owner at $35.50, while a fine 2c black on grayish, No. 12, in unused condition, sold at three-quarters catalogue, namely, $75.00. A copy of the same denomination, No. 16, with town cancellation, listing $50.00, brought $40.00, while its neighbor, No. 17, showing good margins with cogwheel cancellation, cataloguing $250.00, sold at $190.00. A 1c, No. 19, unused, brought $30.00, a 2c unused, No. 20, $40.00, a similar 5c, No. 22, $10.00, while later issues brought satisfactory quotations.

A Newfoundland 1860, 4 pence orange with wide margins, lightly cancelled, sold at $65.00, a Sweden 3s, No. 1, described as a handsome copy, sold at $65, while a similar copy of the 24s, No. 5, sold at $35.00. A mint block of sixteen, Trinidad, 1851, 1 pence, sold at $100.00, while one of the finest things in the sale, namely—a Zululand £5, No. 24, in handsome mint condition, cataloguing $150.00, sold at $125.00.

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The book brings together much information which can only be gleaned with much trouble by searching through past philatelic publications and books. The book is certainly an answer as to how to collect stamps, and should be in the hands of every new collector. It contains over two hundred illustrations and is priced at $3.00. It is unfortunate that a book of this kind cannot be placed upon the market around $1.00, so that its distribution would be extensive. Such a book is excellent propaganda for stamp collecting and should be widely distributed.

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Prof. Gamber is a persistent dog; that is a reason why the writer agreed to tackle this proposition of presenting to the WEEKLY *readers, data on Bureau Prints. Likewise, it is an honor and a privilege to carry on the work and memory of a valued and lamented friend, C. A. Carroll, whose loss will be deeply felt by the precancel fraternity. His was the type of enthusiast that is an example and benefactor to any field of endeavor. He was one who delighted to give freely, expecting only a free return within the limits of one's ability.*

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While the data submitted is compiled from authoritative sources it must be appreciated that orders are sometimes cancelled; occasionally a slip occurs in compiling data, and that at times stock may remain unused for months or be destroyed without use. So items listed may in a few cases never appear.

However, in the main the data presented will be found sufficiently accurate to be a help to collectors generally, and in some cases may serve to catch items that otherwise might escape.

It is proposed to start with the towns and denominations not appearing in the 5th Edition of the Bureau Print Catalogue, bringing to date the lists and continuing (with new doses) from month to month.

Someone must provide dresses for the youngsters and shoes for the grand kiddies, so time to do what might otherwise be desired, may be lacking. Still it is hoped to supplement the records with some dope on production problems and causes for changes or varieties. Likewise, a list of new items actually found may be added later, if demand should warrant.

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The Treaty of Frontiers, between the Republic of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, signed at Santo Domingo City, on Jan. 21, 1929, was ratified by President Louis Borno of Haiti, on February 11th, was sanctioned by the Haitian Council of State (exercising the powers of the National Assembly), and signed by the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, for the Interior, and for Finances, on February 15, 1929. On February 25th the President of the Dominican Republic, Genl. Horacio Vasquez, signed the decree of the Dominican Congress ratifying the treaty of January 21st, and the formal exchange of ratifications took place at Santo Domingo City on April 30th.

The series of stamps issued by the Dominican Republic to commemorate the signing of this treaty, was completed about June 15, by the issue of the ½c, 1c, 5c and 10c. The 2c had appeared in May, although copies from a proof sheet passed through the post as early as April 25th.

Of the ½c, 1c, 2c and 5c, one sheet each (100 stamps) is known imperforate. The fact that these are in the possession of a clerk in one of the Government Departments at Santo Domingo City would indicate that they were not sold in this condition to the public, but were either irregularly printed, or were proof sheets. The latter seems more likely, since this same clerk has a sheet each (50 stamps) of the ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c of the Alcazar de Colon series in imperforate condition.

It had been proposed at first to place a quantity of the Dominican commemorative stamps on sale at Port au Prince, Haiti, but this was abandoned, and instead, early in July, an order was placed by the Haitian postal authorities, with the American Bank Note Co. of New York, for a 10 centimes de gourde stamp (500,000) to commemorate this event. The stamps were received at Port au Prince, about the middle of October. It was originally intended to put this stamp on sale Friday, Nov. 1st, but that being a holiday, during which the Post office was open only a short time, issue was deferred until Monday, November 4th.

The stamps, horizontal rectangular, 29x23mm, were line engraved and recess printed by the American Bank Note Co. of New York, in carmine, in sheets of 100 (10x10) on unwatermarked paper, and perforated single line 12. Under each stamp in small colored caps is "American Bank Note Co."

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The features of President Borno appear also on the 5c green, and the 50c orange and black, of the Sept. 3, 1924, pictorial series.

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cil of State, of 21 members, functioning as a National Assembly, elected M. Borno President of Haiti, for a term of four years, under the constitution of June 19, 1918. His inauguration took place May 15, 1922.

M. Borno was re-elected April 12, 1926, for a second four year term, by the Council of State. This procedure of electing a President by 21 men over whom he exercised the right of appointment and dismissal, caused much adverse comment, although the election of M. Borno naturally was highly satisfactory to the American advisers of the Haitian Government. President Borno is an able lawyer, and a man of wide diplomatic and administrative experience, and notwithstanding bitter criticism has loyally and consistently given most intelligent, and even rabid coöperation and support to the programme agreed upon between himself and the American officials. His re-election assured an orderly and progressive continuation of this programme.

Nov. 4, 1929. Commemorative of the signing of the Treaty of Frontiers, with the Dominican Republic, on Jan. 21, 1929. Engraved and recess printed by American Bank Note Co. of New York, unwatermarked, and perforated single line 12.

10c de g carmine (Borno, President) 500,000.

5c Borno, Second Printing, 1928

In October, 1928, the 5c green, Borno, of the Sept. 3, 1924, pictorial series, unexpectedly exhausted, and an order was cabled to the American Bank Note Co., of New York, for another million copies. (The original order in 1924 was for 3,000,000.) Although there was good excuse for a surcharged provisional, the postal authorities refrained from doing so, and for almost two months it was necessary to use instead two 3c de gourde stamps of the Agriculture and Commerce series of 1920. The reprinting of the 5c was received and issued in December, 1928.

This was the second denomination of the pictorial series to require reprinting; in 1925, the 10c Citadelle was reprinted.

Independence Anniversary, Jan. 1, 1929

Although Jan. 1, 1929, marked the 125th anniversary of Haitian independence, there were no local celebrations, neither was there any special postal issue or marking. It was on Jan. 1, 1804, at Gonaives, that Dessalines proclaimed the independence of Haiti—which before had been known as Saint Domingue.

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NEW AIR MAIL STAMP

PHILADA., PA., Nov. 16.

In further reference to my notes of last week, relative to a new air mail stamp, I am now officially informed that such a variety is about to appear. This will be 5 cents in denomination, printed in blue, from the rotary press, in sheets of two hundred, which in turn will be divided into post office panes of fifty.

The new stamp will be almost the size of the Special Delivery, with the long dimension vertical. It will show the same beacon as found on our present two-color 5-cent air mail stamp, and immediately under the engraving we will find the name—"Mt. Sherman Beacon."

The former bi-colored stamp has been costing entirely too much and with the flat plate variety, it was difficult to obtain the proper production necessary. The new rotary stamps will save considerable, and will enable the Department to take care of the constantly increasing demand for air mail stamps.

The new 5-cent blue will be available by the time these notes appear, as the proof has been approved by the Postmaster General, and they are fast proceeding with the completion of the plates. No date will be announced for first-day issue, as the stamps will be put into the regular stock just as soon as they are available.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

NEWFOUNDLAND AIR MAIL

ST. JOHN'S, Nov. 18.

It is reported that Newfoundland is to be provided with a set of air mail stamps, the Government having arranged for an air mail service during the winter. It is interesting to note that an air mail issue was planned some years ago, and essays made, but the stamps were never ordered. It is possible that the designs of the coming issue will be similar to the 1919 essays.

FRANK F. WILLS.

DOINGS AT THE B. P. S.

At the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society held Nov. 19, the feature entertainment was an exhibit and talk on the stamps of Sarawak by Arthur Grellier, former secretary of the Junior Philatelic Society of London. Mr. Grellier is a recognized authority on this subject.

Four propositions for membership: W. F. Pollitz, Arthur E. Brandt, Harold P. Williams and Grinnekl Jones, Jr., were acted upon favorably.

A visit with the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club was slated for the evening of Nov. 21. It will be one of a proposed series of similar invitations for the purpose of promoting good fellowship.

Sec. Stiles announces that the Boston Air Mail Society has changed its meetings to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in order not to conflict with the meetings of the B. P. S.

The Secretary also reminds the membership that the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held in Boston during the first week in August, 1930.

KING GEORGE'S MALTESE

Following what has now come to be an established custom, His Majesty the King provided the display at the first meeting of the season of the Royal Philatelic Society, held on October 17, at the Society's headquarters, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1.

His Majesty chose the early issues of Malta on this occasion, and the stamps were shown on the King's behalf by Mr. E. D. Bacon, who also read a paper on "The Halfpenny Value with the Head of Queen Victoria." A large number of Fellows, members and visitors were present.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

STAMP EXHIBITION AT NEW HAVE

A delegation from the Collectors Cl of New York paid a visit to the Ne Haven Society Nov. 12, when a mo interesting lot of rare stamps was e hibited. Chas. J. Phillips was prese with a valuable exhibit from the colle tion of Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Two of the New Haven postmast stamps were of special interest to t local philatelists.

J. M. Bartels exhibited a fine lot New York cancellations on foreign mai Beverly King, proofs and essays of U. postage due stamps; John Klemann, collection of Greek stamps; Harry Lin quist, Norway skilling issues; John V Nicklin, blocks of unused air ma stamps; Stephen G. Rich, Inter-Provinci of So. African states; Gustave Burge historical covers; and Elliott Perry, mat and medicine revenue stamps.

E. A. YOUNG.

SOUTH AMERICAN AIR MAILS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 30.

The Nyrba line inaugurated their a mail service to Chile this morning: rou Rosario, Cordoba - Mendoza - Santiag Very short notice has been given so t mail will be very small.

The Pan-American Grace Airwa which terminated their 1st flight he on 14th inst. with mails from U. S. A. a intermediates brought no Chilian corr spondence because they hold no conce sion. The air mail routes in Chile a controlled by the government under t name of Compania Nacional de Aviaci

The Aeroposta Argentina made anoth successful experimental on 18th fr Comodoro Rivadavia to Buenos Air bringing up 105 kilos of mail collect en route, but without aviation tax.

It is rumored that the Argentine a mail series of stamps will soon be su pressed and that the ordinary posta stamps will be available for local a international air mails.

A. H. DAVIS.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

Alamosa, Colo., dedicated its airpo Nov. 10-11. First flight air mail cov with cachet is at hand from Maitla Milliken.***Antonito, Colo., also dedicat its airport on Nov. 11, with a suital cachet for first air mail flight.***A cov is at hand from A. Atlas Leve, whi looks like a bit of private enterprise a used in connection with the Syracuse, Y., observance of Armistice Day.* Selma, Ala., applied a special cachet letters mailed Nov. 11. It was spo sored by the local legion, and J. O. Per sends us a specimen.***Bill Schneid Jr., sends us a CAM 17 cachet from N Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 16. Air m and races.***Batavia, N. Y., special flig in near future. Airport dedication. F port says official. Covers to P. M.

NEW GERMAN CHARITY STAMI

ESSEN, GER., Nov. 10

As already stated the design of t new German Charity stamps is identi with the one previously used, the o difference being in the several coats arms, which in the case of the issue u der discussion are the following:

5pf, City of Bremen (light green).
8pf, Lippe-Detmold (dark green).
15pf, City of Luebeck (carmine).
25pf, Mecklenburg-Strelitz (blue).
50pf, Schaumburg-Lippe (brown).

The 8pf domestic postal previou mentioned has been printed on crea colored paper, and is a large size ca measuring 148 millimeters horizontally 105mm vertically, the size adopted s eral years ago by the P. O. Dept. for mestic and foreign postal cards. T front side of the card shows a group

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Cancellations On United States Department Stamps

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

For the past seven years I have been ollecting all the varieties I could find the cancellations of United States De- irtment stamps. This collection was rmed for a certain purpose as an in- stment, but as the purpose for which made it no longer exists, I have de- ded to break up the collection of six- en large volumes, which form this llection, they will be grouped as llows:—

(1) Die proofs, in singles, and Plate proofs in singles, blocks and full sheets. (2) Unused stamps in blocks and sheets. (3) Unused stamps in singles and pairs specialized for shades. (4) Unused stamps showing shifts, re-entries, plate or die varieties. (5) Cancellations.

The last group, Cancellations, seems to me never to have been written up and I do not know of any good reference list which would be of use to collectors in arranging a specialized collection of used Department or Official stamps. For this reason I have decided to print a list of the varieties I actually possess, as I think that such a list may be of use to collectors who care to specialize this very interesting branch of Classic U. S. stamps.

I call these "Classics" as issues of 1873 and 1879 are certainly in the "classic" period of over half a century of age and stability. A good catalogue of illustrations is very desirable, but hundreds would be wanted, the expense would be great, and I think that most of the varieties can be identified by a careful description.

Bear in mind this is only a list of what I have secured in 7 years, it can be added to "ad infinitum" by those who have time and patience for research. Many cancellations are exceedingly rare. I have paid six and ten times catalogue price on many occasions, and been mighty glad to get many fine items even at these rates. In the following list I describe the cancellation and then follows the denominations which I have secured, all in black where not otherwise noted.

Agriculture

Kicking Mule, Port Townsend, Wash., 3c; B. & O. R. R. in double lined oval, date in center, 3c; Coiled snake, 3c; Mayflower, 3c; Sun with rays, 3c; Neutral initials of postmaster "J. P.", 3c; "1880" in large figures, 3c; Maltese cross, doubled outlined, center plain, 3c black, purple, blue; Maltese cross, outlined, and solid center, 2c black, 3c black, purple, 6c purple; large solid letters, A, 3c, M, 3c, 6c; "76" (Centennial year) in large figures, 3c; circle in Ellipse of bars, center of circle plain, 3c, 6c; as last with numerals in center, 2, 3c, 6, 3c, 6c, 10, 3c; as last, letter in center, A, 3c; 4 circles with large numeral in center, 7, 3c.

Targets: 2 circles, 3c; 3 circles, 3c black, 3c blue, 3c purple, 6c; 4 circles, 3c, 6c, 15c; 4 circles, violet 3c, 6c, purple 3c, 6c; 4 circles, red, 3c; 4 circles, violet-blue 3c, ultramarine 3c; 4 circles, blue, 3c, 6c.

Negative star in circle, 6c black, 6c purple; negative star on outlined disc, 3c black, 3c purple; star in circle, 3c black, blue, purple; star in circle, 6c black, blue, purple; 5 point solid star, 3c black, blue, purple; 5 triangles forming a star in circle, 3c; large numerals in circle, 10, 3c; large letters in circle, A, 3c, E, 3c; small letter in 3 circles, 3c; small O. K. in double circle, 3c; large O. K. in large circle, 3c; town names, 1c, 2c black and purple, 3c black, purple, magenta, violet, red, 6c, 12c; fancy stars, 3c black, green; cork cancs., all values, many fancy designs; circular grids, 3c black, blue, 6c black, ultramarine; square target, 3c; rectangle of bars, 3c black, purple; wheels, 3c black, magenta; geometrical disc, 3c.

Executive

Towns, 1c, 3c, 6c black, blue; solid star, 3c purple; ellipse of horizontal bars, 2c; circle in ellipse of horizontal bars with figure in center, 2c, 3c; circle of horizontal bars, 1c; outline Maltese Cross, 3c; multiple cross cut, 2c; maltese cross cut, 10c; arrow points cross cut, 2c; corks, all values in black, 6c violet, 1c red.

Justice

Corks, many designs, 1c black, blue, 2c, 3c black, blue, purple, red, 6c black, blue, 10c, 12c, 15c black, purple, blue, 24c black, blue, 30c, 90c black, blue; large leaf, 3c blue; solid star, 3c; square cross cut, with rays round, 3c.

Targets, 3 circles, 2c, 3c, 12c, 15c; in blue, 3 circles, 1c, 2c, 10c; in violet, 3 circles, 10c; 4 circles, 3c; 4 circles in blue, 2c, 3c, 6c, 15c.

Cross cut circle in violet, 3c, 6c, 24c.

Circle in ellipse of bars, number in center, No. 1, 3c, 12c; No. 2, 3c, 6c; No. 4, 3c; No. 5, 3c, 12c; No. 6, 3c, 6c; No. 7, 3c; No. 8, 3c, 6c; No. 9, 3c; No. 13, 3c; No. 14, 6c; No. 16, 3c; No. 19, 6c; No. 22, 3c.

Horizontal barred double circle, figure in center, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 2c, 3c blue and black; No. 4, 30c; No. 7, 6c; No. 10, 6c; No. 11, 1c, 3c, 6c.

Negative numeral on disc, No. 4, 2c; No. 14, 3c; negative letter on disc, E, 3c; H, 3c, 10c; S, 6c; negative letter on square, H, 30c; large letter in circle, 3c blue; solid letter, E, 3c, H, 3c, F, 15c, P, 3c; R in fancy frame, 12c blue; towns, 1c, 3c black, blue, 10c, 12c, 30c.

State

Double oval, with "Washington" at top, "D. C." at bottom, and "P. O" in center, 2c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 24c, $2.00; large double oval, "N. Y. U. S. A." at top, year date bottom, 10c; as last, but month and day date in center, 3c, 7c, 12c, 30c, 90c.

Circle in ellipse of horizontal bars, number in center, No. 1, 2c, 10c, 15c, 24c, 90c; No. 2, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c; No. 3, 2c, 7c, 10c, 15c, 24c; No. 5, 2c, 7c, 10c, 15c, 30c; No. 10, 15c.

Circle in ellipse of vertical bars, number in center, No. 1, 6c, 10c, 90c; No. 2, 1c, 2c, 7c, 12c; No. 4, 3c, 10c; No. 6, $2.00.

Double oval containing words "Department of State" with date in center of oval, in blue, 1c, 2c, 3c, 7c, 10c, 30c; town names and date, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 7c, 10c. *(To be Continued.)*

ERE AND THERE—

HE C. D. Reimers Co., Fort Worth, Tex., has just issued their November mber of a handsome stamp bulletin of pages. It is filled with interesting tter and will be sent to any address request. The current number has an ticle on the "Stamps of Salvadore" by R. Thiele.

HE firm of Frank P. Brown Co., 44 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass., has is- ed a price list of air mails, U. S. and reign. All who are interested in these mps should send for a specimen copy.

HE Nashaway Valley Collectors Club, Clinton, Mass., elected the following icers Nov. 4:—Pres., F. N. Wood- n; Vice-Pres., Fred Baer; Sec., W. Goodale; Treas., W. Irving Dunn; urse Mgr., Albert Jewett; Mgr. Air ails and Covers, Walter B. Arno; all Clinton, Mass. Voted to hold charter en until Jan. 1st. Regular monthly etings the first Tuesdays. Visitors ll be cordially welcomed. For any rther information address W. P. Good- , Sec., 148 Walnut St., Clinton, Mass.

HE P. O. Department has been asked to issue a special stamp in commemo- ion of Gen. Henry Knox, for whom a table monument will be dedicated at omaston, Me., in the very near future. e are indebted to Dr. E. W. Gould of ckland, Me., for a newspaper clipping ling attention to the campaign that has n set in motion to remind the people the services rendered by Gen. Knox in Revolutionary War. He was the st Sec. of War and Navy. The project s been endorsed by several of the aine Stamp Clubs.

T will be remembered that some weeks ago a number of dealers and collectors re indicted for the re-use of can- ed stamps. We learn with great satis- ction that the case against Frank Mar- is was nol prossed at the request of the strict attorney, who gave Mr. Marquis clean bill in connection with the in- stigation. This was gratifying not ly to Mr. Marquis, but to his many ends who felt that he had been un- jstly implicated in the affair.

FEW weeks ago I received from a friend in Chicago a Transvaal 1d (lint) Scott's No. 165. It has quite a tory. Some 25 years ago my friend t a British soldier who had just re- ned from the Boer War. Among his riosities was a set of six stamps. It pears that his detachment had captured d taken possession of Oom Paul's Gov- ment printing plant, and found on the ing table what was apparently the last et that had left the Govt. press. It s carefully distributed among the men d the soldier received six of the mps. He gave one to my friend who turn has passed it on to me. While stamp has no great catalog value, it curred to me that its history might in- est philatelists.—P. C. MAROSKE.

R. A. C. LEDUC assumes incorrectly, on page 686 of the Nov. 11 issue the WEEKLY, that the central feature the 1890 series of stamps issued by Imperial British East Africa Co. is a nted lamp, or an arc light. Instead it presents the device of the Imperial itish East Africa Co., i.e., the Sun sur- unted by the Imperial Crown, to- her with the motto, on a ribbon at foot, "Light and Liberty."—HARRY HUBER.

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Editorial

AT Washington recently, there was held an important conference of business men and mail-users and the representatives of the post office department, at which subjects of interest were discussed. In the report of the proceedings there are several questions that have a philatelic bearing, and although we understood that it was probable that something was to be said about the ignorance of the occasional postmaster or clerk in refusing to accept mailings with special stamps, such as the surcharged Hawaiians and Molly Pitcher, we find no remarks under this heading. A number of batches of mail were delayed in the past by the postal people on the ground that these stamps were precanceled or irregular. Mr. Homer J. Buckley, of Chicago, is reported as favoring the establishing of a school of information among the seats of learning to instruct the public as to the best methods of addressing letters and wrapping packages. It would be advisable for the post office department to insist that its employees inform themselves on the validity of stamps so that embarrassment may be saved them, and more to the point, the users of the stamps that have been certified to by the department as available for postage.

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THE following excerpt is taken from the report of the transactions of the meeting at Washington. A representative of the mail-order house of Montgomery, Ward and Company is quoted as follows in his contention that the government should redeem stamps sent in payment for goods: "We do not want these stamps and yet we have to get rid of them at a discount. We receive between $500 and $2,000 worth of stamps every day from our customers, at each of our central plants. We have been selling them to stamp brokers, but have discontinued this practice in view of the fact that we have been told that such a system encourages the theft of stamps from post offices throughout the country."

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THE following observation comes from Dr. J. S. O'Donnell: "Apropos of recent remarks on stamp gum, investigators in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils at Washington have produced a dextrin of improved vintage that is being tested on the score of appropriateness for postage stamps. It is the starch obtained from sweet potatoes, and if the dextrin can be manufactured as cheaply as that from tapioca, which is much used at present, stamps will be to the taste of all."

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UNDER the head, "Severn Scores 85," in the "What Do You Know?" quiz, the Chicago *American* of November 13, 1929, published the WEEKLY editor's picture and said that he was a "well-known philatelist (see No. 15)." It happened that No. 15 in the list was "A Philatelist is a Collector of What?" Here is where we shone; as for the other questions, that's another story as the bricklayer said. The wind was tempered in our direction, but it is not our business to question why.

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PURSUING the subject of gum on U. S. stamps, attention is called to the experiments now being made at Washington, under the direction of a number of bureaus, including the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The information is given that tests reveal that if the stamps are allowed to dry thoroughly after leaving the press, before the gum is applied, the adhesive substance is not so easily dissolved by moisture. The complaints against the non-adherence of tamps by the public have lead the authorities to make a conditional promise to relieve the situation.

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THE International Envelope Corporation's contract to furnish the special request return card stamped envelopes will remain in force for four years from January 1, 1929, and no change will be made in it as a consequence of the wish of objectors that it be abrogated. The custom of the department in supplying these envelopes to users has long been a thorn in the side of some of the printers, who allege that the government is unfair in its competition in this respect, but Postmaster General Brown affirms decisions that have been made heretofore that the course of the government is not inimical in view of the practical advantages that are offered by the use of these envelopes.

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THE oldest British stamp paper, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain,* presents the portrait and the biography of Dr. Carroll Chase, whose recent volume on the 3c of 1851-57, U. S., has received the wide acclaim that it deserves. We all know that Dr. Chase is the man who made the 3c of 1851 the lion of the hour and how he brought it in the glare of the spot-light is told by Mr. Sefi, as follows: "Dr. Chase, like most boys, started collecting when he was seven or eight years old, and maintained his interest in a somewhat intermittent fashion until 1907. Late in that year, being confined to the house with a minor ailment, he came across a hundred or so specimens of the United States 3 cents 1851 stamps, which he had put aside some years before. On looking at them, he noticed certain minor varieties that puzzled him, so he decided to seek further information." His quest for knowledge was not fruitful and no one seemed to know much about the differences in the stamps, and so he began to amass a great quantity of them with the intention of doing his own work of research, which culminated in his plating of the stamp. In view of the popularity of the stamp today, it is hard to realize that a bit more than twenty years ago, it was regarded as having no special attractions, and was ignored rather than courted; and it is not a wild exaggeration to say that Dr. Chase almost alone turned the tide that now runs so strongly in favor of the 3c of 1851.

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THE information has come that on Wednesday, September 5, 1929, when the first air mail was flown between Hong Kong to Great Britain, the total number of letters carried was 374, and of these, 346 were destined to the United Kingdom. The postal charge is at the rate of 20 cents a ½ oz., in addition to the regular postage. The suggestion was made that Hong Kong issue an air mail stamp, but the postmaster said that in all probability it would take a year for a design to be drawn and approved and then prepared for printing. The aerial mail is to be despatched once a fortnight from Hong Kong during the discontinuance of the Siberian service, which is due to the unsettlement there.

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A READER says that she has written to several foreign countries for prices on current stamps, but has received no answers. If the countries addressed have no philatelic agencies, there is no assurance that there is any source of supply of the certain stamps, within the respective countries. Not to draw too fine a line on the question, there is no obligation on the postmaster's part to fill outside orders. A requirement must not be overlooked: return postage must be sent if the letter is to have attention. In discussing philatelic agencies, the wisdom of writing for lists of the stamps o sale should be stressed. Even in patron izing our Philatelic Agency, it is advisa ble to have the latest list, which may b had on application. The Agency does no maintain a mailing-list as such is gen erally regarded, but sends a list on cal However, one of our readers says tha he would be glad to pay to receive th lists regularly, and we have no doub that there are others who would prepa postage in a lump sum, if necessary, t make certain that the lists would com without break. As for the foreign agen cies, our readers report that while thei experiences have been satisfactory i most instances, misunderstandings hav arisen in a few cases that robbed th transactions of any pleasure.

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On page 686 of the WEEKLY of Nov 11, Mr. A. C. LeDuc errs with Stanley Gibbons, in their catalogue, in translating the inscription "La Espanola guardando los restos de Colon" on the 10c orange o the Columbus Memorial series issued b the Dominican Republic on Feb. 27, 1899 as *"Spain* guarding the remains of Co lumbus."

When Columbus reached Cape Maisi a the eastern end of Cuba, he sighted a mountainous country to the southeast and on the following day, December 6 1492, he reached the island which th natives called Haiti, or Quisqueya, i.e. wooded or mountainous country. Colum bus renamed the island, La Espanola (i.e. Little Spain), which soon was Latinise into Hispaniola. Later, after the aban donment of the first settlement at Isabel la, on the northern coast, midway betwee Monte Cristi and Puerto Plata, in favo of a site at the mouth of the Ozam River, in the south, where a new tow was founded August 4, 1496, and calle Santo Domingo, the whole island bega to be referred to as Santo Domingo. An even when the western portion was se cured to the French by the Treaty o

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Therefore, the inscription on the 10c stamp above referred to, correctly translated, is not Spain, but rather Little Spain, or the present Dominican Republic, guarding the remains of Columbus, which lie in the mausoleum erected in 1899, just inside the plaza entrance to the Cathedral at Santo Domingo City. The construction of this Cathedral ordered by Ferdinand and Isabella in 1506, was begun in 1514, and completed in 1540.

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Official Flights

Word comes from Cuba that the government is planning to establish a national air mail service, and is considering the bids of several companies. We can count on full details on this in plenty of time.***L. E. Fletcher tells me that the P. O. Dept. is considering the extension of air mail service into central Maine.*** Advance information has it that St. Petersburg, Fla., is to get service on CAM 25 about Dec. 1st. No official announcement at the time I write this, but you might do well to consult the *Postal Bulletin* for the last several days at your local post office. C. of C. will doubtless hold covers for you.

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Special Alaskan flight mentioned several weeks ago evidently came off as planned, for I have recently received a number of covers which I sent out on the chance that they would reach Fairbanks in time. Outgoing mail is postmarked there Oct. 14, and is backstamped at McGrath and Takotna the 17th, Fort Yukon the 20th, and Flat the 21st. Outbound mail was picked up from these points on the same dates by the plane, and all my covers sent in were returned at once by the same plane bringing them, thus making round trippers out of them. Covers for the outbound trip only sent in by the plane under cover to the various postmasters received careful and prompt handling, and were taken care of exactly as requested. 2c postage carried these, as this was a special trip authorized to relieve the mail congestion at Fairbanks.

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Two more Graf Zeppelin items in from Europe. One is postmarked on the ship Oct. 7, and at Breslau the 17th. The other bears the ship cancellation of the 16th, and that of Bucharest the same date in a red "par avion" cachet.***First flight Zagreb, Jugo Slavia-Vienna took place Oct. 9, and bears a special triangular cachet in blue.

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Covers to Buenos Aires came back in a hurry. They bear the Buenos Aires backstamp of Oct. 14, and evidently took the first boat north, as they were here Nov. 6th. Same cachet from Miami and Cristobal, as previously described, showing the monument of "The Christ of the Andes".***Reports that a contract has been let for the extension of FAM service from Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana to Buenos Aires via the *east* coast of South America are a bit previous, but they will be before very long—and then there'll be another lot of nice FAM's to try to get covered on.

Mexico has reduced its air mail rate from 35c to 20c Mexican, or approximately 10c U. S.***Robert Rübsamen tells me that the latest on the Mexican new stamp issue for air mail week in December is that it will consist of 100,000 20c, and 5,000 40c. Another good one for the speculators there.***Postal Congress set, printed in black, has been overprinted "Habilitado Servicio Oficial Aereo"—600 short sets, and 78 only of the 1 Peso. Ow-w-w!***_Postal Bulletin_ of Nov. 6 gives full details of the Canadian Prairie service, due Dec. 1, and mentioned here two weeks ago.

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The *Air Mail Beacon* gives the following figures for covers from Port of Spain, Trinidad via FAM 5 and 6 extension in September. To Castries—266; St. Johns—233; St. Thomas—166; San Juan and Sto. Domingo—440; Port au Prince—61; Havana—169; Miami—3,237. Also Georgetown to Port au Prince—4 covers—which looks like a good one on which to stop.

Dedications, Unofficials

Arlington Heights, Ill., dedicated Oct. 27—no cachet—but P. M. says he mailed 39 air mail letters that day, all of which he signed, and inscribed "Dedication of Arlington Heights Airport."***The postponed ring-laying ceremony of the new Zepp took place at Akron, Nov. 7, and a very effective cachet was applied to air mail by the C. of C.—in blue.***2 more National Air Tour cachets to list—Portland, Me.—4 lines—magenta; and Augusta, Ga.—red and blue sticker on back.***Bates Field, Mobile, Ala., was dedicated Nov. 8 and 9—blue cachet both days.***Auburn, Me., dedication Nov. 8—no cachet.***Fresno, Cal.—Nov. 2-3—lines in purple.

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Franklin, Pa., dedicated Nov. 2—inscribed cachet, and very few mailed.*** Menafee Airport, though serving New Orleans, is located at the small town of Chalmette, La. I have been shown a cover bearing the dedication cachet, mailed at Chalmette, Nov. 1, whereas the great bulk of covers were mailed at New Orleans the 2nd.

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On the way—Marlin, Tex., next spring, but covers may go to C. of C. any time. ***West Point, Miss., very soon—to C. of C.***Lake Wales, Fla., says soon after Jan. 1st—cachet by C. of C.***CAM 30, 1st anniversary cachet from Chicago, Dec. 1st—covers may go to Geo. A. Zimmerman, 1747 Wallen Ave.—stuffed to at least ½ oz. George says he'll appreciate commemorative stamps on the packages, and that goes for all such events.

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New Brunswick, by Poole	.10
Newfoundland, by Poole-Huber	.35
Nova Scotia, by Poole, 24 pps.	.10
Prince Edward Id., by Poole	.10
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Crete, by Poole, 36 pps.	.10
Denmark, by Poole	.20
Deal in Stamps, How to, 4th Edit.	.15
Dealer and His Stock, by Bloss	.15
German States, by Poole, 106 pps.	.25
Germany and Colonies, by Poole	.25
Monaco, by E. B. Hill	.10
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Color Trials

This is a term applied by stamp collectors to impressions of a stamp design printed in a different color or on colored paper distinct from that finally adopted for actual use. When the design has been chosen and the die engraved and the plate is ready for use it often happens that impressions from the die, or plate, or both, are taken in all sorts of colors to help the authorities responsible to choose the one most suitable. These are of considerable philatelic interest as color proofs or trials having distinct bearing on the history of a stamp.

Impressions of some of the more recent British stamps are sometimes met with on colored paper, which are erroneously termed color trials. These are merely impressions taken by the printers to judge whether the plates are laid on the bed of the printing machines accurately or not, and colored paper is used owing to the fact that the contractors are not allowed to have any white paper on the premises other than the watermarked paper supplied by the Inland Revenue authorities, each sheet of which has to be strictly accounted for. These stamps are, therefore, not color trials but simply printers' waste and their philatelic interest is but small.

Duc. di Parma, Piac. Ecc.

The inscription engraved at the top of the stamps of the 1857 issue of Parma, being an abbreviated form of "Ducati di

Parma, Piacenza, eccetera." It means "Duchy of Parma, Piacenza, etc.," and refers to the two main provinces, which with certain annexed states, formed the old Italian Duchy of Parma.

Mythical Counani

In 1893 an enterprising clique manufactured some labels purporting to be postage stamps for the "Republic of Counani", and at the same time rumours were circulated regarding other series alleged to have been issued between 1887 and that date. Apparently stamp collectors were somewhat skeptical regarding the bona-fides of these labels, for very few seem to have been sold. However, nothing daunted, the creators of this non-existent republic tried to float another issue of stamps in 1900. This also was unsuccessful, and in 1904 an even more impudent attempt to foist Counani "stamps" on philatelists was made. Various dealers in London and elsewhere received an imposing looking circular dated "Counani, Oct. 1st, 1904," which stated that the "postal service of this State has been reorganised, and from the 1st Jan., 1905, there will be a regular service between Counani and Europe, via French Guiana." A set of ten different labels was mooted, and dealers were invited to send their orders which were to be generously executed at 10% below face value. No one was so foolish as to speculate in the rubbish and since then nothing more has been heard of the mythical State of Counani. The Republic is said to be situated in South America, between Brazil and French Guiana, but as these territories join at the point indicated there does not appear to be much room for this so-called land of "liberté et justice!"

Junior Dictionary

Mecklenburg-Schwerin. — A grand-duchy of the German Empire dating from 1701. Postage stamps were issued on July 1, 1856, and on January 1, 1868, these were suppressed, as the grand-duchy had joined the North German Confederation.

Mecklenburg-Strelitz. — Another German grand-duchy consisting of two detached parts which are divided by Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Postage stamps were issued in 1864, but the grand-duchy ceased to have its distinctive series of stamps four years later when it joined the North German Confederation.

Medellin.—The chief town in the department of Antioquia, Colombia. In 1888 it issued a number of 2½c and 5c provisional stamps, and in 1903-4 pro-

duced a number of stamps for local use. In 1903, too, a number of stamps for use throughout Colombia were printed in Medellin.

Medicine Stamps.—Stamps of special design supplied to individual manufacturers of patent medicines for the payment of the stipulated taxes.

Death Mask Stamps

The name by which the para values of the 1904 stamps of Serbia are popularly known. The name arose owing to the fact that if the stamps are placed upside down a third face can be distinctly traced out of the features of the two portraits shown. It is, of course, nothing but a freak of engraving though at

the time the stamps were issued a legend was circulated to the effect that this face is a reproduction of the "death-mask" of the murdered King Alexander and that it was introduced into the design on purpose. The cut is inserted wrong side up to show the mask. It can be plainly seen by covering with the end of the finger all of the head except the nose.

Study Your Stamps

R. O.—These letters were overprinted on a few Turkish stamps used in Eastern Roumelia, which later became a part of Bulgaria.

Romana (or Roumania).—Roumania.

Sachsen.—Saxony.

Salonique (or Salonicco).—Salonica.

Sicilia.—Sicily.

Sld.—On stamps of the Austrian Levant.

Smirne (or Smyrne).—Smyrna.

Soldi.—On stamps of Austrian Italy.

Somalia Italiana.—Italian Somaliland.

Soudan Francais.—French Soudan.

S. P. M.—These letters were overprinted on certain French Colonial stamps intended for use in St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. Farr, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

(Contributions are solicited. Sign them or not as you please. If reply be necessary enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

A NUT FROM NUTHOUSEVILLE

He called me the original nut,
Who came from Nuthouseville,
For I collected stamps and so
My album tried to fill.

But if I was the nuttiest nut
Who came from Nuthouseville,
I've shown him now that he's a nut,
For he collects as well.

He comes to me and says, "Look here,
You nut from Nuthouseville,
I've found a stamp that is quite fine,
And rare, just see the grill."

"Oh! That's a common stamp", I said to him,
"You'll learn, I'm sure you will,
And soon there'll be another nut
Who hails from Nuthouseville."
—Virginia Schwarting.

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The Light of Her Life

She called him her "two cent Edison" because he was always lit up.
—Chas. C. Ryckman.

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"I observed that the vitals of the village were the grocery, the bar-room, the post office, and the bank."
—Thoreau (1845).

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The five cent is red,
The two cent is blue—
Could it have been
That drop o' home brew?

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The mistress was pointing out to the new Irish maid, Ellen, the kangaroo on an Australian stamp. "That is a kangaroo, Ellen. It is a native of Australia."

"The saints preserve us!" cried Ellen. "Patrick just heard that our sister, who went out there, has married one!"
—Cap'n A. C. T.

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Scott's catalog says that the 1925 issue of Portugal "was unnecessary", thereby displaying a singular ignorance of the Portuguese treasury.
—Chet. H.

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"Time and Philately are great healers," says Mr. D. B. Armstrong in *Stamp Collecting*, and goes on to suggest that the organizers of next September's international stamp exhibit to meet at Berlin should omit World War stamps as a class from the entries. This would include former German colonies with Allied overprints, and German stamps with occupational overprints. Gracefully said, and a worthwhile peace gesture.

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"There have been attempts for many years to make England a land fit for musicians to live in," says "G. K.'s Weekly." When they have done that little thing will those crusaders kindly come over here and have a tilt at Congress about that stamp illustrating law? We don't do anything ourselves but talk.

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There was a young fellow named Tzchamp,
Who was a terrible scamp;
He always would say,
"Ah, why did you pay
So much for that common old stamp?"
—William Spearshaker (N. J.).

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"Now, this mint block I will let you have at half the catalogue price."

"And what is the price of the catalogue?"
—Wm. C. Stoeckel.

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"That's a new one on me", said the First Day Cover when the stamp was put in place.
—Everett Klaas.

Our Press Review

By C. A. Howes, *Editor.*

The Junior Philatelic Society of London is fortunate in three things—its "perennial president", the genial Fred. J. Melville, who was practically its founder; the editor of its official journal, who is the same erudite and masterful philatelist; and the official journal itself, the well-known *Stamp Lover*, now in its twenty-second year of publication. The October number has reached our desk, and as usual we look it over with interest. The leading article tells the story of the two revolutions in Russia, which were commemorated by stamp issues in 1925. The first is a centennial issue for the uprising of 1825, when the Czar Alexander I died, and his brother and heir, Constantine, refused the throne. For three weeks the empire was without a ruler until the youngest brother, Nicholas, stepped into the breach and confronted the discontented and rebellious soldiers and sailors, and by this act of heroism won their confidence and support. The leaders were summarily punished and it thus seems as if the Soviet government were really commemorating an imperial triumph! The second set recalls the uprising in Moscow in December, 1905, in further effort for parliamentary reforms, some of which were granted.

A brief account of the inception, objects and undertakings of the Junior Philatelic Society gives an interesting and illuminating story of what this large and active society has accomplished in its philatelic endeavor. Philatelic crusades, exhibitions, publications, and the successful operation of regular society activities show what can be done by willing and interested workers. Some extracts from letters written by a German visitor to England in 1782, give an interesting insight into manners and conditions in the country in those days. In addition to Society news there is the usual extensive and well illustrated Chronicle of new issues—not the least valuable feature of this excellent journal.

The *Stamp Lover* is free to members at annual dues of 5 shillings, with entrance fee of like amount if over 21 years old; but the subscription to nonmembers is 10 shillings. It would pay to join the large foreign membership. The Hon. Secretary is D. Aiken, 44 Fleet St., London. E. C. 4.

Filatelia from Turin, Italy, for September has been received in smaller format than its previous quarto size. It is now labelled as a "Revue of Philatelic Reviews," and is printed entirely in French. The most important periodicals are reviewed under their respective headings of "American Press," "Italian Press," "German Press," etc., twenty-one different countries being represented, and 93 periodicals reviewed in the number at hand. For one who desires to know what is being published of interest and value in the philatelic press of the world this is a most excellent review to keep him *au courant* with the best that philatelic authorship is presenting. The subscription is 10.35 lire (54 cents American), addressed to "Filatelia," Casella postale 487, Turin, Italy.

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Foreign New Issues

Percy C. Smith, *Editor,*
Lexington, Mass.

(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

New issues listed below are reported by Mr. R. Roberts of London, England:

Alaouites.—The air mail stamps of Syria, 1925 issue, overprinted ALAOITES in English and Arabic characters and aeroplane design, 0P.50 yellow-green, red overprint; 1P bright claret, black overprint; 15P on 25P bright blue, black overprint (aeroplane in red), surcharge value in black; 25P bright blue, red overprint.

China.—Air Mail set, design of aeroplane over Great Wall of China, on unwatermarked paper, 15c blue-green, 30c scarlet, 45c purple, 60c blue, and 90c olive. These are all from newly engraved plate, differing from the old one as follows: The engraving of the surrounding country of the Great Wall is a little deeper and the tail of the aeroplane is black with a little rosette in the centre instead of being striped as in the first issue.

Cirenaica.—The Monte Cassino set has been overprinted for use in this colony, in the following manner: 20c deep green (red overprint), 25c orange (black overprint), 50+10c rose carmine (blue overprint), 75+15c sepia (red overprint), L1.25+25c purple (red overprint), L5+ L1 blue (red overprint); L10+L2 sepia (red overprint).

Eritrea.—The Monte Cassino set has been surcharged for use in this colony in the manner noted under Circencaica.

France. — Caisse d'Amortissement stamps, 40c green, surcharged "Caisse d'Amortissement +10c" in three lines in black, 50c reddish mauve with same overprint except the value is "+25c" and 1fr-50c brown, with surcharge "C" in upper left corner, and "A" in upper right and "+50c" at the bottom.

Lebanon.—The 75c brown has been overprinted "REPUBLIQUE LEBANAISE" in black and with a new value "0p.50". This same provisional has also been overprinted for air mail use with the design of an aeroplane, in blue. The 1P bright claret, 1925 issue, has also been surcharged with the name of the colony and an aeroplane in black.

Newfoundland. — Our correspondent advises that in the recently issued provisional 3c on 6c there are some little peculiarities noted in the Sheets of 25: 1. "E" in "THREE" is raised; 2. "T" in "THREE" is raised; 3. "T" very slightly raised, which is normal; 4. ditto; 5. ditto; 6. Thick lower serif to "C"; 7. Spacing block prints to the left of "C"; 13. Left serif of the right leg of "H" thick; 15. "T" slightly more raised; 17. Dot under right arm of "T" in "THREE"; 19. Dot under "H"; 21. "T" in "THREE" more raised; 23. "T" more raised, and 25. Splodge from right top serif of "H" inside.

Papua.—New shades in these denominations have been issued. 1p vermilion, instead of carmine rose, watermarked Crown to left; 1½p pale brown and pale ultramarine, instead of red-brown, Crown to left; 3p pale blue-green, instead of bright emerald green, Crown to the right; and 6p pale purple instead of bright purple, Crown to left.

Somaliland (Italian).—The Monte Cassino set has been surcharged for use in this colony as noted above.

Syria.—These values have been surcharged for Air Mail use, 0p.50 yellow-green, red overprint; 1p bright claret, black overprint; 15p on 25p bright blue, black overprint (surcharge value in red); and 25p bright blue, red overprint.

Tripolitania.—The Monte Cassino set of Italian stamps have also been surcharged for use in this country.

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Latvia. — 40s purple, watermark swastika.

Northern Rhodesia.—3sh indigo and purple, script watermark.

Syria.—The following values of the current set have been overprinted "Exposition Industrielle Damas 1929" in French set values and were on sale only at the Trades Exposition at Damascus, not more than five sets being sold to each applicant; 50c green, 1p magenta, 1½p red, 3p brown, 6p lilac, 10p claret, and 25p blue.

Uruguay. — Postage due series, 1c blue-green and 10c green.

Bahamas. — The Commemorative stamps mentioned in the issue of November 11 refer to those of Bahamas. The

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2d	35c	16c
2½d	50c	16c
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Lebanon, 221-4		.85	
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Mexico 712-14		1.50	
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Netherlands 501-3		1.25	
Netherlands 504-5		.95	
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Spain, Last Issue, 6 Var.		1.75	
Tunis, 201-9		3.00	
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Washington Letter

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(U. S. oddities and varieties will be noted in this department. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Early Cover

Stamps used late in 1861 are known upon the cover cancelled or marked in such a way indicating that the issue of 1857 was not good for postage at that time.

One of the postmarks so used in Philadelphia is well known and has been described and illustrated by Dr. Chase in his recent publication. This two-line postmark "Old Stamps Not Recognized" usually falls partly on the stamp and partly on the cover. One-cent and three-cent stamps of 1857 have been seen, but a cover has just been located containing a 10c of 1857, Type V, the first noted with this postmark. It is addressed to a United States steamer located at Panama and bears in addition a Philadelphia postmark dated "August 30, 1861." The postal regulations of that date call for the stamps to be demonetized in Philadelphia as of November 1. As several covers have been found previous to this date with such a marking, it is quite possible that a second order changing the date was issued and that the order has not as yet been discovered by students looking into our early philatelic history.

Kansas Overprint

Mr. C. A. Coberly has submitted a block of the 2c current issue overprinted "KANS", in which one horizontal row shows the surcharge about a millimeter higher than the others. This is caused by the sheet buckling at the time the stamp was overprinted, hence, giving us the taller surcharge from the same size type. Similar varieties were recently described in the case of the "Molly Pitcher" issue.

2c Clark Oddity

Mr. Frederic R. McAlpin has submitted for inspection two minor plate varieties of the 2-cent George Rogers Clark stamp which are worthy of mention. These are found on the left pane of the black center, plate No. 19735—the varieties occurring upon the 22nd and 23rd stamps. They may be more easily located by stating that they are the 2nd and 3rd stamps in the row immediately above the horizontal guide line passing through the center of the sheet. On stamp No. 22, there are two parallel diagonal lines in black, running from the left foot of Colonel Hamilton, the British officer, who is surrendering to Clark. On the 23rd stamp, two horizontal parallel lines, somewhat closer together than those just described, are immediately under the drummer boy in the left corner of the design. These are very distinct and are rather curious.

New Gutter Variety

We have described on several occasions blocks of the current rotaries showing the entire gutter, either at the sides, top or bottom, with additional stamps beyond the gutter. Sometimes we find complete stamps on both sides of the gutter, and sometimes the knife cuts one row of stamps practically in half, showing complete stamps on one side and part of stamps beyond.

Mr. Edwin W. Atwood has just shown me a block of the 5c Perf. 11x10½, with the upper gutter and part of the stamp beyond.

Instructions To Postmasters

The *Postal Bulletins* have recently called attention of postmasters to the distinction between special delivery and special handling, and has asked that these details be given the widest publicity. They also call attention to the fact that on numerous occasions, registered mail has been ineffectually cancelled.

The Department calls attention under date of November 9 to the fact that they are distributing to first-class and second-class post offices small labels, size 3⅝ by 1¾ inches, printed in red, and reading in two lines "Special Delivery—Fee paid ..... cents." These labels are for use on all special delivery parcels on which clear endorsements by means of hand stamps cannot be obtained, such as soft, flimsy, fragile or irregularly shaped parcels. A clean legible postmark is to be affixed on the right-hand side of the label, and the amount of fee paid entered in the proper space.

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	Die.	*Size.*	*Wmk.*	
1c	A on white	5	Window	28
1½c	H2 on white	3	High Back	28
1½c	A on blue	5	Low Back	28
1½c	A on blue	8	" "	28
1½c	A on amber	13	" "	28
1½c	A on white	3	" "	30
1½c	A on amber	3	" "	28
1½c	A on blue	3	" "	28
1½c	H2 on amber	3	High Back	28
1½c	H2 on blue	3	" "	28
2c	A2 on blue	13	" "	28
4c	A on white	7	" "	29
				Ex. Q.
5c Air Mail on white		8	" "	30

We have so far enumerated a substantial number of the current envelopes on the new watermarked paper, but there is no doubt numerous other varieties have been noted, but have not been seen, hence, have not been chronicled. We are always pleased to have submitted for inspection any not listed.

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STOP PRESS NEWS

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laughing youngsters in a straw-colored tint. Above the group appear the words: "Deutsche Nothilfe"—"German Help for the Needy", while underneath it one finds the legend: "Schafft frohe, Kräftige Ingend"—"Create joyful, strong young people".

Lastly, it may be stated that the low values of the adhesive stamps are also offered in booklets with the following inscription on the front cover, at the price of M 1.50 each:

"German Help for the Needy: Charity stamps 1929, 6 5pf, 4 8pf, 3 15pf, total 13 stamps. Good for postage up to 6-30-1930. Selling price M 1.50: The latter is made up as follows: 6 at 5+2pf, 42pf, 4 at 8+4pf, 48pf, 3 at 15+5pf, 60pf, total M 1.50.

There are two panes in the booklet, each pane consisting of 8 squares, 16 squares per booklet, which have been made into six 5pf stamps, from pane 1, four 8pf stamps from the top row of pane 2, three 15pf stamps, from the bottom row of pane 2. Pane 2 has been so arranged that three vertical se-tenant pairs (8+15pf) can be obtained from it.

In order to avoid any abuse of the three spaces that had to remain blank the words: "Verwende die Wohlfahrts-Postkarte"—"Use the charity postal card," have been imprinted on the two blank spaces to the left of pane 1, while the one blank space in the lower left hand corner of pane 2 shows a cross of St. Andrew.

The entire excess which the card and the adhesives are sold at is devoted to the betterment of the lot of the young folks. It is a "Pro Juventute" set, similar to what our Swiss neighbors have been getting out for a number of years.

A. WAGNER.

SANDUSKY (O.) ORGANIZES

The Sandusky Stamp Club was organized Nov. 15, with 21 members, and the charter list will be kept open until Jan. 3. A committee has been appointed to arrange for an affiliated Junior Club. Meetings will be held in the C. of C. rooms, the next, Nov. 29. At the organization meeting E. B. Lorenzen, a recognized authority on U. S. Booklet panes, exhibited his collection and read a very interesting paper. Nearby collectors are urged to attend the next meeting.

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SIGMUND I. ROTHSCHILD

A man had an idea that stamp collect- was sleeping on its rights and he de- led to attempt to awaken it. After a ries of shakings, he succeeded in arous- the subject from its deep slumber, so at it began to look around with dawn- intelligence in its eyes, which became ighter as they contemplated the vista folded before them.

Coöperation is the keynote of the song at is heard in every business circle, and most any movement is dependent for its omentum on "organization," be it club, rporation or coterie, and it is unusual find an individual who is so dauntless to work alone and accomplish an end at is of wide benefit. There is one o has pressed forward despite obsta- es of indifference, misunderstanding d even opposition. He is Sigmund I. othschild of New York City. He is attached and unaffiliated; he is a one an band. So much has been heard of r. Rothschild and his work that we ve wanted to get his story first-hand, d now we have it.

Mr. Rothschild was a collector from rly boyhood, and in twenty years he d a collection that had cost him many llars, and when he sold his stamps, as was fated that he had to do, he had no ason to believe that he had misplaced confidence in stamps. A sudden ange in conditions made a difference his outlook,—what to do? About two d a half years ago, he conceived the ea that he could make stamps serve in business form by telling of their ad- ntages in a big way. He would not a dealer, but he would try a new field d fit himself as a paid lecturer on ilately. With the belief that there was demand for knowledge on a subject at had not been exploited according to merits, he was convinced that his plan uld be given a practical application. e submitted his proposal to the depart- nt store of Edward Bamberger & ., Newark, New Jersey, and his ac- aintance with the proprietor probably d much to influence a decision favorable Mr. Rothschild. Briefly, the course of tion was based on the organization of stamp club for boys and girls as the sult of his talks on stamps. A proper tting was to be made by the department ore through its advertising in the local wspapers, and a section set aside in a ominent place in the store. It happened at Bamberger knew something of amps, and, in fact, stocked a line of amp albums, if nothing more; and the lection was well-advised.

With this start, Mr. Rothschild has ogressed until he has covered the eater part of the country as a philatelic cturer, having his headquarters in the big department stores of the different cities. He has spoken before service, literary and charitable organizations, and as well before a Deaf and Dumb society at Trenton, New Jersey, where his re-

marks were "translated" to the persons in attendance. His audiences have ranged in number from 10 at Y. M. C. A. clubs, for instance, to from 3,000 to 4,000 at halls. That collectors are made through his efforts, there is no doubt, and Mr. Rothschild estimates that he has made from 50 to 150 collectors a week, at times. He remarks that when he appears at department stores that carry albums in stock, the sales jump to ten times as many as in ordinary times.

Mr. Rothschild gives his lectures, which are illustrated by his large album that shows all subjects connected with stamps, ranging from the A B C's to Zoölogy; and he emphasizes the educational value of stamps, as may be expected. While in New York, he talks each Saturday over the radio, WOR, at 10.45 A. M., and his talks have proved very popular. His idea is to organize a national junior stamp society, composed of local chapters. Thus the clubs already formed would be adjuncts of the parent body.

We understand that Mr. Rothschild has been engaged by a leading lecture bureau to give a series of philatelic talks; and literally he will be heard from in greater measure than ever before as time goes on. In our opinion he deserves the support and coöperation of all individuals and organizations that are concerned in the proper exploitation of stamp collecting.

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KING GEORGE'S MALTAS

By Douglas Armstrong.

As Honorary Patron and some-time President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, it is the King's gracious custom to send a selection of stamps from the royal albums for exhibition before the Fellows and Members at the first meeting of each annual session. This year choice fell upon the postage stamps of Malta which were to be the subject of a display at the Society's Rooms in Devonshire Place on October 17.

The exhibit was made on behalf of His Majesty by the curator of the Royal stamp collections, Mr. E. D. Bacon, C.V.O., who was to read a paper on the "Halfpenny Maltese postage stamp with the head of Queen Victoria," the first to be issued in that Colony, and a notable one in philatelic circles.

Few British Colonial postage stamps can boast so long and interesting a life, for the same type was retained for the halfpenny stamps of the Colony down to the time of the advent of the Edwardian series in 1903, which actually retained the principal features of the first Maltese stamp.

Designed, so far as is known, by the eminent artist, M. Jean F. Joubert de la Ferte, chief engraver at the De La Rue atelier in 1859, it shows a diademed profile of Queen Victoria within an octagonal frame partly surrounded by sprays of laurel. This is displayed against a background of vertical watered lines, with the name "Malta" upon a white tablet inset at the top and the value in two lines of white letters upon a solid panel across the foot of the stamp. The stamp was originally issued on December 1, 1860.

The successive printings of what remained for twenty-two years the only distinctive Maltese stamp make a most fascinating study and have in themselves provided material for intensive philatelic specialisation. The initial consignment received at the G. P. O., Valetta, in November, 1859, comprised 100 sheets of 2$o stamps each printed in buff upon paper having a bluish tint and devoid of watermark.

Subsequently printings from 1861 to 1863 were also unwatermarked, but the paper was white and highly surfaced, whilst the shades range from stone to rosy-buff.

From 1863 to 1868 the Malta ½d stamp was printed in a variety of shades upon paper watermarked Crown over C.C., but the perforation gauging 14 remained unaltered.

Up to this time the perforating of the sheets of printed stamps had been carried out at Somerset House, but in 1868 Messrs. De La Rue and Co. brought into use a perforator of their own with a gauge of 12½. This was followed by another machine with the original 14 gauge which figures on the printings between 1870 and 1878. In the latter year a single consignment was sent out with a compound perforation of 14x12½, the product of the two machines.

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His Majesty's interest in the postage stamps of Malta dates back to the time of his official visit to the island in the course of his Empire tour (as Duke of Cornwall and York), March, 1901. On that occasion the King was the recipient of a collection of the Maltese stamps from the hands of the Governor, Sir Francis Grenfell, as well as the private collection presented by Baron Testaferrata Abela.—*Bazaar.*

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AIR MAIL NEWS

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keep covers—just in case.***Lafayette, Ind., next April, C. of C. will have a cachet.***Tyler, Texas, within the next month or so.***Brunswick, Ga., C. of C. says several months yet, but will mail covers.***First Annual Baltimore Aircraft Show, Dec. 9-14. Covers for cachet to Ray Krimm, Director, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.***Second Annual Pittsburgh Show under same management March 6-15. Covers a bit later to Mr. Krimm, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, for this one.***Ponca City, Okla., will dedicate its new municipal port about Jan. 1st. Covers for cachet to C. of C. or to F. C. Baker, Continental Oil Co., Ponca City.***Sumter, S. C., dedication in the near future, and Bd. of Trade will provide the cachet.***Pontiac, Mich., 1st anniversary and dedication of new $110,000 hangar, Nov. 27—cachet by Bd. of Commerce.***Paris, Tex., says some time, but C. of C. will have a cachet.*** Chicago Aviation Show early in December—8 days I believe. Cachet probably by C. of C., but no one has sent me the exact dope on this yet.

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And some that will *not* happen, for the present at least: Medina, N. Y.; Alliance, Nebr.; Moultrie, Ga.; Waltham, Mass.; McCracken, Kans.; Redondo Beach, Calif.; Three Forks, Mont.***"The Railway Post Office" says that about 1,500 letters daily were mailed at the special exhibit car at the Eastern States Exhibition in Sept.—not all collectors', of course.***Recent Muncie, Ind., dedication was for the Silver Fox Airlines port, now used by the city, but a new municipal port is expected to be ready late next year.***Clarksdale, Miss., say they dedicated Oct. 23. Anybody get any covers?

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Curtis-Reynolds port at Glenview mailed 521 covers.***Muncie figures were about 225 Sept. 28, and 125 the 9th—correction on previous figures.***Menafee dedication at New Orleans had 2,200 for both days.***Medford, Ore., C. of C. says the first CAM 8 flight from there mailed less than 10,000 covers, while the first mail from their new port Oct. 2 included over 15,000 letters.***Saint Paul Air Tour mailed 250—cachet by Aviation Club.***St. Joseph, Mo., for the same event, mailed only 50. Not many complete sets of this tour, that's certain.*** Trenton, N. J., dedication—3,400.*** Menlo Park Light cachet Oct. 21—5,200—no special flight—½ air mail—by P. M. ***Islip, N. Y., Model Plane Meet—150. ***Durango, Colo.—75 lbs.—flown to Pueblo, Colo.***Fresno, Calif., papers said about 1,000 covers in a week before the dedication.***Florence, Ariz.—6,400.

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The coöperators for this week: S. Steinfeld, Neal Fallaw, *Leo L. Ross, Geo. A. Zimmerman, *Anna M. Schafer, *Jno. K. Howe, *John Good, Paul B. Hoeber, Allen P. Harding, Allen M. Thatcher, Norman Rosenstein, Bert D. Chilson, L. E. Fletcher, James Edgar Allen, Lloyd Flickinger, Billy Buck, Floyd Shockley, Russell L. Bratton, E. Saulsbury, Geo. Nowobilski, James D. McLean, Leland C. Metzgar, *P. R. Hudson, **Andy Meldrum, F. C. Baker, Alfred E. Newman, Robert Rubsamen, *Todd Fagan, James H. Cooke, *Robert Young, H. Markham, H. G. Kingdom, Geo. D. Kingdom.

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ON THE SIDE—

WE read in the Illinois *State Register* Springfield, Ill., that Father Phillip of Riverton, Illinois, says that he has started 250 boys and girls in stamp collecting. Father Phillip has taught school for twenty-seven years, and he says that students who are best in geography and history are collectors of stamps.

THE first number of the *Philatelic Gazette,* "published on the 1st and 15th of the month by Gazette Co.," has appeared with the date-line of Nov. 1, 1929. The editor and manager is G. A. Martin, Chicago. There are eight large pages with illustrations, and the paper has a wide range of contents. Special attention is given to society news, and evidently a sincere effort is being made to further philately in its columns. We welcome the newcomer.

MR. R. C. DAVIDSON, Regional Vice President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, Chicago, is desirous of organizing a branch there, and invites the coöperation of members of the parent body in his city.

THE Canadian air mail service now stretches over 3,000 miles, requiring almost 300 trips a month, with a load monthly of 30 tons. Even in the sparsely settled spaces in the Northwest Territories, the service carries on, "summer and winter, in good weather or in bad."

WE wish to thank Mr. Gordon H. Crouch, Toronto, Canada, and others who sent in circulars recently issued by the Post Office Department, Canada, announcing air mail development in that country.

NEWSPAPERS have come from different sections of the country with bits of stamp advertising in department store publicity. The new catalogue, stamp albums, etc., are offered in effective words.

MR. PHILIP CHAPIN, Flushing, New York, sends a variety of the one cent Omaha issue, 1898, showing a slight break in the inner circle, surrounding the "1" in the lower right hand corner. Unless duplicates are shown with the same minor variation, the conclusion is that the difference is a mechanical vagary.

MR. P. J. DROSSOS, Athens, Greece, writes: "Official figures of the first flight to and from Patras, Greece, on the Turkey-Greece-Italy line: Aug. 20th Brindisi-Patras, 65; Aug. 20th Patras-Brindisi, 305; Aug. 20th Patras-Athens 125; Aug. 20th Patras-Constantinople 26; and Athens-Patras, Aug. 22nd, 105. These figures contain exact numbers usual and registered mail; the figures published at first did not include registered mail. The first flight LaCanea (Chania) Crete, via Suda Bay to London, by the Imperial Airways, Karaci to London, Aug. 15th, carried 173 letters, all registered, with special cachet."

A READER sends in a registered envelope that he received from C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, in March, 1899, which bore the printed inscription vertically across the left end: "This envelope is Die A, the rejected type of the 1899 issue. on paper containing the old watermark of the 1896 issue. It is a double error and has been superseded by Die B, with correct watermark. Unused and unprinted copies of the error, 12c each. The error and the correct one, sent for 15c post free." These Die A envelopes on the different papers were much in the philatelic eye thirty years ago, when they brought higher prices in some varieties than they do now, as they were not "seasoned" then.

AN inquirer asks if Charles E. Jenney, one of the leading writers on philatelic subjects twenty years ago, is still alive. Mr. Jenney, who lived in California, at the time of his death was returning from the east, and when in Kansas, we believe he was injured in an accident. He died some time after this unfortunate occurrence at his home in Fresno.

Filatelic Oddities

By SEVARD.

Usually when we refer to common amps, we regard the two cent values as atural friends. And so they were, until ie 1½c compound perf. came along. We ave to admit it "among those present" ow. So far, it has run the orange-rown, light brown, brown and dark rown shades, the usual brown being the ommonest, the orange-brown least com-on. The stamp is generally regarded having no first day covers, since it as issued precanceled before making a rmal debut at Washington. Gum va-eties exist, all dependent upon the rib acing. I have four varieties so far. s for cancels, most cancels are precan-ls; waves, slogans, ovals, etc., being common. The marginal characteristics this stamp are uninteresting as the amp was issued in imperforate form. he stamp does not occur frequently in airs or blocks. It usually is used solo, stead of in combination. This is our amp of the month to watch.

The 2c envelope situation has been anging of late. The new watermarks 1929 have made no dent in our figures, e major part of those being used today ill have 1925 watermarks. The new nber issue is seldom seen. The usual zes that are common now are Sizes 13, 9 and 5. Size 7 is scarce and size 2 ry scarce. Die A still fulfills nearly e entire output in use, altho Die H id H2 are not scarce. They are not mmon. Of the 2c 1916 white paper die envelopes, size 13 is used more than l the other sizes combined. This is a rect contradiction to a recent govern-ent statement that size 5 was our com-onest size. Of the size 13's, windows e commonest. Of these, the 1925 top atermark is commonest. Of the size full face envelopes, the low back ife is the rule. High backs are scarce this writing. Of Size 8, the full face velope is the rule, altho windows are en at times. Of the size 8 full face, gh and low backs are divided. Size 9, course, are all high backs, with the 25 diagonal watermark the usual one und. If you do not collect envelopes, ease start by refusing to collect the es we have listed as usual or common. ou will find a treat in store for you.

Much attention has been paid to the rtical guide line seen on the horizon-l coil stamps. These are common, id merit little extra value on the 2c rizontal coil stamps of today. There e two varieties of these guide lines, ie a thin clear line, the other, a thick, ually jagged, smutched line. As one ows, the rotary press plates for the il stamps have 170 subjects, and the ide line will be found at every seven-enth stamp in a coil. This does not ean that in every coil, the seventeenth amp from the beginning will have the e. By mathematics, 500 is not evenly visible by 17. Thus one may find ide lines in various juxtaposition to e manilla pasting tabs at the start d finish of the rotary coil stamps. nd you may specialize in guide lines the 2c horizontal coil stamps. We peat for the tenth time, that off cen-r stamps may be seen with plate mbers, and try and find them. In ven years, we have found four. The in and thick guide lines are in no way mparable to the thin and thick guide es of the 3c surface print stamps. o collect guide lines on the coil amps, one prefers the off center amps which show the entire line, ther than a perforated line. One ninent collector who has won prizes many recent competitions knowingly id us he has this stamp with all the ste-up's. This stamp has no paste-p's. Flat bed coil stamps have guide es, arrows, plate numbers in paste-p's, ordinary paste-up's and in im-rforate form, marginal legends and antoms. But not the present 2c rizontal coils. The manilla paste os are collectible, and there are two rieties, the small coil and the large il. From the wording on these tabs, e learn they are 2c Postage Stamps Coiled Sidewise Perforated Between Sides.

It is queer to note that the 2c 1922 perforate 10 stamp is usually canceled by an Air Mail slogan. If one recalls the hectic years of cancels from 1923 to 1926, one remembers the general use of the Air Mail Saves Time cancel with the avoidance of the wave auxiliary mark, which brings to mind that this stamp still lacks a first day cover. Anybody who has one, surely has a treasure and we know hosts of collectors who want to buy it.

DID YOU EVER NOTICE THE FIGURES ON THE 1898 BEER STAMPS? THE POOR KIDS ARE LOSING THEIR SHIRTS.

From an artistic standpoint, we fail to find any commendable motif in the new Anti-Tuberculosis seal. Its only appeal is in the ring of the bell. That's a joke. The jester suggested it.

THE NEW 3d AUSTRALIA

By A. A. ROSENBLUM.

That Australian Commonwealth stamps have by no means lost their interest, as is often asserted, is well exemplified by the issue in Melbourne on September 28th of an entirely new variety of the 3d Georgian, which may easily be the forerunner of numerous other changes. In short, this issue consists of stamps printed from new plates made by a new process from a new die. In using the words "new process" I mean, of course, new to Australian technique, although I understand it is that employed for many years by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in London. It consists in the introduction of up-to-date methods of electrotyping, and its results are already apparent in the considerably improved appearance of the new stamps.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the address given some months ago by Mr. John Ash, Manager of the Note and Stamp Printing Branch, Melbourne, before a meeting of the Philatelic Society of Victoria, will remember that he pointed out that the main essential in the De La Rue process for electrotyping was accuracy. Every stage of the process-manufacture of the die, striking of the moulds, preparation of the plate and manufacture of the electro, was conducted with scientific precision, the result being the nearest approach to perfect uniformity in the product that it is possible to achieve.

It is well known that hitherto the preparation of plates for Australian stamps has been, to say the least, haphazard. There has been no attempt at absolute uniformity, and many second and third rate plates have been sent to press, with the result that Australian stamps are a byword for minor varieties of every description. One of the most amazing examples of this occurs in the 3d plate made by Mullett, and introduced in 1926. For the preparation of this plate certain moulds were struck from the die, in lead. These were roughly prepared, and although only a few were made they varied considerably among themselves, producing the two well-known type varieties—without or with a heavy line across the bridge of the nose. These moulds or types were then grouped together in a certain way, and from them stereos were made. These stereos must also have proved very unsatisfactory and variable as, in the first place, they were greatly cut about when fitted together to form the plate of 120 impressions, many faulty impressions being removed and substitutions made, while in the second place a large number of faulty but by no means hopeless impressions were patched up or retouched. Finally a plate, of a sort, was completed, but the work had proved laborious, and a second plate was required. This was then prepared by the extraordinary means of taking a stereo copy of the whole plate. Naturally this further damaged the original, so that more retouches were necessary, while the "copy" also showed much damage, resulting in further substitutions and more retouches. Hardly methods of precision or accuracy.

Now, however, the precise methods of De La Rue & Co.—the foremost electrotypers of stamps in the world—have been introduced. Each mould is accurately prepared to the thousandth part of an inch before striking. The impression is applied uniformly and accurately on each mould, and only perfect moulds are accepted for inclusion in the plate, which consists of the requisite number of single moulds accurately attached to a specially prepared base. It will thus be seen that the only variety which can appear in such a plate will be one appearing after the completion of the plate—and will even then only last until the next inspection of the plate—a frequent occurrence.

From this plate electros are prepared, and here again there is a big departure from previous Australian technique, which has made exclusive use of the soft metal copper for all printing electros. Now the most modern technique has introduced the use of the harder metals—chromium or steel—with the result that the life of an electro will now be measured in years where it was previously sometimes only days or weeks. The result will be uniformity and, with frequent inspections of the printing electros, a high standard of work will be maintained.

Almost certainly this improved technique which has been introduced with the 3d value will be extended to embrace all our stamps, not excepting those (1d, 1½d, 2d) at present printed from steel plates. Such plates are not really satisfactory, requiring as they do considerable attention when the smallest alteration is to be made. Almost certainly they will be replaced, as they wear, with chromium or steel electros.

It has long been known that a great fault inherent in the present Commonwealth Georgians consists in the unsatisfactory nature of the die, which is not cut deeply enough to give the best results. An attempt to correct this was made by Ash in preparing his new steel plate for the 2d stamp, but was not altogether successful owing to certain technical difficulties in that process.

Now, however, he is on his own ground in electrotyping, and with over twenty years' experience with De La Rue behind him has known exactly the alterations to be made. Consequently, we find that the die has been re-cut and the new issue is therefore, as already stated, from an entirely new die.

The main points of difference (which are very marked) of the two dies are tabulated below.

Old Die

1. Numerals thin and uneven.
2. Words of value thin and letters badly formed.
3. Shading around head uneven.
4. Details of crown (particularly orb and cross) blurred and indistinct.

New Die

1. Numerals thick and uniform.
2. Words of value thicker and letters uniform.
3. Shading around head even.
4. Details of crown sharp and clear. Cross on top of crown distinctly white.

In addition, in the new die the wattles have been re-drawn, the general shading has been improved, while there are numerous other minor points of difference.

It will thus be seen that we are dealing here with an entirely new issue, which I surmise is the forerunner of others. In addition the colour is much brighter. The paper and perforation are as before.

Printings are being made from two electros, arranged vertically. To date I have only seen sheets from the lower electro, which, as might be expected, is remarkably free from varieties. A few stamps show slight faults in the corners, but the only variety remotely worthy of chronicle occurs on stamp No. 10 of the right pane, and consists of a small break at the left of the left value tablet.

The electro shows the usual arrangement (two panes of 60, 6x10), and is surrounded by thin co-extensive marginal lines which, unlike most of our plates, continue across the space between the panes. The usual John Ash imprint occurs at the base.

The printer is to be congratulated upon the great improvement he has made in this issue.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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By SYDNEY A. R. DAVIS.

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In 1900 an Act was passed which authorised a charge of ¼d per 2 oz. for newspapers which until that time had been carried without payment in the colony, the Act came into force on 1st January, 1901, and as there was no time in which to prepare a special plate for this new denomination instructions were telegraphed to London to print a supply of the 1s stamps in grey and surcharge them ONE FARTHING, this was done in two lines in black ink with a thick bar cancelling the original value, the surcharge being applied to half sheet at a time. Owing to a delay the steamer carrying the new stamp did not reach the island until January 10th, the stamps being issued on the following day.

In 1902 the forerunners of a new series were issued, surface printed in London by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in sheets of 120, the design of the stamp had a view of a dock with a sailing ship about to enter, in coloured capitals in a fancy tablet at the top of the stamp the name of the colony was indicated, while in uncoloured figures in another tablet at the bottom the value was indicated, while ornamentation completed the design. Printed on paper watermarked crown C. A. the 1d in black and carmine, and 3d magenta and sage green appeared in 1902 followed by the ½d black and green in the next year.

The Watermark was changed to that of Multiple Crown C. A. in 1908 when the ½d and 1d appeared with a 2½d stamp printed in brown and ultramarine, three additional values of the "Dock" type on this paper were issued 2d grey and orange in 1907, ¼d brown and violet in 1908, and 4d blue and chocolate in 1909.

Between 1908 and 1910 three of these stamps were issued in universal colours, the 1d in red in 1908, the ½d in green in 1909, and the 2½ in blue in 1910.

During the years 1910 and 1919 a series of nine line engraved stamps, the work of Messrs. De La Rue & Co., were put on sale in sheets of 60 on paper watermarked Multiple Crown C. A. The ship "Sea Venture" is in the centre in an oval frame, with the name of the colony in a curved tablet of solid colour in thick uncoloured capitals at the top, and the value in heavy coloured figures in a fancy tablet at the foot, a fancy frame completing the stamp, the following is a list of the denominations with their colours:—

¼d brown.
½d green.
1d red.
2d grey.
2½d blue.
3d purple on yellow.
4d red on yellow.
6d purple.
1s black on green.

Until 1918 no stamp of a higher value than one shilling had been issued in Bermuda, in that year a series of six values ranging from 2s to £1 printed on Chalk surfaced paper were commenced, the 2s6d black and red on blue, 5s green and red on yellow, 10s green and red on green, and £1 purple and black on red being issued on 1st April, 1918, these were followed by a 2s stamp in purple and blue on blue, and a 4s stamp black and carmine in September, 1920. These were stamps of large size, surface printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. on Multiple Crown C. A. paper, in sheets of 60, in the Nyasaland type, having the Head of King George V in the centre on a shield shaped frame with a Crown above, the upper portion of the stamp has three tablets of solid colour, the name of the colony in the centre, and the value in figures just below at each side, the value is again expressed in uncoloured capitals at the bottom of the stamp, while to the left reading upwards the word POSTAGE is printed, with REVENUE reading downwards in a similar position to the right all in uncoloured capitals.

During the War the 1d red of the 1910 "Ship" type was overprinted at Hamilton with the words WAR TAX in Roman capitals in black, of this there are two types, the first issued May 4, 1918, having the overprint in larger type than that of the second type which was issued on February 5, 1920.

To commemorate the tercentenary of the establishment of Representative Government in the Colony two issues of stamps were made. The first which was surface printed in sheets of 60, is known as the Governor's design, these stamps large oblong in shape have twin medallions. the left hand being filled with the "Sea Venture", and the right with the Head of King George V, above these and in the centre there is a Crown with a curved tablet of solid colour above inscribed "Bermuda Commemorative Stamp" in uncoloured capitals, while at the bottom of the stamp the inscription "Tercentenary of Establishment of Representative Institutions" appeared in uncoloured capitals in two lines broken by a shield in the centre in which the value was indicated in uncoloured figures. Issued in sheets of 60 the 1d scarlet and 2½d blue were the first values to appear being issued on 11th November, 1920, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales. Excepting the 1d, 2½d and 6d which were printed on the Script C. A. paper, these stamps were printed on paper watermarked Multiple Crown C. A. The remainder of the series consisting of the values ¼d brown, ½d green, 2d grey, 3d lilac and purple on yellow, 4d red and black on yellow, 6d purple and violet, and 1s black and green were issued on January 10, 1921.

The second series which made their appearance on 12th May, 1921, were designed by Mr. J. H. Dale, a local artist, and recess printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in sheets of 60. The design consisting of the head of King George V in a circular frame with the name of the colony above in a curved tablet in coloured capitals conventional ornamentation is at either side of the head, the year 1620 being indicated to the left, and 1920 to the right, while below the head the value appears twice in coloured figures, with the word Postage in the centre, the four corner angles contain: the top left a miniature of the "Sea Venture", the top right the Arms of Bermuda, Company, the bottom left the Sword of State of 1620, and the bottom right the gavel of the Speaker of the House of Assembly. Printed in the following colours these denominations were issued: ¼d brown, ½d green, 1d carmine, 2d slate, 2½d blue, 3d purple on yellow, 4d red on yellow, 6d purple, and 1s black on green; the ¼d, ½d and 1d were printed on the Multiple Crown C. A. paper.

The reason for the two centenary stamps is this, that on the House of Assembly deciding on a special issue of stamps for that event, designs were invited with the result that one by Mr. J. H. Dale was accepted by the Committee, in the meantime the Governor had accepted a design submitted by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, when Mr. Dale's design was submitted to the Governor, it was found that dies of the design which he had approved had been put in hand, this being the case a compromise was effected by both sets of stamps being issued.

On the commemorative stamps becoming obsolete further printings of the "Ship" type of 1910 were made, these are now printed on the new Script C. A. Paper, with certain alterations of colour the following is a list of the denominations on issue printed on the new paper:—

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2d grey.
2½d sage green.
3d blue.
4d red on yellow.
6d purple.

Late in 1926 the colour of the 2½ was changed to blue, and the 3d to purple on yellow.

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The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists is a modern institution, but with the signature of His Majesty the King placed personally at the head of the Roll on its inauguration it claims the profound respect of stamp collectors the world over.

It is, as Mr. E. R. Woodward said in his oration at the enrollment of Major T. Charlton Henry of Philadelphia, an honor and distinction beyond all cavil and question.

It was fitting, therefore, though unusual and novel, that the first American member who personally signed the Roll, should be called upon to do so within historic precincts, and with simple but dignified ceremony.

There are other American philatelists who have had the honor of enrollment, but as the distinguished document is kept in Britain none has heretofore been accessible to sign the Roll in person.

So on Monday, November 4th, the opening day of London's greatest week of civic ceremony which concluded with the installing of the new Lord Mayor on the 9th, Major Charlton Henry was received and welcomed in the ancient Livery Hall of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers in Little Trinity Lane, within the historic mile of the ancient City of London.

To receive him there assembled the Chairman and members of the Congress Permanent Executive Committee, a number of the Distinguished Philatelists whose company Major Henry was to join, and the Presidents and Officials of the chief philatelic organisations of London.

The Chairman, Captain H. R. Oldfield, took his seat at the high table along with the "distinguished philatelists" present. The side tables were occupied by members of the executive committee and guests. At the lower end of the hall, Major Charlton Henry sat enthroned before the Table of Signature.

The proceedings opened with an Address from Mr. E. R. Woodward, President of the City of London Philatelic Society. He reviewed the origin and history of the Roll, and spoke of the qualifications required of each and everyone admitted to the select company of its members. He must be a philatelist, and, moreover, distinguished by having done service to Philately. Major Charlton Henry had done good suit and service to Philately, and was in every way a worthy and welcome accession to the Roll. He then called upon Major Charlton Henry to sign the document.

The distinguished philatelists acting as sponsors (Anthony de Worms and L. E. Bradbury) then conducted the new member to the Table of Signature where the Chairman received his signature on the historic parchment, thereafter presenting him with the silver pen with which he had signed the Roll.

The Chairman having returned to the high table, the sponsors conducted Major Henry thither to take his seat among the distinguished philatelists on the dais.

A few minutes later the new member was invited to address the gathering. The dais emphasised his fine tall figure, as he stood against the oldest part of one of the most ancient structures of London. The wall behind him was the only part of the original hall which escaped destruction in the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Major Charlton Henry, who was visibly moved by the welcome he had received, said:

"I am completely and really and truly overwhelmed. In Philadelphia such a ceremony as this is unknown, unheard of in any such connection. I really am at a loss to express in any way the feeling I have for your kindness and consideration and goodness which you have shown to me.

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We sometimes purchase collections of United States over and above our needs for stock, and are frequently in a position to offer these at very advantageous prices. Amongst other collections on hand at the present time, we can offer the following:

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2—A very nice 19th century collection to 1887 only. Almost all unused, and in good condition, with the exception of a few of the scarcer earlier stamps, which are included used. There are almost no vacant spaces with the exception of a few scarce grills and some of the rare types.

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At the close of the proceedings the company enjoyed the pleasant and traditional hospitality inseparable from gatherings in the ancient livery halls of the city companies.

Among those present were the following members of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists:

L. E. Bradbury, G. A. Higlett, Fred. J. Melville, Charles Nissen, H. R. Oldfield, P. L. Pemberton, Anthony de Worms.

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ON THE SIDE—

MR. FREDERICK S. EATON, New Haven, Conn., editor of *Stampless Covers,* whose valuable work in his chosen field is appreciated by the discerning, has been sent to Michigan on Pine Blister Rust Control work, and will not return until early in 1930. We trust that Professor Eaton will scotch the enemy, and since he is engaged in so constructive a campaign, his correspondents will be patient, until he returns home with good reports, we hope, of his endeavors.

THE post office department says that while mechanical devices that use *indicia* instead of postage stamps for the payment of postage on envelopes are gaining favor with large patrons of the mails, an increase of 7% in the number of stamps to be used this holiday season as compared with the previous period, has been recorded.

THE latest number of the *Philatelic West* is dated July to October, 1929, and thereby Mr. Brodstone originates a "five in one" scheme that will prove a refuge to the harried editor. This arrangement probably was made advisable as a consequence of the frequent trips of Mr. Brodstone to Europe. The number to the paper to follow is to be an anniversary issue.

A YOUNG Brooklyn subscriber, George Wilmot, is our prize optimist, as he says that he intends to read the WEEKLY for "the next hundred years."

U.S. Plate Markings

R. A. BRYANT, *Editor,*
Box 64, West Somerville, Mass.

(Items about errors, shifts, defects and plate markings, also color varieties and new numbers, will be welcomed. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Our list of current plate numbers as reported by column readers is beginning to take shape, and as the entries increase and returns come in from additional sections of the country various groups near completion. Some early numbers have been reported, and, what is more important, some very late ones. To quote one authority, "our main object is to catch the new birds on their first flight." With the coöperation of our readers we will accomplish this purpose. The effect of chrome plating the stamp plates is especially noticeable from the long life of the plates, some of which keep showing up for months. We have recently received from H. M. Southgate an excellent appraisal of the rotary field which we publish below. Concerning these notes he writes in part: ". . . and as far as I know they include the plates in press today, but maybe someone else will ante with a new one, or pair." (Nov. 3.)

We have a few new ones (Nov. 18) reported by our readers, but due to the importance of Mr. Southgate's notes, which may be used as an accurate base from which to start our record, we will chronicle these later. The survey follows:

"For months the 1c numbers were below the 19300's; now 19602 is the highest seen. The 2c numbers are in many places back in 19200's, but the latest stock shows 19700's, although there are quite a number of the 19400's that I have not seen. 18803-804 seem to be the highest three centers. For 4c, 18083 is the highest except 18365. There are at least two sets of plates in between that have not shown up. Among the 4c plates is one that seems pretty scarce—16369. I have never found 15085 and 086, although they should be common. It seems as though we never would get any new 5c numbers. Numbers 18907-908-909-910 have been doing yeoman's service for the last two years. There are possibly some sleepers among these 5c numbers. 18443 and 444 went to press and were almost immediately removed for 're-entry' going back to press once more. There is, however, no record of any printing, and as they were cancelled the day after the second return to the press it looks as though we would not have to worry about those numbers. However, if anyone has them, let us know it. Likewise, 18785 and 786. No record of any printing, although they have gone to press. The last plate has been cancelled.

The 6's come along like clockwork. 18030 and 037 or 18036 and 18421 have monopolised the field since back in '26. Cannot someone find 18396 or above, except 18421? A new pair of seven cent plates have been recently in evidence—19238 and 239. Plates 19236 and 237 seem to have been skipped over and maybe some are used for precancels. The highest rotary 8c number I have seen is 19247. All earlier rotary numbers seem to be used. The last flat beds—17917 to 17920—probably are still on sale in some of the smaller towns. I certainly would like to pick up a top block or two of some of those birds. There seems to be something funny about the nine centers, when it comes to rotaries. There is a bunch of plates between 18375 and 18464—eleven in all—that have either been certified for a long time and never gone to press, or never certified. The highest numbers I have seen are 19350-351, which showed up last August.

When it comes to the 10c denomination everything is nice and regular from 18387 to 19255, which is the highest number I have seen. There are quite a lot of flat plates, 18058 to 18328 that have been certified, but never went to press. As new numbers come out it would be interesting to have them reported. Someone will perhaps cover the flat plate numbers."

A report on numbers sent in by column readers and based on the above will appear soon. All are requested to send their lists, even if only of three or four items as it frequently happens that such

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The Quebec Tercentenary set was issued in 1908 in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the City of Quebec by Samuel de Champlain. The issue is composed of eight stamps each of a different design, presenting portraits of notables and depicting scenes of historic interest. It was revealed on careful examination of these stamps, that each variety presented something of microscopic interest, either a dot or a stroke of color which appears constantly and in an unvarying position on that particular denomination.

There are innumerable dots, splotches and lines of color to be found on all varieties, many of these are due to ink defects, or oil droplets on the plate. These defects are fugitive, not constant, they are frequently found, irregularly placed, and occur in many varieties and combinations. It is impossible to classify these, but those most frequently found are noted for purposes of study.

The general scope of this article is limited to plate markings, and only those are considered which are constant and appear in an unvarying position on the specimen, no reference being made to singles, many of which may be found with guide lines, hair lines, or accidental scratches. Again—many of these stamps appear to have blurred impressions, especially noticeable in CANADA POSTAGE, some of the letters showing ragged edges. This condition is produced by the plate not being properly polished, the burrs particularly being insufficiently burnished.

The minute details of a line engraved specimen cannot be differentiated with the naked eye, but those who have the inclination will find that the microscopical examination offers a special field of interest and a splendid opportunity of extending this phase of philately. The following details have been carefully studied and are presented for consideration and observation:—

½c Sepia—

Constant dot. A dot will be found in the lower arm of the letter C of CENT. This is a constant dot and occurs in an unvarying position, and was found on every specimen of this denomination examined. As this dot appears in various shapes, it is possibly due to a combined plate and ink defect.

Constant lines. A very definite line or stroke of color will be found extending from the convexities of both the left and left central scrolls—both lines dip into the white space on the left and right enclosing lines of the left vignette. Although this is a normal stamp, the strokes or lines are adventitious, as they do not appear on the right side of the stamp. Designs of this sort are, as a rule, symmetrical.

1c Blue-green—

Constant dot. A position dot will be found close to the left outside border margin, and on an imaginary line passing outward to the left from slightly above the left serif of the left numeral "1". The dot shows clearly as a green speck on a white field, and was present on every specimen examined.

Dots not constant. 75% showed a dot inside the pillar of the P of POSTAGE (see additional notes).

2c Carmine—

Constant dot—Not verified. There is recorded in the May number of the *Canadian Philatelist*, page 292, the following: "A guide dot at the top of P of POSTAGE in the 2c Quebec". This dot was found in only 50% of the specimens examined by the writer.

Dots not constant. 50% of the specimens will show a large dot in the pillar of P of POSTAGE. This dot is evidently the remains of a guide line not entirely obliterated from the plate, before being printed. The 2c is the only stamp of the series that does not present a constant

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I NOTE in the Nov. 11 issue the *Balloon Post* item in which it is stated that 65 balloons or more were reported to have been set free. My data, Champion's catalog, mentions 55 balloons. The others did not carry mail although private correspondence was taken.—HERBERT BARNETT.

ON Nov. 18, eighty bags of mail in the baggage car on a north bound train out of Jackson, Mich., were totally destroyed by the explosion of an oil lamp. We publish this item as it may be of possible interest to the subscriber and dealer.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to November 15, 1929. The list is short, and all of the plates are of the rotary press type.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class Ord.	Series.	Subjs.
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19852-19855 inc.	1c	"	1922	400 "
19856-19859 inc.	2c	"	1922	400 "
19860-19865 inc.	1c	"	1922	170 "
19866-19867 inc.	2c	"	1922	400 "

1½c Rotary Imperf.

Quite recently, in looking over a quantity of the 1½c imperforate rotary, Scott's No. 631, it was noted that some of them showed a very distinct breaking of the gum by means of numerous horizontal lines, whereas a further portion were without any gum breaks whatsoever. Some day the specialist will be picking out the different varieties of gum breaks on the rotary issues, for the Bureau has been experimenting almost from the first, and a casual inspection of a number of blocks from these several issues will show numerous types of breakage.

In the case of the imperforate varieties just mentioned, a further inspection showed plate blocks showing the breaks from sheets 18413 and 18360, whereas the "no break" variety was found from 18360, which, it will be noted, was used for the two types.

Christmas Stamp Distribution

The Information Service of the Post Office Department announces under date of November 16, that approximately four billion stamps will be issued to postmasters throughout the country for the Christmas holiday trade. It calls attention that this is sufficient quantity to belt the earth at the equator with enough left over to more than form a boundary line around the United States.

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Metered Mail

In the Chronicle for November 18, a paragraph was devoted to "Metered Mail" calling attention to a 16c rate made up of three different meter imprints, consisting of a 1c, 5c and 10c.

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Hawaiian Overprint

Mr. John N. Luff in his interesting notes in the November issue of *Scott's Monthly Journal* further discusses the subject of the Hawaiian overprints on United States issues and again assumes that our arguments are not sound relative to the listing of these stamps as "United States Issues."

He quotes from a portion of our Chronicle upon the subject, but, unfortunately, overlooks entirely the communication later published in reply to a letter addressed to the Postmaster General, in which the Post Office Department through the Third Assistant Postmaster General, who has charge of all stamps, distinctly states that they are U. S. issues, and are so considered by the Department. This letter has been quoted in detail in this column.

Hawaii as a separate nation ceased to exist in 1898 and anything that it has used for postage since, is certainly a United States issue, as it is an integral part of this country.

Goodyear Zeppelin

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. E. Smith, we have received from Akron, Ohio, an air mail cover with blue circular postmark, showing an illustration of the U. S. Navy ZRS—4, together with a six-line marking, reading "ZRS—4, Ring Laying, U. S. Navy Goodyear Zeppelin, Akron, Ohio, U. S. A., November 7, 1929."

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

HAITIAN POSTAL REVENUE, 1926-27

By HARRY E. HUBER.

During the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1927, postage stamps were on sale at 95 offices throughout the Republic, eleven being at the open ports, and 84 in the rural communes. The value of stamps sold was G.210,119.85 as compared with G.197,485.43 in the preceding year.

District.	*Postage Stamps.*	*Box Rents*
Aquin Gds.	1635.60	
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Cayes	12750.69	765.00
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Petit Goave	4170.98	460.00
Port au Prince	132402.18	7449.66
Port de Paix	6334.85	225.10
Saint Marc	4854.45	545.00
	G. 210119.85	G. 12529.26

The total Haitian revenue for the year was Gds. 38,861,534.79, from which it will be seen that the revenue from the sale of postage stamps comprises only slightly more than a half of one percent. On the other hand, the customs receipts comprise 86.62% (Gds. 33,661,876.23).

At the close of the year there were 19 Americans and 266 Haitians in the office of the Financial Adviser-Receiver General, and 2 Americans and 129 Haitians in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Towards the end of May, 1927, the original printing of the 25c Commerce (2,000,000) exhausted, and a reprinting of 200,000 was ordered from the American Bank Note Co. These were received and issued the latter part of August, and differ somewhat from the original printing (dull blue with brown gum), in that the blue is deeper and brighter, the paper is whiter, and the gum is white.

In March, 1927, Commr. Francisco de Pinedo passed through Port au Prince on his four-continent flight from Sardinia. The Haitian Post Office Dept. prepared an air mail for the United States, on advice from the Italian Charge d'Affaires, that such mail would be accepted. De Pinedo refused to carry the mail, and the letters prepared were subsequently returned to the senders where known, or dispatched by steamer.

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On April 19, 1927, Port de Paix, on the northern coast of Haiti, was given a weekly air mail service, from Port au Prince,—and on July 12, 1927, a weekly air mail service was inaugurated to Jeremie, on the northern shore of the Tiburon peninsula.

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Jan. 1 to March 31,	44,525
Apr. 1 to June 30,	105,550
Total,	150,075

Excepting special prints, the only supply of 24c known to have been printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. was 365,000 which were delivered to the stamp agent sometime between January 1 and June 30 in 1875. Any 24c issued in 1875 before the Continental printing was received were necessarily National prints. Thereafter the issue to post offices may have comprised either National or Continental stamps only, or may have contained stamps from both of those companies. Therefore the issue of 24c stamps from the Continental printing may have been any number up to 150,075, or none at all. (See Elliott Perry article in MEKEEL'S of Feb. 13 and 27, and March 12, 1928.)

The 24c denomination was not issued to post offices after June 30, 1875. In 1885 there were 364,950 of the 24c stamps destroyed as remainders. The special printings of 1875 and 1880 (Scott Nos. 175 and 200), totalled 10,500 stamps, of which 284 were sold and the balance, 10,216, was destroyed in 1884.

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Precancelled Stamps

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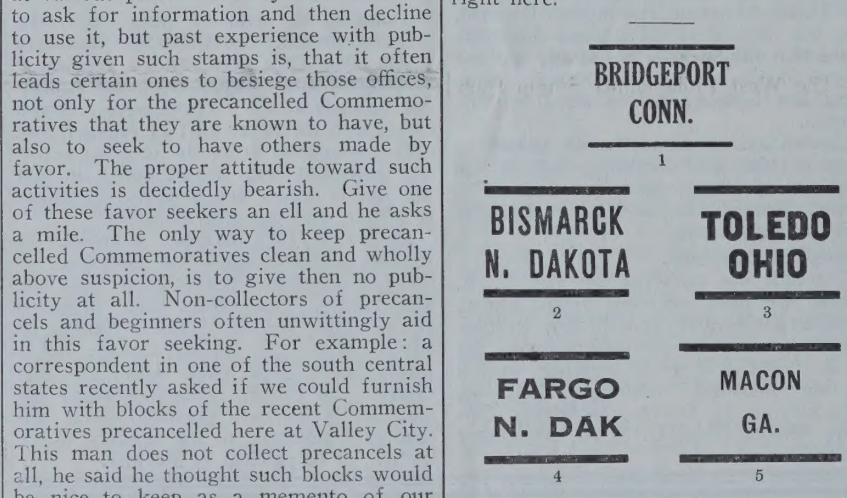
We don't hear any more about that projected new series. Postmaster General Brown got us all steamed up about it by his radio announcement last spring, but since then definite news has been conspicuous by its absence. If the set as a whole is to be no more striking or original than the recent commemoratives, why add more? In a League of Nations issuing homely stamps, our own land would rate number one membership.

In response to our oft repeated, and again repeated, request for news notes for this department, some of our friends have been sending in information about the recent Commemoratives precancelled at various places. It may seem churlish to ask for information and then decline to use it, but past experience with publicity given such stamps is, that it often leads certain ones to besiege those offices, not only for the precancelled Commemoratives that they are known to have, but also to seek to have others made by favor. The proper attitude toward such activities is decidedly bearish. Give one of these favor seekers an ell and he asks a mile. The only way to keep precancelled Commemoratives clean and wholly above suspicion, is to give then no publicity at all. Non-collectors of precancels and beginners often unwittingly aid in this favor seeking. For example: a correspondent in one of the south central states recently asked if we could furnish him with blocks of the recent Commemoratives precancelled here at Valley City. This man does not collect precancels at all, he said he thought such blocks would be nice to keep as a memento of our pleasant exchange relations. With all due appreciation of and thanks for the fineness of his sentiment, it just could not be done. Partly because our postmistress here never orders such stamps, and we don't ask her to, but instead applaud her policy; and partly because we prefer not to break the regulations. The only proper and legitimate way to get precancelled Commemoratives is to get them as all other precancels are gotten, viz., from the regular sources of supply packages. These late Commemoratives have been appearing in such quantities that quite a number of them are certain to show up precancelled here and there. This is especially true of the Edison. So just let nature take its course. If a precancelled Commemorative appears amid what you get from your regular sources, all to the good. If it comes from some one of those towns, usually smaller ones, which are known to have a bad repute for precancelling Commemoratives, let it go by, it won't be worth the space in your album. The writer has a list of such towns, which he compiled from the files of his own and others' bitter experiences about three years ago. It is yours for the postage.

The writer receives so many requests from beginners for enlightenment on certain terms peculiar to precancel collecting, that he will endeavor to define such terms in this department as they occur to him. We may as well make a start right here.



What is meant by U Style, or U Type? The letter U as used here is an abbreviation for Universal. The precancel catalog takes some particular type and applies to it, regardless of the town using it, a certain Universal Type number; just as Scott's catalog takes a certain stamp and makes of it a definite type. In the illustration above (No. 1) we see what is known as Universal Type 10. A count of all the towns using this type would run into several hundred, so to simplify matters and to bring all these various towns under one classification, this system of U types is used. The catalog refers to them as U Styles, collectors refer to them usually as U Types. This may be confusing to beginners. The two terms, U Styles and U Types, are interchangeable, and mean one and the same U Type is preferable, because clearer and more accurate. Wherever the word Style appears in the catalog, it should, in the interest of clarity and accuracy, be changed to Type. But we'd hate to have to pay the printer's bill for making the change, even at 1c each!

You must have noticed, from a comparison of the styles or types portrayed in the catalog, with those now in use, that fashions change here as elsewhere. A few years ago the fashion was a big, heavy, boldfaced type, which could be easily seen even at some distance. Types U-1, U-2, U-4 (Nos. 2, 3, 4 above) were the standard types supplied to various offices, unless the town name was a long one or made up of several words. Today all three of these types are out of fashion, as they wear out they are being replaced with much smaller ones. At the moment I can think of but few towns still using U-2. Toledo and Boston are, but both are badly worn and rate retirement. A few smaller cities, like Phoenix and Salem, Ohio, still use them, but neither town has much use for their plates and the resultant wear is not great. By the way, on the Salem plate the 9th row is inverted, hence tete beche pairs and blocks are possible. In the case of U-1, slightly lighter than U-2, it, too, is rapidly going out, being replaced by a smaller and lighter type. Witness the two Portlands, Dayton, Knoxville, Houston. There are a few U-1's still in the ring, but they're badly battered—Sheboygan, St. Paul (long hopeless), Allentown, San Diego. The smaller cities using this type, such as Rushville, Danville, Dansville, bid fair to continue to use them for some time, they are in the same class as Phoenix.

The type which is replacing these older ones is, in almost every case, U-12 (No. 5). Time is lacking to make a check of all towns using it, and it wouldn't be up-to-date tomorrow if one were made, its use is spreading so rapidly.

The U-4 type was never very widely used, it seems to have been confined to city names of only a few letters—Fargo, Marion, Ind., Salem, Mass., Orange, Tyrone, Warren, Pa. Most of them are still in use, though Warren has substituted a U-12, and Tyrone, Orange, and Fargo need new ones. The U-12 will get 'em before long.

The catalog U Types so far formulated through 20 are electros, or printed types. Those from 50 through 70 are rubber handstamps between bars, from 70 through 90, ditto between lines. Those from 90 through 100 are a special kind used for precancelling coil stamps. The

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On July 14, 1927, an experimental air flight was made from Barahona, Dominican Republic, to Port au Prince. A small mail of 12 letters (11 ordinary, and 1 official) was brought. On the return flight, July 18th, 90 letters were dispatched to Barahona, and 473 letters to Santo Domingo City.

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We are able to announce the sale of ıe Waterhouse U. S. collection to Mr. dward Stern of the Economist Stamp o., New York City. We have an adertisement to that effect to be inserted ec. 9, but are able to catch this week's aper with a bare statement of fact. Mr. odden is to be congratulated upon havıg so quickly found a customer, and ıe Economist Stamp Co. maintains the ıgh standard for which the firm is ımed in the acquirement of this notable roperty.

UBURBAN CLUB HAPPENINGS

On Thursday last the Boston Philatelic ociety was the guest of the Suburban tamp Club, and many of the members f both organizations were in attendance. he meeting was held at the American ouse, and we may expect the details f a gathering that will mark the beginıg of the laying of plans for the enterinment of the A. P. S. next year.

The visit of the Suburban Club to the . I. P. S. at Providence on Nov. 12, was red letter night in the experiences of ıe Suburban Club.

You can see from these few lines that ır organization is up and doing all the me.

FRED O. OHLUND.

HE NEW 10c NEWFOUNDLAND

When Mr. Wills reported the issue of ıe 10c stamp printed by John Dickinson Co., he stated laconically that its only stinction from the Whitehead, Morris rinting were its lighter shade of violet ıd the perf. 13½ as against the former ale of 14.

Having made a little study of the two rintings I have to say that the color fference does not hold water, because I ıve several copies of the first issue, one f exactly the same tint as that of the ewcomer, and as to the perforation, the ight difference is not easy to discern r the average collector.

For the present day collector it would e easier then to apply the formula: "If ou got the stamp it is the old one, if ou get it it's the new one" because the ormer is now extinct; but leaving jokes one, the simplest way to distinguish the vo printings is, to look at the centre of ıe stamps; the Whitehead, Morris copy as clouds in the sky, whereas the Dickson stamp has only a soft shading hich cannot be called clouds; incidental, it will be noticed that on the first amp the cloud appearing over the cross the centre looks like an aeroplane. This oud effect is plain and simple and ould dispose of the entire matter as to istinguishing the two issues.

Now, for the real student there are ıite a number of additional differences ı the two stamps, but a magnifying lass will be in order to find them; to void the repeating of the two printers' ames I will call the two issues a and b.

In "a" the value at top stands clear of ıe heavy inner frame line, in "b" it is rtly imbedded in this line, and generally ıe letters C and N of CENT have flaws, hile the first printing is clear.

The eternal flame on the pedestals at ther side of the vignette at left in "a" nds in one, in "b" in two equally heavy ngues; at right in "a" one tongue winds around another, while in "b" there are three tongues parallel to each other.

The man on the top of the monument, holding aloft a cross, *is* one solid figure in "a", while in "b" he has a white line running from head to foot, making him look as if split in two.

There are several other minor distinguishing marks, but the above are the most conspicuous and should suffice for the average collector.

HERMANN FOCKE.

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

The election of the American Air Mail Society has resulted as follows: Pres., Geo. W. Angers; Vice-Pres., William H. Conkling, Donald E. Dickason; Sec., L. B. Gatchell; Directors, R. A. Brooks, Harry Truby, Mal Ganser, Geo. Zimmerman, H. H. Griffin, Dr. Wm. Evans, and Raymond Bahr.

BUFFALO (N. Y.) STAMP CLUB

The proposed visit of the members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club has been postponed to a later date. The event will be made a gala occasion.

On Dec. 6, there will be an exhibit of the stamps of France, and Colonies. A. Steeg and M. Bennett will give a review of current events. Dec. 13, U. S. Covers. Dec. 20, Belgium and Holland with Colonies, and a talk by Palmer Taylor. Dec. 27, Scandinavian countries, also an auction. These exhibitions will pave the way for a spring club exhibit on a big scale. The club is to be commended upon its enterprise.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—The West Philadelphia Stamp Club has just been organized and the following officers elected: Pres., William Emmert; Vice-Pres., Forrest P. Hand; Sec., Chester A. Sittig; Treas., George Creed. Further information can be obtained from E. L. Pollock, 754 So. 60th St., Phila., Pa.

—F. B. Akarman sends us a cover from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, which bears a 6c blue current issue with diagonal overprint in red, 1929-30. Mr. Akarman writes "this was done on account of the great number of counterfeit and cleaned stamps that are being used." To a lay collector it would seem that it would be easily possible to pass the counterfeiting on to the overprint which is crudely made.

—St. Petersburg, Fla., will have air mail service beginning Dec. 14, Route 25.

—The first anniversary exhibition and banquet of the Appleton (Wis.) Philatelic Society was held Nov. 23, at the Conway Hotel, Appleton. An exhibition was held from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. In connection with the banquet a handsome menu was printed and it was decorated with a block of four ½c precanceled "Appleton, Wis." in red. H. M. Brehm was the toastmaster. There are only twelve members in this Society, but it is livelier than many organizations several times its size.

—The Bridgeport (Conn.) Philatelic Club will have an exhibition running a whole week, afternoons and evenings, Dec. 9 to 14 inclusive. It will be held in the Bridgeport Public Library.

Types are those used by the Bureau ı the manufacture of Bureau Prints. he E Types are those used by the enelope contractors in overprinting 1c amped envelopes for use under Section 35 ½. The F Types cover French Preancels, the L Types, those of Luxemırg. These last three will appear for the rst time in the 1930 catalog this fall. When we say the numbers through 20 enote electros we do not mean that there re 20 separate electro types. So far only 13 of the 20 numbers are in use. Of the series 50 to 70, only 12 are in use; for 70-90, 13 in use; for 90-100, 7 in use. It isn't as complex as it seems.

More definitions will follow.

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Our European Letter

By A. WAGNER, Essen, Germany.

Austrian Republic.—A new series of landscape postage stamps is now making its appearance here, which, beyond the denominations already known, also includes a new value of 60gr. It is gratifying to state that after a pretty long interval Austria again presents to the world a set of stamps that deserves to be called attractive, and does credit to the highly developed Austrian graphic arts.

The stamps of the old issue continue in use until further notice, with the exception of the 20, 45, 50 and 80gr values, which will be withdrawn on Dec. 31, 1929. The values of from 1 to 8gr continue in use without any alteration of the design.

Some details relative to the colors and values of the novelties, and the scenery represented are given hereafter:

10gr stamp, orange, shows the castle of Guessing.

15gr violet-brown, Hochosterwitz in Carinthia, a towering fortress on a rock.

16gr gray, a piece of Duernstein with the famous church and the home-river.

18gr blue-green. Its color harmonises with the landscape shown on it:—The Traunsee. In the northern corner of this lovely mountain lake is situated the little town of Gmunden with the castle of the Duke of Cumberland, the son of George V, the last King of Hanover.

24gr carmine, the fortress of Hohensalzburg, towering above the town of Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart.

30gr blue-violet, Seewiesen in Styria.

40gr dark blue, the former Hofburg (Imperial Palace), at Innsbruck, the picturesquely situated capital of Tyrol, in whose mountainous surroundings with snow-capped peaks up to 12,000 feet the writer spent many summer vacations in the happy pre-war days. An electric railway from Innsbruck via Mittenwald and Garmisch takes the tourist in a short time to Oberammergau (already on Ba-

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Editorial

TWO letters have been received asking for information that will apply to the question of customs levy on stamps consigned to collectors here on approval from abroad, and we have been promised particulars of interest on the subject for the next issue.

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FOR some time, the banks and the post office department have been cooperating on a plan to provide an improvement in the method of handling bank mail, which, in large cities, exceeds in poundage and extent, the first-class mailings of other users of postage at the rate of more than 2c a piece. Daily transfers of bank paper in envelopes of varying size, enclosing bulky contents, cannot be handled by the meter machines. This "transfer mail", as it is called by banks, is first-class mail and celerity in transporting it is a requirement as it represents so much money that a day's interest on it has to be considered. As it is, "transient mail" is sent in heavy envelopes that are weighed in each case and sent to the post office; and the necessary stamps on them usually are cancelled by hand. A plan has been submitted to the department for the payment by the banks of the amount of postage by bulk, instead of by the piece. This course would remove postage due possibilities and decrease the number of postage due stamps used, and consequently make a saving. The suggestion is made that if it is mandatory that first-class mail bear an authorized imprint, "it might be possible to prepare a new form of stamp costing say one cent each, or better still, a meter imprint—or a permit number which stamp could be applied early in the day to all envelopes which later will be sent out, subject to further payment of first-class postage rates in bulk." A citation shows that the volume of mail sent by eight banks (not selected as the largest) out of one thousand amounted to over a ton daily for which more than $900 postage was paid each day. The bulk method, if adopted, would close a source of supply of the high denominations, U. S., as the majority of these stamps that reach collectors come from federal reserve, clearing-house or other bank mail.

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CANADA has a system of issuing small notes to displace postage stamps and change that often are sent in payment for merchandise in small amount in this country, and the department at Washington has been urged to copy this convenience which would be appreciated by stamp dealers, among others.

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COVARRUBIAS, the Mexican artist, whose work has brought him to the fore as an illustrator, has a symposium of six "collectors, average and mean," in the December issue of *Vanity Fair*. His caricatures are not exactly acrid but by no means are they sugar-coated. The first on the list is a "Stamp Collector Hot After an 1856 Tasmanian," showing a spectacled member of the stamp "tongs" intent on an album page, with his pointed nose almost boring a hole in his magnifying-glass. Any Tasmanian of 1856 is a valuable stamp and our assumption is that Covarrubias has seen the philatelist on his native heath.

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SECOND Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover asks that public notice be given to his instructions to postmasters forbidding the acceptance of letters and parcel post packages to foreign countries and the U. S. possessions if not accompanied by export declarations when the value of the contents as merchandise is $25 or more. This stipulation is such as to enable the government, through the Department of Commerce, to keep a record of exports by mail to the different countries.

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A CORRESPONDENT says that if we want to place stamp collecting on a par with other forms of collecting, we should try to divest it of its savor of "juvenility", as stamp collecting suggests to the popular mind, the hap-hazard assembling of stamps by young folks rather than a pursuit with a solid background. The critic says that he does not wish to reflect on the boys and girls but adds that his view is forced on him by the comments of his adult friends when they learn that he collects stamps. If this man were to be taken at his word, he would have a cessation of all activities that encourage boys and girls to take to stamps. If this condition were to come to pass, the philatelic tree would begin to die at its roots. The proposition is self-evident that the ranks have to be recruited from the young. The feeling of personal preference that is shown becomes almost petty in the light of this truth. Collecting must be recognized as a pursuit for both young and old and it is working out its destiny on this premise. No class has a monopoly of the pleasures of collecting. That there is a vast difference in the status of the boy collector and the advanced philatelist, we all know, but the beginner may progress, step by step, to the position held by the senior collectors.

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TO pursue the subject of the preceding paragraph, we quote the following foreword from "A Stamp Collector's Souvenir," a pamphlet published for free distribution by a leading stamp dealer in 1892: "Who are the stamp collectors? Many people have the impression that stamp collecting is simply a boys' amusement, is soon dropped, and of very little importance. In many cases, this is true but that there are thousands of more serious collectors who find a great deal more in it than the thoughtless reader may suppose. Many a father has had his interest awakened in stamp collecting by assisting his boy to find the proper place in the album for a difficult stamp, and has become and continued an active collector long after the boy has laid his stamps aside." The boys need no apologist. They fill an important *role* in philately and their influence as cited in the foregoing remarks is helpful to the adults, who, in turn, should have a warm spot for the boys.

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"WHERE do you get your stamps?" is a question asked of dealers by outsiders. The government is to issue about 4,000,000,000 stamps for the Christmas season. There will be a reenforcement for the pound trade, since the weight of the stamps will be about 300 tons and if "laid end-to-end, the stamps would measure 63,131 miles." During the last thirty days, nearly three billion stamps have been issued.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes that one of the planes used for the Cairo-to-Karachi stage of the England-to-India air mail service was burned with 25,000 pieces of mail. Three men were killed, including the pilot, Woodbridge, who had a distinguished war record as a British flyer.

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THE Chicago "Evening Post" recently contained an article, a column in length, that described the commemorative issues of the U. S.; and as showing how beneficial publicity of this kind may be, it is to be recorded that we know of two collectors who have been made by the notice. They were led to inquire into the subject of stamps and the chances are that they will develop into philatelists.

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S. Thome e Principe.—St. Thomas and Prince Islands.

S. U.—These letters were overprinted on a few Straits Settlements stamps intended for use in the native state of Sungei Ujong.

Sultanat d'Anjouan.—Anjouan.

Sverige.—Sweden.

T.—A large "T" overprinted on the stamps of such countries as Abyssinia and Bulgaria generally indicates that they were used as postage due labels.

Takca. — This word appears upon most of the Bulgarian postage due stamps.

Tassa Gazzette.—On the newspaper stamp of Modena.

Telegrafos.—Telegraphs.

Tjeneste.—On the official stamps of Denmark.

Toga.—Tonga.

Toscano.—Tuscany.

U. G.—These letters, with numerals to denote the value, form the "design" of the first typewritten stamps of Uganda.

Ultramar.—The only inscription on many of the Spanish issues of Cuba.

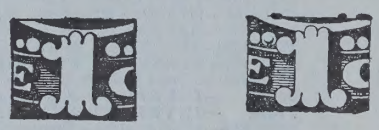
Van Diemans Land.—Tasmania.

Z. Afr. Republiek. — South African Republic (Now known as the Transvaal).

U. S. 1873 Secret Marks

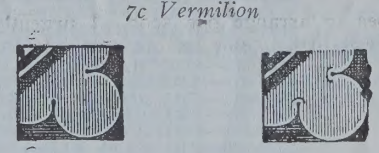
These are small marks introduced into the designs of stamps for some specific purpose. It was at one time very generally believed that stamp manufacturers were in the habit of introducing secret marks into their work as an extra precaution against, or a help in the detection of, forgeries. Where these marks are intentionally introduced they are simply meant as distinguishing marks, and there is nothing "secret" about them. Thus the "hairlines" on certain British stamps, which are usually known as secret marks, were introduced to distinguish stamps printed from certain plates. In the same way the so-called secret marks on the United States stamps of 1873 were introduced into the designs so that the Continental Bank Note Co. could distinguish between the impressions from plates of their own manufacture and those made by the National Bank Note Co.

1c Ultramarine



1870—Without dash in pearl.
1873—Dash in pearl left of figure 1.

7c Vermilion



1870—Without semi-circles.
1873—With same, lower right corner.

12 Violet

1870—Rounded out balls.
1873—Balls of "2" crescent shaped.

A Few Bollos

Bollo Della Posta di Sicilia.—An inscription appearing on the stamps of Sicily meaning "stamp of the Post of Sicily."

Bollo Della Posta Napoletana.—An inscription shown upon all the stamps of Naples which signifies "Stamp of the Neapolitan Post."

Bollo Postale.—An inscription shown upon the stamps of the small republic of San Marino meaning "Postage Stamp."

Bollo Straordinario Per le Poste.—The inscription shown on the so-called newspaper stamp of Tuscany issued in 1854. Its literal meaning is "Stamp extraordinary for the post." The stamp was not a postage stamp in the strict meaning of the term but represented a fiscal tax collected on newspapers coming from foreign countries.

Commission Fur Retourbriefe

An inscription shown upon the so-called return letter "stamps" of Bavaria and Wurtemberg meaning "Returned Letter Department." These labels have no philatelic significance whatsoever though

they were listed in many of the old catalogues and at one time spaces were provided for them in many printed albums. On some of the labels of Bavaria the last word of the inscription is "Ruckbriefe."

Bits of Information

Cent de Peseta.—Many of the stamps of Spain and her Colonies were expressed in this value. The centimo de peseta was worth about a fifth of a cent in American money.

Peroxide.—The ordinary peroxide of hydrogen of commerce is often useful in restoring the colors of stamps which have become blackened or discolored by atmospheric means. These stamps, usually known as oxidized specimens, should be carefully washed with a weak solution of peroxide, applied with a camels hair brush, and as a rule the color will be perfectly restored. In some cases two or three treatments are necessary before the desired result is obtained.

Serpentine Roulette. — A roulette formed of wavy cuts with small breaks between the curves. The 1860-71 stamps of Finland furnish excellent examples of this style of roulette.

Serrated Perforation.—A form of rouletting in which the cuts are curved, and the edges show little hollows or scallops. More usually known by the French term "Percé en arc."

Serra Riverdale Bond.—A watermark appearing in Argentine Republic stamps issued in June, 1919. These words are four times repeated in sheets of these stamps.

Junior Dictionary

Melat-i-kazerun 1335 — (National Committee of Kazerun 1917).—The 1911 set of Persian stamps with this surcharge was issued by the rebel leader Nasr-i-Divan, who led a rebellion against the British in So. Persia. These stamps were in use about two weeks and they have no philatelic standing. Date of issue, January, 1917.

Merson, Olivier. — A French artist who drew the design used for the current 40c to 5fr values of France. His name, in tiny capital letters, is shown on the left hand end of the lower border of the design.

Meshad.—A walled city, capital of Khorassan province, Persia, famed in philately for having issued in 1902 a set of six stamps for provisional use. The postmaster, having sold out his regular stock, issued the set referred to. In the middle of the design are the letters V.C. for Victor Castaigne, the then local postmaster.

Metallik.—The value in which most of the Cretan stamps issued within the Russian Sphere of Administration in 1899 were expressed. A metallik is the fourth part of a grosion or piastre and its value in American money is a little more than a cent.

Johnny's Diary

By Capt. A. C. Townsend.

July 1, 1894.—Me and Willy Myers are going to hustle this month and see who can get the most new stamps. He has 822 kinds now, and I've only got 531, but you bet I'm going to make him hump himself to keep ahead. Collecting is a dead easy game in the summer anyway, so many of the fellers get lazy and would rather go swimmin' or get a glass of soda water than a dollar's worth of stamps. I traded for 4 new ones today. They didn't amount to much, but Willy only got 2.

July 2.—I got 6 new ones today. Most of them were common but I got one good old Mauritius from Ed Wilkins. He was goin' fishin' and wanted to borrow my good line. I played I wanted to go fishin' too, and wouldn't let him have it till he offered me a good stamp, and I took that one. He could have sold it and bought 2 lines. Willy ran across a feller that wants to swop a bicycle for stamps. We are going to cook up some sort of a deal with him.

July 3.—Willy beat me today. He sold a trader for a dime and then went around and played tag with Hen Allen till he got his tongue hangin' out. Then he offered to treat to soda for Hen's 6c Justice, and he got a beauty. I know a feller that has a 2c Exec. but he wants the earth for it. Me and Willy found a stray Nufounland dog today, and hid him in our cellar. He chewed up our hosepipe somethin' awful and we sneaked him out again and hid him in Willy's woodshed. Good thing we did, for Pop went down cellar tonight and says the rats down there is getting fearful.

July 4.—We got a dollar for findin' that dog. A lady had an ad in the morning paper and was mighty glad to get him and said we was good boys for taking care of him. We struck her for stamps and she said she'd look over some old letters and to come back Saturday. We bought firecrackers with the dollar and did a big business all day trading them for stamps. We got some daisies too. Willy and me didn't shoot but a few fireworks but we feel good all the same.

July 5.—We got 39 new stamps yesterday between us. That makes me 559 and Willy 848. I got that 2c Exec. too. The feller that owned it came around last night and we were all havin' so much fun he traded me the Exec. for 2 cannon crackers and a hunting book I had. That made Willy sick. Tomorrow we are goin' to see a boy we hear has a lot of Depts. and get acquainted with him. Most of the fellers are awful short of Depts. Oh, yes. I swapped my mouth organ to a chap today for an old watch he had. I don't know what to do with it, but it was a good trade and I guess I'll work it in somewhere. That's what Mom says about the things she buys at bargain sales.

(To be continued.)

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IF the movie houses throughout the country continue to give away packages of cheap stamps to the boys and girls, at the rate reported to us, there will soon be a scarcity of the common stamps in huge lots.

FROM the Philadelphia Stamp Club *Bulletin*, which is one of the best club journals that reaches us, we learn that Mr. Eugene Klein gave a talk on his recent European trip at a meeting and detailed his experiences of philatelic kind in Spain, especially, where he said the dealers were substantial business men.

THE Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron, Ohio, will celebrate its tenth anniversary by a celebration at the Portage Hotel, on December 7th and 8th, 1929. The organization is an active one and it is probable that there will be guests from out of town at the "open house."

CHICAGO *Commerce* asks: "Do you know what a state overprinted stamp is? Does your boy know and collect them?" Any prizes offered for the correct answers?

A DEALER got a letter from a point in Iowa, enclosing a 3c green, 1879, U. S., which, while "worth more," according to the correspondent, would be sacrificed for one hundred dollars even. The dealer returned the stamp at once and enclosed a 3c green of the same type, with his compliments. You should see the answer that he got from the lady who sent the stamp; his generosity certainly slapped him in the face.

PIERCE W. HANGGE, staff photographer of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, who is to be credited with the insertion of a number of stamp articles in his newspaper, was a recent visitor to Chicago.

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(Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If a reply be necessary, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

George H. Kieley, of the Boston Post Office, and A. A. M. S. No. 69, has just sent me a little booklet, compiled by himself for the P. O., which gives very complete, yet condensed information about the U. S. domestic and foreign air mail service—schedules, postage rates, all points en route, etc. This will make a very useful guide for all collectors of air mail, and a copy will be sent to all who request it from the Boston, Mass., postmaster, or from Mr. Kieley. Enclose 2c postage, or a long stamped envelope.

Official Flights

On Nov. 4th, John S. Campbell of Cadiz, Ohio, received a badly burned face of a cover that had come from a wrecked air mail plane, which had fallen west of Mt. Vernon, O., on Oct. 29. The postmaster at that place forwarded this with a statement to this effect: Mr. Campbell wishes to know if it could have been any of our advertisers' letters, for excluding his philatelic mail, he has little business connections.***H. Richard Neihoff also reports a letter from this wreck, and states that it has the backstamp "Irregularity No. 892, Cincinnati, Ohio."

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Reports recently published forecasted a reduction in the air mail postage rate to Latin America in order to increase use of the service, but no official announcement has been forthcoming as yet. ***Reports continue that the New York, Rio and Buenos Aires line will be open for its entire length by Jan. 1st, and that the southern portion of the line is already in operation. No. U. S. mail contract has been arranged thus far, though I understand that the company strongly hopes to arrange one soon. I urgently request that anyone having access to information about this proposed service, either northern or southern end, let us have it at the earliest possible moment. Eight U. S. stops are proposed, and thirty-three in foreign countries, so you'd better start saving up for the postage bill, in case it eventually does get started off.

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I have just received covers dispatched from Panama to Buenos Aires via the first FAM 9 flight Oct. 8th, and note that two different first flight cachets were used from Colon and Panama City, respectively—the same in style, but with the city name differing.***Royce A. Wight writes, referring to the published statement that no mail was carried from *Chile* to Buenos Aires via this flight, and says that the U. S. Consul at Arica had just sent him word that he had mailed his covers according to request.*** H. A. Krumweide calls attention to the saving in time via the new West Indian route. Says his covers San Juan to Georgetown went down in one day by plane, and back in 17 days by the regular channels.

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Otto Edenharter calls my attention to the Swiss flight of the Graf Zeppelin, which took place Sept. 27, 28, and Oct. 2. Covers bear both German and Swiss stamps and postmarks, and have the arrival cancellation of some 13 Swiss cities. ***In line with the note from Mr. Edenharter published two weeks ago, a clipping from Miss Anna Schafer gives the same information in fuller form. As noted, covers, postage 1 mark, or about 25c, and cards postage half a mark, may be sent at any time to the Postmaster at Friedrichshafen, money orders for the postage, and he will hold them for dispatch via future flights of the ship to nearby or European points. Covers may be addressed anywhere. *A different clipping states that the ship is about to be laid up for the winter, so you may have*

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The first of the 2c was produced quite hurriedly and resulted in what Scott now designates as Type IV, #532b, the first three types being the engraved varieties. When sheets of the imperforate stamp were first located in the Chicago post office, a few were purchased, and when more were wanted, it was found that the entire supply had been cut up into coils by the mailing machine companies. As a result, blocks changed hands at from $10 to $15 or more. Later on, a further supply was found in a western Pennsylvania post office, which resulted in the price becoming more reasonable.

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Various new contract routes are in the offing, the latest to receive mention as coming before long being the extension of No. 11 from Pittsburgh to Washington via Norfolk. Bids for this are soon to be received by the Department. The southern transcontinental line is still not definitely shaped up, due to the frantic claim of a great many cities to have the line give them service.***Ann Arbor, Mich., received its first direct air mail service since spring on Nov. 16. Poor airport conditions had caused this stop to be omitted during the interval.

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I have just received a letter from the Ile de France ship-to-shore flight of Oct. 24th, which was in the sack dropped by parachute as the plane passed over Havre on its way to its destination at Paris. Cover bears the New York postmark of Oct. 18, the ship postmark of the 24th, and that of Le Havre the 24th.***Covers sent some time ago for the first flight from Colima, Mexico, have been received postmarked there Nov. 7, "Servicio Ambulante" the 8th, and backstamped the "Servicio Aereo" cancellation at Mexico City the 9th. No special cachet, and that "Ambulante" arouses my curiosity. Doesn't that mean something on the idea of "walking" or "on foot"? What is it, Mr. Saurez or Mr. Rübsamen?

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I said sorrowful things two weeks ago about the postal officials at Madagascar. This time, I shall have to sing the praises of the U. S. Consul at Tananarive, who, under date of Sept. 23, acknowledges covers and remittance sent him, says that present indications are that the route from there to Majunga will not open till at least January, and possibly not till April, and promises that, if at all possible, he will get my covers on the first trip. I hate to make that gentleman a lot of work, but you might find it worthwhile to try it too. No idea what postage is necessary—I sent 20 covers and $5.00, and asked him to mail as many of them as the funds would permit.

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W. R. Patton is authority for the statement that the W. C. A. flight Winnipeg-Edmonton, which an Aviation journal announced for about Oct. 15, has not flown, and will not fly. Haven't heard from the Co. to whom I sent covers and remittance, so possibly they are holding for some other flight.

Airport Dedications, Etc.

Harry Peterson hoped for the best, and sent a cover to the "Land of the Soviets" fliers, with the request that they carry it on their projected trans-Atlantic trip. It was returned to him, but on its face were the signatures of all four fliers!***Many Armistice Day cachets, from all reports. I've only seen a few, which include the Bombing Military Aviators, one of which I gave notice some time ago; Syracuse, N. Y., Saint Louis, Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis. One from Northampton, Pa., was flown over Northampton County by Pilot Bobby Musselman.

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Armistice Day was naturally a popular dedication date. Selma, Ala., had originally planned their event for last June 27, and a 4 leaf clover cachet on the front of covers sent in last summer is so marked. A memorial monument cachet, properly dated, was applied to all covers, also, both with and without the June one. ***Bonham, Tex., used a 3 line black printed cachet, signed by Mayor Crawford. Pocatello, Idaho, had a box shaped cachet in either blue or black, and Austin L. Jones kindly remembers me with a pilot signature. Calexico, Calif., used their Chamber of Commerce rubber stamp, "Where the Imperial Valley Begins", and added a written "Airport Dedicated Nov. 11, 1929", signed by the Secretary.***Nov. 7th marked the date for Camden, S. C., with simply a written cachet and signature.***Anyone know of anything at Durant, Okla., Nov. 8? Covers, without cachet, were mailed then.*** J. J. Maye sends me covers dated Nov. 16 and 17, with a cachet for Air Meet and Races at Hadley Airport, New Brunswick, postmarked with the Air Mail Field cancellations of New York and New Brunswick, respectively.

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The Alamosa, Colo., dedication Nov. 11th, almost deserves a paragraph to itself. With the collector's interest backed by O. H. Phinney, we have an unusually fine lot of covers. 5,792 mailed with the distinctive potato shaped cachet, in black or purple. They were unusually generous with signatures, many that I have seen having those of the Postmaster, Mayor, Pilot, and State Governor John C. Adams. Mrs. Ellen Godfrey, who sent a cover for this to the P. M. last February, received it back marked "First cover received for this flight", and with 15 separate signatures on it! Covers were flown to Pueblo, as is the Colorado custom, and were there postmarked Nov. 11, 3.30 P. M. With them were flown specially cacheted covers from Antonito which sent its mail via special plane to Alamosa as part of the affair. Antonito dedicated last year, but had no cachet. 20 lbs. from there.

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Tallahassee, Fla., also used the 11th and 12th, and produced a bright cerise cachet, with facsimile signatures.***Kenneth Shepard, son of the Menlo Park P. M., says that there was no flight in connection with the Jubilee cachet, but that the backstamp of Metuchen, a town 1½ miles away, is always placed on Menlo Park mail, which goes there via bus en route.

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Wilmington Model Plane Meet—1,800—by Wilmington Chapter, N. A. A.*** Akron Ring Laying Ceremony—957—by C. of C.***Fitzsimmons Aviation Club announces a Wright cachet for Dec. 17—covers to Herbert Levinson, 2,422 Natrona St., Philadelphia.***Miami, Fla., All American Air Meet comes Jan. 13-15. No announcement this year, but C. of C. has had a cachet for the 2 years past.***Second Annual Aviation Show, auspices Aviators Post, American Legion—New York, Feb. 7-15. St. Louis Feb. 15-23—International Show.***Detroit, Apr. 5-13—Third All American Aircraft Show. Don't say you didn't have time enough on these!

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Stillwater, Okla., still no date, but will have cachet. Covers may go to John W. Hinkel, 620 Main St.***Charles Stern, 2443 Callow Ave., Baltimore, Md., states that he has been appointed Director of Cachets for the Baltimore Show, announced last week. Covers sent to Mr. Krimm, as stated then, or to Mr. Stern, will doubtless receive proper attention. Dates are Dec. 9-14, and covers should be in the 7th. See last week's Stop Press for notice about special dedication flight, Batavia, N. Y. Cachet, covers to P. M.

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Pensacola, Fla.; Newcastle, Ind.; New Haven, Conn.; Corning, N. Y., and Chillecothe, Mo.; all report progress, but no action till spring at least.***Hebron, Ind.; Russell, Kans.; Oberlin, Ohio; Erie, Pa.; McCracken, Kans.; Mill Valley, Calif.; Waynesboro, Ga.; Duchesne, Utah; South Hill, Va.; Rutland, Vt.; Gilroy, Calif.; Carlsbad, Calif.; Turners Falls, Mass.; Omaha, Neb.; and Chelsea, Mich., may all be marked off the list as immediate prospects, at least.

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Coöperators this week: H. A. Krumweide, Geo. Nowobilski, *R. I. Wiess, *John Ingle, *Grady M. Vaughn, *A. Atlas Leve, *J. W. Stoutzenberg, *P. R. Hudson, J. Holly Elm, Maurice S. Petty, Mortimer V. Moseman, John S. Campbell, Jr., **J. S. Boyle, Kenneth Shepard, Louis R. Murray, **O. H. Phinney, Claude W. Parker, Charles S. Stern, Will Falley, *Austin L. Jones, Anna M. Schafer, Royce A. Wight, Geo. D. Kingdom, J. B. Jackson, Harry Peterson, Sol. Whitman, W. R. Patton, Clarence A. Johnson, Otto Edenharter, J. P. Penning, J. C. Adams, F. W. Cummings, **James J. Maye, Geo. H. Kieley, Herbert Levinson, H. G. Kingdom, Ellen Godfrey.

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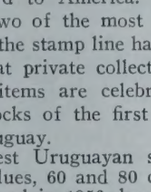
By FRED J. MELVILLE.

It is an agreeable change to be able to record a notable accession to the store of philatelic rarities in this country from the United States. The trend of stampic gems, as with other rare things, has long been outward to America. During the last week two of the most sought-after treasures in the stamp line have been added to a great private collection in England. The items are celebrated as the "Ferrer" blocks of the first "diligencia" issue of Uruguay.

The earliest Uruguayan stamps were the three values, 60 and 80 centavos and one real, issued in 1856, known as "diligencias" from the word inscribed upon them. They were in use when the mails were still conveyed in the old-time diligences.



All three are rare stamps, ranging from £20 for the red 1 real to £50 for the blue 60 centavos. But there are deep blue prints of the 60c which fetch £75, and an indigo blue variety at £100. In addition there is a second type of the 60c blue (it has only 67 rays to the sun instead of 104) which fetches £150 to £200 per specimen. The 80c green is normally worth from £20 to £30.

The chief of the two Ferrer blocks consists of fifteen of the 80 centavos green forming three-sevenths of a full original sheet. The second is a block of four of the same denomination. Apart from these two items no other block of any of the diligencias is known. Indeed, there is only one pair recorded; this is in the Tapling collection at the British Museum, and has unfortunately been spoiled by the addition of a fictitious postmark.

Most of our expert knowledge of this issue is derived from the two Ferrer blocks, the present value of which is about £5,000 for the block of fifteen and £1,000 for the block of four. The latter has been cut from the top left corner of the sheet and still has the sheet margins at top and left.

These remarkable items were first heard of in the collection of the late Dr. Wonner, a former Consul of Uruguay, at Milan, who wrote a monograph on the stamps of that country in 1887. Later they figured in the great collection of Senor Vicente Ferrer, of Montevideo, and for the past eighteen years have been the chief gems in the collection of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, of Lakewood, New Jersey, one of the greatest collectors of our time. Mr. Pack has devoted his later life to forest conservation in America, and since the war to re-afforestation in Europe. His life-long hobby has been stamp-collecting and his collections fill some hundreds of volumes.—*London Daily Telegraph.*

Filatelic Oddities

By SEVARD.

The Red Cross slogans appeared on schedule time, November 11th, and we have a host of towns still to hear from. The Red Cross slogan is the preparatory barrage and you must be prepared to send in your dues before November 30th. Then you can start to MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS. In order to make Christmas a surprise, we suggest buying your wife a few stocks, so that at Christmas, you both can have a real surprise.

The most recent collecting craze has hit the side of the cigarette package, that little oblong piece that tells the factory number, the state district and the circular 20, or 16, or 50, or whatever number the package contains. A much better collection is the automobile trade mark found on the radiators of the cars. These little enameled pieces look well mounted on velvet. The Lafayette cameo, or the Ambassador, the Bay State, the Rambler, the Ace, the Mitchell, the Saxon, the Chalmers, the E. M. F., trade plates are harbingers of many a jaunty ride out in the country, some few years back.

Penalty envelopes are about as uncollectible as anything we know on, as Shakespeare wonts to say. There really is nothing about them that merits attention. The customary penalty envelope has on it PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, *$300, in the upper right hand corner. This type is varied as to the split in the two lines usually taken for its setting. Most of them end the first line at* TO. *There are some which have Official Business Penalty for Private Use $300. Others have a single line* PENALTY TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE *$300. Or even less,* PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, *$300. The best ones are those which quote the entire law on penalty envelopes, and they are limited to Referees in Bankruptcies usually. The only time we get down to brass tacks is in insolvencies and bankruptcies anyway.*

The Post Office Department in some cases numbers its penalty envelopes according to a size arrangement, as No. 13, No. 6, No. 4, which sizes do not agree with government stamped envelope sizes. Penalty Post Cards also exist. Whether to class these as postal stationery or penalty envelopes has always been a bug-a-boo with us collectors. Who else collects them?

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Formerly all penalty envelopes were canceled. Today, some are, and some aren't. The tendency in Washington is not to cancel them. This makes them even less interesting and that's why we scarcely even have mentioned penalty envelopes here.

We note again the 1893 World's Fair Tickets in the auctions. They don't say whether or not the Handel ticket is there for the Temple of Music. That is the scarce one. We haven't seen the Pan-American's offered, or those wonderful first day covers from Buffalo, which reminds us that we have a Jamestown opening day cover. The Panama-Pacific opening day covers are often seen.

And we saw an advertisement listing the Lincoln 1909 stamp as being a first day when canceled Feb. 12, 1909. That is entirely wrong in fact, but correct in fancy. We don't want to crab anyone's sales, but philatelic truth will out. Just the same, the Feb. 12, 1909 cancel on the Lincoln stamp is a fine cover to own.

NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING IN THE CASSAVA FLAVOR IN THE STAMP GUM, WE EXPECT TO SEE A SPECIALIZED COLLECTION OF GUM FLAVORS. JUDGES AT COMING EXHIBITIONS WILL HAVE TO LICK EACH STAMP TO AWARD PRIZES, AND WE SUGGEST THAT ANY SUCH COLLECTION SHOULD COME IN BLOCKS OF ONE HUNDRED SO THAT ANY EXHIBITOR WILL BE ABLE TO EXHIBIT MORE THAN ONCE.

We received a beautiful stamp auction catalog last week, covered by a 9c frank. This is the box type C frank with period after CTS, and is not a meter nor a Standard permit. But the point is that 9c permits are very, very rare. It is our first one since 1921.

We almost threw that darn Federalsburg permit in the waste basket when we thought of checking up Herman Toaspirin's trade mark, the skyline of New York. Dear Herman, there are two more buildings now.

And when our meter and permit collection is finished, another building will be necessary.

DECEMBER 18TH AUCTION

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OUR NEWFOUNDLAND LETTER

Reply to "A. C. T."—the modern "Capt. Kidd."

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Yours in sympathy,
REV. BUTLER.

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A Honk From Hank

Where does this guy, Red of Berwyn, get his drag? If you don't quit throwing the spotlight on this boil on the neck of existence I'll flood your office with 500 cancelled 2 centers.
—Hank of Muscatine.

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HOW SON HUBBARD LOST ONE
Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
For a stamp to mail a letter;
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lists contain an item not heretofore reported. A survey of the flat plates will be attempted as soon as the number of returns is deemed sufficient to be of value.

In checking over an air mail report from Robert K. Fessler, I discovered that a block of 31 combinations which should have appeared under group II in the issue of November 4, were inadvertently left out. Here they are: center 19597, borders 670-671-672-673; center 19598, borders same as above; center 19608, borders 670-671-672; centers 19611-616-617-618-619 with borders 670-671-672-673. No copies from borders 640-641-642-643 have been found with any center plate in group II.

From A. F. Gegenheimer comes a very interesting specimen of the 1c Huguenot-Walloon for examination. The masts on the ship have been extended 3/5mm and 2/5mm respectively, and give a half-mast appearance to the flags. Careful inspection under a powerful glass fails to disclose whether this is a printing or plate variety, but in either case it is hardly due to a mere accident. Here is what our Washington correspondent has to say concerning the oddity: "The Huguenot is a sticker. It's one of two things I'll bet—either a smudge, i.e., the ink wiped vertically to extend the masts, or someone has been doing some fancy work." Mr. Southgate continues: "Being a stamp on the right side of the guide line it is possible to examine all twelve proofs of the 1 cent. I did this but could not find a single one of them. That doesn't mean that it is not there, but I did examine carefully once. If it is not on the proof it is a printing variety, presumably. It is evidently no accidental scratch on the plate as it is very difficult to cut the hardened steel plate, even with an engraver's tool." Look over your specimens carefully and see if you can find one along the right hand side of the vertical guide line. If you do, please let us know, and be sure and give the *Plate Number,* if possible. The extension is quite plain and may easily be seen without the aid of a glass.

5c Air Mail Notes. Walter W. Hopkinson sends for inspection a block from center plate 19608 on which the aeroplane on the 85th stamp appears to have grown larger wings. Whether this is due to defective printing or a plate defect I do not know but will have a further report to make after the proof is examined. F. J. Stillman also reports minor markings on several combinations.

We acknowledge with thanks letters on many subjects and long lists of plate numbers and air mail combinations from the following: Mrs. J. W. Lundy (2), C. A. Forster, Robert K. Fessler, Thomas H. Hawk (specimens), George Griffin, Sam T. Vary, F. J. Stillman, L. D. Miller and L. O. Dutcher, who also includes a very interesting article on the Sullivan stamp.

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Mr. R. Roberts reports the new issues ed below:

Germany.—The new Charity stamps 1929 are the 5pf+2pf green, yellow l vermilion; 8+4pf slate, orange and milion; 15+5pf carmine, orange and ck; 25+10pf indigo, orange and ver- ion; 50+40pf brown, orange and ver- ion. The type is similar to the last ıe with the different values varying device on the shield.

Azores.—Economist Stamp Co. re- t the appearance of the 25c, Ceres e, perf. 11½, surcharged "10c", "12c", c", and "20c" respectively. The over- nt is in black as before.

Libia.—Copies of the 1L25c blue and ramarine, design A46, and the 10c blue cial delivery stamp, type SD4, have n received from the Economist Stamp , with the surcharge "Libia" in black.

Mexico.—Whitfield King & Co. send chronicle three values of Child Wel- e stamps all in the same design with inscription "Correos-Mexico proteja a INFANCIA" of three lines at the top l "HAGA PATRIA" at the bottom. Val- and colors are 1c violet, 2c grey- wn, and 5c chocolate. Also two more ues of the air mail type AP3 have n issued, viz.: 10c violet and 30c grey.

Japan.—Regarding the Ise Shrine uilding Commemorative illustrated ve there are two values, 1½s purple l 3s carmine. They are line engraved l printed in sheets of 100 unwater- rked, perf. 12½. They were issued commemorate the fifty-eighth recon- uction of the sacred shrine of Ise. is Shrine is an emblem of the ancient into religion of Japan, and the Shrine built to contain the sacred mirror, the

noval of which from the old Shrine is ceremony of the greatest importance, uiring in this service, many priests in rgeous raiment, garbed specially for ceremony, and many umbrellas. Two cial pictorial post cards are also is- d, one bearing a photograph of the rance to the Outer Shrine and by the e, the entrance to the Inner Shrine. e other post card is a colored paint- depicting the solemn procession of above mentioned ceremony proceeding ween the giant Cedars of Ise.

Japan has also issued a new air mail ies of a small type line engraved, watermarked horizontal wavy lines. The values are 8½s red-brown, 16½s yellow-green, 18s ultramarine, and 33s grey.

Newfoundland.—Two more values of the J. Dickinson & Co. printing have appeared, the 5c grey and 10c purple. In the Locomotive type the design is very similar to the previous one, but the engraving is not so clear. An easy quick method of telling is that there are about ten vertical lines of shading underneath the letters "NDL" of "NEWFOUNDLAND" and "TA" of "POSTAGE" in the new printing, whereas in the old Whitehead Morris printing there are not these vertical lines in this position. The shade is more of a greenish slate.

In the 10c War Memorial St. John's the inner frame line at the top is less heavily shaded and some of the clouds in the sky have been erased, especially on the right, and there is no stop after St. John's in the lettering "WAR MEMORIAL, ST. JOHN'S."

Nigeria.—New shades of the 4p on pale lemon paper, and 1sh dull gray-black on yellow-green paper, script watermark, are reported.

Northern Rhodesia.—A new value in the current series is at hand. The 3sh in indigo and purple, perf. 12½, is the denomination.

West Australia. — The 1½p rose, Centenary stamps forecasted some time ago, has been issued on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11. The stamp is a peculiar medley of ancient and modern, it has the classical design of the black swan (the emblem of West Australia) in an oval, similar to the old 1sh stamp except that the swan instead of floating on the water is flotant, in the heraldic sense. The inscription "Centenary of Western Australia" is in an oval surrounding the swan. This again is in a poor sort of a frame with the date "1829" in left and "1929" in the right corner, and a peculiar floriate device in the lower corners. Outside this is a frame of horizontal lines engraved in which the lettering "Australia" at the top and "Postage" at each side, value tablet in a sort of shield at each lower corner, form a very poor and weak outer frame to a beautiful centre. It has an unfinished appearance and would have been greatly improved if the shading on the outside frame had been deeply crossed hatched.

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

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varian territory), which has attained universal celebrity owing to the Passion Plays. They will again take place in 1930, and attract countless visitors from all parts of the Christian world.

60gr olive, Hohenems. The most beautiful stamp of the lot is the 1fch sepia, showing the national library and a section of the Joseph square in Vienna.

Lastly, but not leastly, the 2sch stamp, steel-green, deserves mention, giving a fine view of the world-renowned St. Stephen's Cathedral.

In creating this new set of postage stamps the leading thought has been to again arouse interest in little Austria by making the world acquainted with her beauty spots. Possibly the data given may recall to many a traveller's mind pleasant days spent in one or the other of the above international tourists' resorts.

Belgium. — The government has again overprinted in red a number of the current postage stamps with the well-known winged railroad wheel, indicating that the stamps are intended to be used as official stamps in connection with the railroad service. The new set comprises the following values: 5c slate, 10c olive, 35c dark green.

Great Britain.—The present head of the city of London, the Lord Mayor, is no less a person than Sir William Waterlow, the proprietor of the famous printing establishment of Waterlow & Sons. According to a French philatelic paper Sir William in the capacity of Lord Chief Justice accompanied last year's Lord Mayor on the occasion of the opening of the last London stamp exhibition, where he also delivered a lecture on "The Gumming of Stamps," which was much commented upon.

Italy.—From Oct. 12 to Oct. 20, a stamp exhibition was held at Turin. Mail matter posted on that occasion received a cachet with the following legend: Esposizione Filatelica Nazionale, Torino. (National Philatelic Exhibition, Turin.)

The slate-colored 10 Lire stamp of the pictorial set commemorating the XIV Centenary of the Abbey of Monte Cassino has appeared in the meantime. In the centre of the stamp, which has been recess-printed by the Habilimento Poligrafico per l'Amministrazione dello Stato on white, unwatermarked paper is depicted St. Benedict of Nursia, the founder of the order of the Benedictines, the figure of the Saint having been copied from an old, precious mosaic that is still in the possession of the Abbey. Around St. Benedict are grouped the Latin legends: "Ora et Labora" or Work and Pray, and "Ejus in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur" or May his presence protect us when we depart this life.

The excess which the Monte Cassino stamps are being sold at, will be handed over to a committee which contemplates holding shortly an exhibition at Monte Cassino with a view to preserving the historically interesting Abbey for future generations.

Sweden.—The appearance of the 45 ore stamp with the profile of King Gustav's head is to be recorded. The color is dark red-brown and the perforation 10 vertically. Recess-printing on white paper.

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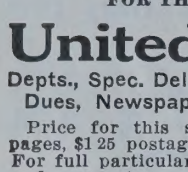
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By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

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However regrettable it may be that collections of front rank importance should be sold and sent abroad, there is a double source of satisfaction in the destiny of Mr. A. S. Mackenzie Low's wonderful collection of Egypt. This was a collection into which its owner put his heart and soul over the greater part of his life. It must be nearly a quarter of a century since we first enthused with Mr. Low then, as we were, in early youth, over the richly filled pages of his Egyptian collection.

Addition to a Royal Collection

All through the years since then, Egypt and Mackenzie Low have been almost synonymous, each called up memories of the other. It is scarcely possible that Mr. Low handed over his collection to the auctioneer (Mr. H. R. Harmer) without poignant sense of parting with a life-long friend, but it will not be without some consolation that the great collection has gone intact to enrich the collection of the King of Egypt, Fuad I. The labours of a patient and enduring enthusiasm will thus not be scattered to the four corners of the collecting world, but will go where they may well be appreciated at their greatest worth, both in the historical and philatelic sense.

"Ferrer" Blocks Come to England

Some of the most remarkable rarities of Uruguay have been acquired by a British collector from the famous collection of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack. These include the celebrated "Ferrer" blocks of the "diligencias," said to be the only known blocks of these stamps. The larger one consists of fifteen of the 80 centavos green from the right side of a sheet of 35, with margins at top and side. It has been the chief factor and principle evidence in the plating of this issue.

The second block is one of four from the bottom right corner of the sheet with corner margins; this overlaps the larger block, and determines with certainty eighteen out of the 35 positions. We understand that the two famous blocks will be exhibited at a meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society, November 15.

Afghanistan Again

Afghanistan is in the soup, or at least in the newspapers again, and the philatelic mysteries of an Afghan year may take some unraveling. Four Kings have ruled over Kabul in a twelvemonth, but it is a comforting reflection for philatelists that the powers that be or have been or might have been were too occupied in knocking nails into one another and inventing novelties of torture to bother about novelties in the stamp line.

French Post Offices

The French Touring Club, which has taken a good deal of interest in trying to get scenic stamps for France, is now trying to get the French post offices to tidy themselves up. The club is offering a series of prizes for those post offices, all over France, which are the cleanest and best kept.

The Paris correspondent of the "Observer" thinks the idea a good one, and hopes it will attract public attention to the amazingly slovenly way in which post offices, and indeed all public administrative offices, are kept in France.

What's in a Name?

Britain is promised a visit from the Nizam of Hyderabad and his two sons next year. The Nizams have hitherto only left their State on occasions of great importance, but the present Nizam is changing this tradition.

Hyderabad is one of those States which suffered from a confusion of names in the early stamp albums and catalogues. The stamps were then classed as those of Deccan, the name of the whole Indian peninsula south of the Vindhya range of mountains, and more particularly to the table land between the Narbada and Krishna rivers.

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characteristic dot or color mark, as far as can be found, but the following may be noted:

Design anomaly. There is an apparent omission in the line engraving of this plate. The longitudinal panel enclosing the legend "Ille Centenaire De Quebec" shows a double line vertically on the right, while on the left the line is only single. One would imagine that the engraver's original intention would be to enclose this panel the same on both sides, as to produce a symmetrical design, however—this is merely a surmise.

5c Indigo Blue—

Constant dot. A dot will be found by counting upward the balls in the right border design and this dot will be found, well defined, opposite the ninth (9th) ball in the white space to the right. Every specimen examined showed this dot to be constant and unvarying.

Constant dot—Not verified. On page 292 in the May number of the *Canadian Philatelist,* it is stated "A constant guide dot at bottom of P of POSTAGE in the 5c Quebec." None of the specimens examined by the writer presented this dot.

Dots not constant. 50% will show a guide dot in the P of POSTAGE. Many specimens show the unobliterated guide lines running vertically through this P. (See further notes on this.)

7c Olive-green—

Constant dot. Outward from the upper transverse line at the base of the right column, and in line with it in the white interspace, a small dot or stroke of color will be found. Or it may be defined by counting from the bottom, close to the right frame line, and the dot will appear in the white interspace between the 19th and 20th lines. Every specimen examined showed this dot with no variation.

Dots not constant. 50% showed dots in the letter P of POSTAGE.

10c Violet—

Constant line of color. Directly under the convexity of the left scroll and in the inner white space passing vertically downward from it, there appears a short stroke or line of color, well defined, and it was present on every specimen examined. This stroke or line is absent on an analogous position on the right side of the design.

Design peculiarity. There is a small pyramid of color at the centre of the upper border of the stamp, directly above the letter P of POSTAGE. This is the only variety in the set in which part of the design extends outside the frame line proper.

Dots not constant. In this denomination the dots in the pillar of the P in POSTAGE—usually found in all other varieties—are singularly absent in the 10c. This equally applies to the unobliterated guide lines.

15c Brown-orange—

Constant dot. On the left border of the stamp and inside the white line extending vertically on the right of the frame line (2) two dots will be found almost in the centre of this white line. Or they may be defined in the space bounded above by the rock, and below by the bow of the canoe.

Constant Plate or Ink defect. The base line of the left column, immediately above the upper white space of the tablet inclosing the leaf—is not printed, but shows only as a dot or line of color. This is very likely a plate or ink defect. Compare this with the right side of the design, and it will be found that this line is carried completely through to the inside of the frame line.

Dots not constant. The dots in the of POSTAGE were found to be much smaller than those of the other varieties of the series, they were also more constant appearing in about 75% of the specimens examined.

20c Dull Brown—

Constant dot. A well defined identification dot will be found immediately above the lower right scroll, in the white concave space of the lower panel. This is one of the clearest dots to define in the series.

Dots not constant. The dots in the pillar of the P in POSTAGE are present in about 50%, and guide lines are met with frequently. These dots are found in all denominations and are connected with the guide lines passing vertically through the pillar of the P, which is the center of the stamp. In all varieties — guide lines plainly visible to the naked eye, may be seen running through this direct centre of the design in many specimens.

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More Newfoundland Dickinsons, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Fresh supplies of the 2c s.s. Caribou, and 3c Their Majesties, of the Publicity series, were received at St. John's, from the new contractors, Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., by the cross-country express from Port aux Basques, on Sunday, August 25th, and issued Monday, August 26th. Inasmuch as the THREE CENTS on 6c pictorial, issued August 23 (to the extent of 100,000 copies) had sold out in two days, these supplies made unnecessary the issue of other provisionals. Had there been a delay in transit the remainder stock of the 8c of the pictorial series would doubtless have been drawn upon, and surcharged in a similar manner.

4c H.R.H. the Prince of Wales

With the second lot of the 2c and 3c Dickinson printed stamps of the Publicity series, came the first of the 4c from the new contractors. These were received on August 25th and issued on Monday, the 26th.

The small differences in the 2c and 3c stamps produced by Dickinson & Co. were described in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of Sept. 23, 1929. In the 4c the design has been considerably changed in many important details. The head of His Highness has been made smaller; as a matter of fact, it seems to have been copied from an entirely different and more recent photograph. The uniform and decorations are changed slightly; his face is thinner, and the hair is arranged differently.

The acanthus leaf decorations in the lower corners are entirely different, and no attempt was made to reproduce the Whitehead, Morris design in this feature. It extends further up at the sides, and instead of six concentric circular ornaments, there are now five rosettes.

The three feathers at the top of the design, over the motto "Ich Dien" (I Serve), are more upright, and the left feather does not impinge on the "R" of "Four." The nose of the numeral "4", in the upper corners, is more finished than previously.

The color is a deep claret, instead of mauve; the paper is soft, and the perforation comb 13½x13½ instead of 14x14, as before.

The paper almost resembles that which Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., used for the lithographed series of the Guy Tercentenary issue of August 15, 1910. The gum applied by Dickinson & Co. is flat and smooth, and the stamps do not have the same tendency to curl as the Whitehead, Morris stamps of the Publicity series, printed on a hard, almost bond, paper.

The perforation is also very much better centered, although on some of the 4c it is very rough, as if the perforating pins had become dulled, or else an attempt had been made to perforate too many sheets at a time, the result being that the small paper punchings are not cleaned from the holes.

5c Express Crossing Newfoundland

The fourth denomination of the Dickinson printing to come into use, the 5c Express Crossing Newfoundland, was received at St. John's, on Friday, Sept. 13th, and issued on the following day.

There is very little change in the appearance of the stamp. The paper, of course, is soft, and the perforation comb 13½x13½ (it was comb 14 in the Whitehead, Morris printing). The scrolls have been changed slightly, and the smoke issuing from the locomotive is more sharply defined at the bottom. The color is a bit deeper than previously.

1c Map of Newfoundland and the Labrador

Although received at St. John's in June, 1929, the 1c was not brought into use until the Whitehead, Morris stocks had been cleared from the Wholesale Dept.—which was on or about September 26th. The perforation is comb 14—in the Whitehead, Morris production it comes with two perforations, i.e., comb 14, and single line 13x13½.

Being the first denomination to be produced by the new contractors, the 1c shows that haste was evidently used in engraving the die. The lettering on the map is very indistinct, especially the names of the towns, and the capes. The color is a deeper green, and the portions representing Canada are more heavily shaded, bringing into prominence (by reason of contrast) the territory of Newfoundland, both on the Labrador as well as the island. In addition, Cape Norman has been placed correctly above Cape

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COIL STAMPS

We have recently been fortunate in securing small supplies of several of the scarcer coils, in particular, #354, #445 and #447. The later stamp has always been most difficult to obtain in fine condition. It has been selling at auction recently at about $6.00 the pair. We can offer extra fine pairs at $5.00.

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The New Scott Catalogue

A FRIENDLY COMMENTARY ON SOME OF THE 1930 PRICINGS

By HERMANN FOCKE.

The 1930 Standard Catalogue is out, as usual the first to appear in print on this side of the Great Pond, with more than 1,800 pages of material, most probably not to the satisfaction of everybody, but nevertheless a "book of knowledge" indispensable to dealer and collector alike.

As to prices, it may be safely said, that there is, and always will be a vast difference of opinion—I myself will throw in a few remarks further on—but then, the word catalogue itself does not really imply that it is a price list, but rather an enumeration of articles of a certain kind, the word being derived from the Greek "kata—légein" verbally: counting down, or along, the line.

It must be noted, however, that the majority of new issues which appeared in the year gone by, are to be found in the Addenda comprising 16 full pages, and even they contain little that appeared in the second half of the year, so that in this respect the book cannot be considered an up-to-date catalogue, but is rather a price list to be valid in the year to come, but this would be an anomaly, because nobody can foretell what prices are to rule in the future.

What are prices anyway? The Scott Stamp Co. themselves will grant a discount from their own catalogue values, most dealers will sell at a discount of from 40 to 50%, while at auction sales one can often buy quite desirable stamps much lower, and then again a choice specimen will bring full catalogue and even more.

What strikes me, though, are some of the foot notes which belittle and even condemn a certain issue as being "unnecessary" or "speculative", and particularly the first adjective, because if the full truth were told about unnecessary stamps, we might rightfully say that about 90% of all issues for the last five or ten years belong into that class, not forgetting our own eternal commemoratives; and as to "speculative", who makes an objective speculative, certainly not the original producer offering it to the public, but rather the public itself, or those that trade in it, and in our line the blame should not be placed against the governments, issuing the stamps, but against the dealers who try to or do buy up a certain issue, to make the collector pay a fancy price for it, often for him to discover afterwards, that he has been mulcted, an experience not uncommon in these days, which will discourage him, and eventually be harmful to the hobby as a whole.

These foot notes are arbitrary, to say the least, and should not appear in a catalogue which, as stated above, is supposed to simply enumerate and describe the number of stamps issued by the Nations of the World up to the time of its appearance.

But now, just a few remarks, at random, about the prices of some stamps in the new catalogue: Why is Curacao, No. 59, mint, priced at $4.00; also Dutch Indies, No. 120, mint, at $2.00; also Suriname, No. 90, mint, at $2.50? They are all of the same face value of $1 and now in issue.

Danish West Indies, Nos. 52, 54 and 56/58 are each priced at $2.00 in used condition. Considering that the number of these stamps sent to St. Thomas amounted to only 300 each, of which about 90% went into the hands of dealers and collectors in mint condition, does not the price of $2 appear preposterously low for the used copies? How many of these exist genuinely used before April 30, 1917, the day when the Islands became property of the U. S.? Most copies which I have seen bear fake cancellations applied during the American administration.

Any one of these five stamps with a clear St. Thomas cancellation, and with date prior to April 30, 1917, is a great rarity, worth many times the catalogue price.

Many of the British West Indian stamps, though declared obsolete, can still be bought at face in some of the smaller places, and their quotations are too high—today!

The prices for most of the issues of Germany during the inflation period of 1922-23 are ridiculously low for the postally used varieties. Try and buy them at Scott's stores or anywhere else, and see how many can be supplied.

Why do we keep Cayman Islands, No. 30a, in the catalogue up to this day, when it is well known that this stamp was never intended nor even admitted for postage? Scott prices it at $60.00 used; have they ever had or seen the stamp genuinely used?

Papua, No. 83, is raised to $2.00; why? I have stated repeatedly that this stamp is still, or again, in issue and is, therefore, priced much too high.

Greece, No. 213, is still current and at the present rate of exchange is worth just 33c; is not $5.00 a little high for this stamp?

Mexico, Nos. 667 to 670, are unduly low priced in used condition; I have seen many mint copies, but mighty few used ones; the stamps were in issue for a very short time and used copies are quite scarce; can they actually be supplied at Scott's prices? If so, tell me where, and I should like to put a few away for a nice profit-taking.

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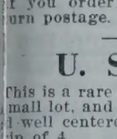

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It is the writer's purpose to list as far as practicable the Standard type overprints replacing the old type as ordered. Occasionally there will be a slip, an old type stereotype precanceling roll being used altho the new type plate may be available and possibly used for some of the printing. Sometimes a cancellation may show up. So this list must not be taken as gospel but rather for what it purports to be, an intelligent guess. Questionable items continually show up. For example, Girard 1c ordinary may come out with the Standard overprint or possibly the old type. In general, where doubt exists no listing will be given.

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Two very attractive new issues have recently been placed on sale in this island country. The air mail issue is one of two values on order. The 50c dark violet, illustrated above, was placed on sale November 4th last, and the other value will be the 1g in light blue and is expected to appear about December 1st. The 10c red commemorative, with the portrait of "Borno President", was issued at the same time as the air mail stamp. Both are the work of the American Bank Note Co.

Washington Letter

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(U. S. oddities and varieties will be noted in this department. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

1857, 12c "Around the Horn"

During the fifty's and early sixty's, the New York post office used a circular postmark applied in black, giving the name of the town, with the month and day, in addition to a small circular grid within the larger circle. This has always been considered a postmark used on mail going west "Around the Horn." We have always assumed this to be the case, but personally, I have never read nor seen any note of importance that would confirm such information. Nevertheless, it is a scarce marking and is usually found on covers from New York to San Francisco or other California destinations. It is quite common on the 10-cent, which is the usual denomination upon which it is found and is frequently seen on the 1-cent and 3-cent. I have recently been shown a cover addressed to the West containing a magnificent copy of the 12-cent, tied to the envelope with such a postmark. This is the first time that the 12-cent has been so noted.

2c New Gumming

Remarks have been made on several occasions relative to the 2-cent stamps now being produced by the process whereby they are gummed after having first been printed and dried. Numerous quantities have been sent to the large offices, and it is understood that they are proving much more satisfactory to the large mail users. It is hoped and believed that these new stamps will overcome many of the troubles that have been experienced with the rotary produ in the past. No doubt, the other denominations will follow in short orde Quite possibly, the new Air Mail stam produced by the rotary press will be a early variety printed and gummed in th manner.

Metered Mail

In further reference to remarks r garding "metered mail", Mr. J. Lawren Jones, Jr., sends an interesting cove showing the square type, in which tw 6-cent and one 20-cent have been in pressed upon a piece of gummed pap and stuck to the envelope. The comm nication was on a registered letter fro New York, and the postal clerk cancell each individual stamp.

We wish to thank Messrs. I. Levi E. L. Randall, Arthur King and J. Mengelson for notes of interest.

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During the summer I have remade all my approval books, and have combined in them many important purchases made during the past year.

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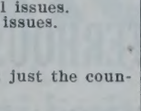

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

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Circle in Ellipse of horizontal bars numeral in center: No. 1, 1c, 3c, 90c; No. 3, 6c, 90c; No. 5, 12c; No. 6, 15c, 24c; No. 7, 30c; No. 8, 90c; No. 10, 1c; No. 12, 6c; No. 14, 6c; No. 15, 12c; as last, but vertical bars, No. 3, 12c.

Horizontal bars in a double circle, numeral in center: No. 2, blue 1c, black, 3c, 12c; No. 4, blue 2c; No. 10, blue 30c. Double oval, town at top, R. in center: 15c. Circle in Ellipse of horizontal bars, P. O. in center: 2c, 15c. Grid in circle: 3c, in black and in blue.

Targets: 2 rings, black: 1c, 3c, 12c, 30c; blue: 3c, 24c, 30c. 3 rings, 3c black, 3c blue, 3c purple, 24c violet; 4 rings, black: 3c, 6c; blue: 1c, 3c, 6c, 15c; green: 3c.

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genta; No. 2, 2c black, blue, 15c black; No. 5, 3c blue; No. 10, 3c black.

Numeral in 3 circles: No. 2, 3c; No. 5, 3c; No. 7, 3c; No. 11, 3c.

Numeral in 4 circles: No. 2, 3c black, 3c blue, 6c blue, 15c blue.

Horizontal barred double circle, numeral in center: No. 2, all in blue, 6c, 12c, 30c; No. 3, 3c blue, black, 6c blue, black; No. 4, 3c blue, 6c blue; No. 6, all blue, 3c, 6c, 12c; No. 7, 3c blue; No. 8, all blue, 3c, 6c, 15c; No. 9, all blue, 3c, 6c, 12c; No. 10, all blue, 6c, 12c; No. 11, all blue, 3c, 6c.

Circle containing numeral 2 in hor.-barred double circle: [N. B. It is believed that Cincinnati, O., is the only P. O. that used this mark.] In black, 3c, 30c; in blue, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c.

Negative numerals on a disc: No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 2c, 3c, 6c; No. 4, 3c, 6c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6, 6c; No. 9, 3c; No. 14, 3c.

Negative numerals on a square: No. 2, 6c; No. 6, 6c.

Ellipse of hor. bars, letter in center in a square: C, 12c.

Circle in ellipse of hor. bars, letter in center: A, 2c; C, 2c; D, 2c; F, 2c; R, 6c. As last but vertical bars: A, 3c, 6c; B, 2c, 3c; D, 2c. Large solid letters: D, 3c; H, 2c, 12c, 30c; R, 3c; T, 6c; E in blue, 15c; S in blue, 2c, 3c. Large letters: O. K., 1c. Large letter in circle: H, 10c; P reversed, 6c; L, 6c.

Negative letter on a disc: A in blue, 3c, 6c, 12c (Lancaster, Ky.); A in black, 3c, 10c; B, 6c, 7c, 30c; C, 15c, 30c; D, 1c; E, 30c; H, 3c, 6c, 7c, 30c; K, 3c, 6c; P reversed, 6c; Y, 6c; Z, 6c.

Negative letters in a solid square: B, 6c; D, 6c; E, 6c; F, 3c; H, 6c; K, 3c, 6c; L, 3c.

Negative letters in a monogram: HV in blue, 6c.

Monogram letters as circular grid: In blue, D I D, 3c.

Circle in ellipse of hor. lines, P. O. in center: 1c, 2c.

Double oval, town at top, R in center: New York, 10c; Washington, 10c.

Double oval, town at top, state bottom, C center: St. Louis, Mo., 10c. As last, center vacant, San Francisco, 10c. As last, numeral in center: No. 6, 10c; No. 12, 10c, 12c.

As last, town at top, hor. bar in double oval, "R E G" in center. New York, 2c, 3c; Washington, 3c, 7c, 10c, 12c; Cincinnati, 2c, 3c, 10c; Cleveland, 10c.

Town name and state in single oval: Boston, 10c; St. Paul, 2c, 10c; Reading, 3c. As last, date in center: blue, 2c; violet, 6c.

Town names and dates: 1c, 2c, 3c black, blue, magenta, 6c, 7c, 10c black, blue, magenta, 12c black, blue, 15c, 30c black, blue, 90c black, magenta.

Towns, Railway Agents (Agt.): 2c, 6c, 10c.

Town names in straight line sans serif types: 3c violet, purple, 10c violet, 30c pink, 90c violet.

Registered and town in oblong frame: 3c and 10c, both violet; Paid: 3c.

Targets, 2 rings: Black, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 30c, 90c; blue, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 24c, 30c.

Targets, 3 rings: 3c purple, 6c black and purple.

Targets, 4 rings: Black, 1c, 3c, 12c, 24c; purple, 3c, 6c, 15c; blue, 1c, 2c, 3c, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, 90c. (N. B. 4 rings targets may be found in different diameters. I have 15mm, 16mm, 17½mm and 19mm.)

Solid 5 pointed star: 12c violet, 30c. Star in circle: 1c, 2c, 3c, 10c, 15c. Large star in a double frame: 15c, 30c, 90c. Star, voided center: 3c, 30c, 90c. Fancy stars, many designs: 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c.

Pilgrim's hat or Danville hat: 90c blue. I have this in a superb block of eight of the 90c, each stamp with a fine hat canc.

Hammer, 12c; tomahawk, 12c; anchor, 2c; rose, 3c; sunflower, 6c; Greek cross, 12c; soldier's hat, 1c; fancy heart, 3c.

Maltese Cross: Black, 3c, 6c; violet, 3c, 6c, 12c; blue, 3c, 6c, 12c. Outline Maltese Cross: 3c.

Grids: Black, 3c, 30c, 90c; blue, 15c, 30c, 90c.

Corks: Scores of varieties in various colors on all values, impossible to describe without illustrations.

(To be continued.)

Stop Press News

NEW DOMINICANS, 1930

A new series of postage stamps is in preparation by the Dominican Republic, and as the Frontiers Treaty commemorative series will soon be exhausting, it may be expected that they will be issued during December, or very early in 1930. At last word (October), the stamps had been printed.

The series will be of five denominations, ½c, 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, and show the church of San Ignacio de Loyola, at Santo Domingo City, occupied in the early days by the Jesuits, but at present by the offices of Secretary of State, of Finance and Commerce, and other departments of the government.

In the convent adjoining the church, the Reverend Friars de la Compania de Jesus operated the famous college in which were granted University degrees, by virtue of a Bull of Pope Benedict XIV. The buildings were constructed of cut stone in the early days of the 18th century, the principal funds being donated by Don Jeronimo de Quezada, Alderman of the city. At the request of King Charles III, Pope Clement XIV abolished the order, and the friars were exiled from the island, and their college discontinued.

HARRY E. HUBER.

WARD-MELVILLE

It is very seldom that a typographical error appears in the WEEKLY, but there was one last week that we greatly regret and now make amends for as far as possible. The Major Henry article on page one last week was not written by Philip H. Ward, Jr., but by Fred. J. Melville. Mr. Jewett magnanimously assumes responsibility for the mistake. The fact that so few notices of this character appear in the WEEKLY makes the efficiency of our Portland office stand out with all the greater lustre. Our apologies to Mr. Melville will be gladly accepted for he himself is a newspaper man as well as a kind-hearted philatelist.

HONDURAS PROVISIONALS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.

It is reported that a large number of the current 6 centavos stamp in blue has been stolen, and that the balance on hand had to be overprinted with something to distinguish them from the stolen stamps. For convenience's sake the stamps have been surcharged diagonally in red "1929 á 1930," but let us hope that these atrocities will not be kept in use all during the coming year. I have received so far three letters, and on each there was a different variety; (a) the stamp in light blue color, the surcharge reading downward from left to right; (b) the dark blue variety with surcharge reading up from left to right; and (c) the dark stamp with surcharge inverted reading down from right to left, all diagonally, as stated above.

HERMANN FOCKE.

SUBURBAN CLUB NOTES

The Suburban Club has been a believer in inter-club visits, but the movement has been slow in getting started so far as Boston is concerned. It was not until Mr. Rogers of the Boston Tercentenary committee addressed the B. P. S. that the movement really took form. I was present as chairman of the Suburban Club convention committee, and at our next meeting, the B. P. S. was formally invited to visit with us Nov. 21.

On the same evening we had an exhibition of U. S. envelopes by S. G. Bixby followed by an auction. At our next meeting we shall have our annual donation auction, the entire proceeds to be used in providing an entertainment at our Dec. 19 Christmas party. Last year 121 were present.

FRED O. OHLUND.

THE NEW 5c NEWFOUNDLAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.

Of the six values of the publicity se printed by John Dickinson & Co., whic have been received so far, the 5c is th most difficult to distinguish from th stamp, printed by Whitehead-Morri Ltd., the color being practically the sam greenish-gray shade, and only with th assistance of a magnifying glass can on discover the many minor variations o the two stamps.

The most noticeable difference, in m opinion, is the lighter appearance of th center or vignette of the new stamp, be cause the clouds have been omitted an the shading of the hills is far less pro nounced than on the stamp of the firs issue. This can be easily seen, even with out a glass, when the two stamps ar placed side by side.

With the magnifying glass the follow ing most conspicuous variations betwee (a) (the Whitehead-Morris stamp) an (b) (the Dickinson stamp) will be read ily discovered:

To the right of the engine's boile there will be seen in (a) two pine tree at the margin of the picture, and to th left of these there are two smaller tree between what appear to be three boulder or perhaps shrubs; in (b) there are th two large trees and only one solid clum of bushes.

The space between the first and secon coach is clearly shown in (b) but hard ly visible in (a); the driving rod of th engine between the first and second driv ing wheels is drawn in one dark line i (a), while in (b) there are two color less lines, and there is also a cloud o steam from the piston, which is not s pronounced in (a).

The bar or rod, holding the two smal pilot wheels, extends clearly across th second of these wheels in (a), while i (b) it only touches the flange or rim o the wheel.

The scrolls and other ornaments sho a number of varieties too difficult t describe.

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ARGENTINE AIR MAIL

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 6.

The Aeroposta Airway from Comodor Rivadavis to Bahia Blanca was opene Oct. 31. Air mails for Buenos Aire and beyond are transferred in Bahi Blanca to the Railway. The line in th contrary direction was inaugurate Nov. 1.

Nov. 15 a combined passenger and ai mail service between Buenos Aires an Mar del Plata will be inaugurated by th Nyrba Line. This Company is surveyin a route for an airway between Bueno Aires and La Paz (Bolivia).

A. H. DAVIS.

HIGH MARK FOR A PRECANCE

In the Hoover Bros., 47th precance auction held Nov. 29, the bidding of St. Paul, Minn., precancel No. 4 reache $502 with Allan R. Brown and B. D Hedding, Minneapolis, Minn., each de termined to have the rare specimen. Th bidding had progressed with such stub bornness on the part of both that it wa decided to withdraw the stamp and lis it later when bidders will be required t submit sealed bids of specific amounts St. Paul, Minn., No. 4, is a bar pre cancel showing two vertical lines 1m thick and 9mm apart printed on the 2 1898.

THREE PHILLIPS' GENERATION

It is a rather interesting fact that father, son and grandson have been con nected with the well known firm o Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, England

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IMPORTANT PURCHASE

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Editorial

A READER in Boston asks if the post office department has decided to issue a commemorative stamp to celebrate the great occasion in Boston, in 1930, saying that he is particularly anxious to know for "a special reason." According to our records, the announcement was made on September 25, 1929, at Washington, that the question of "a new postage stamp to commemorate the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Society some three hundred years ago at Boston, Mass., is under consideration by postal officials." At the same time, the statement was made that when he considers subjects for special stamps next year, the postmaster general will "keep in mind the importance of this latest application for a special stamp." Nothing further can be said at this time, as the *status quo* of the question is embraced in the foregoing quotations.

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MR. HAMPTON R. LEE, Charleston, S. C., writes to say that on October 4, 1929, the post office department announced that a special daily air mail service was authorized, with Atlanta, Georgia, as its base, as a consequence of the impairment of the land service by the floods in Georgia and South Carolina. Accumulated mail could not be moved until the waters receded and the mail was to be handled by plane for some days or until the usual service could be restored. We heard of this stroke of enterprise on the part of the postal authorities, and now that Mr. Lee recalls it to mind, we ask with him, if any special markings were on the mail that was collected by the planes.

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EVERY now and then a problem involving foreign exchange is referred to us that requires that we have recourse to the latest table of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the desired information. Some time ago, when he was in Shanghai, Mr. Theodore Siddall described the complexities of the Chinese coinage systems, and now a correspondent asks for a compilation that will help him in his operations, at present. We learn that there are eight standards applying in that country, and we list them, with the values in *cents* of our money: Yuan dollar, 39.38; Mexican dollar, 39.5; Tientsin or Peiyang dollar, 39.7; Hong Kong dollar, 42.53; Shanghai tael, 54.87; Hankow tael, 56.21; Chefoo tael, 57.27; and Tientsin tael, 57.87.

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OCCASIONAL complaints come to us of the removal of stamps from mail addressed to collectors, evidently while it is in transit. Almost from the beginning of philatelic time, this grave nuisance has been a source of loss and irritation; and as early as in the '60's, references to it have appeared in the stamp papers. Recently, while complaints have come, yet they are in smaller number than previously. The post office department has been coping with this evil with some success and periodically, the authorities call attention to this form of thievery. The latest notice says that all employees of the postal service should be on the alert to scotch the practice of the "surreptitious removal of stamps from matter in the mails" since there is a penalty for indulging in it.

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NEWS from Mexico says that the operation of postal air lines has been abandoned by the government and placed in the hands of private contractors. There are six or more air lines covering Mexico that are conducted by private companies; and the air service is being developed there much in the manner that is being employed here.

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MR. W. P. BURKHIMER, Wilmington, North Carolina, writes: "The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, N. C., is trying to get a special cancellation for the opening day, December 10th, of its twin bridges over the Cape Fear River. If this special cancellation is secured, it will be used on the opening day. If the present idea is adopted, the cancellation will show a picture of one of the spans of the bridges, with date and the name of Wilmington, N. C. These bridges have been erected at a cost of $1,250,000. The opening will be celebrated with speeches by the governor of this state and others."

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A LETTER from Mr. M. S. Dangerfield, New York, agrees in its statements with the opinion expressed by an English writer that the danger of cultivating the by-paths of collecting lies in the tendency to neglect the stamps, themselves. It is easier to wander in the lanes along the road than to travel on the highway, according to our correspondent, who would have us attend to the stamps themselves rather than their suggestions. There is no question but it is more advisable to study stamps themselves than to follow their off-shoots, if the scientific advancement of philately is the great end, but in a practical way, the collector of postal markings, records and other data has weight. He is within the confines of philately and is always in the position of a convert to "pure collecting." Too, the old slogan of individual independence in collecting is not to be repudiated. Withal, the amplification of the collecting field means more followers who are aware of the stamp as a fundamental proposition on which they build their fancies.

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THE Canadian post office department in announcing the inauguration of a new air mail route about December 20, 1929, between Oskelaneo, Quebec, and Chibougamau, Quebec, describes the manner in which first-day covers may be had. There is a constant demand for this information as there is always someone just joining our family circle who is ignorant of our customs. We quote: "If you are interested in air mail covers and are anxious to secure the special cachets, it would be advisable to prepare your covers at the earliest possible moment and forward them under cover to the District Superintendent of the Postal Service at Quebec, with the request that they be held until this air mail flight takes place. All covers handled in this manner must bear the necessary Canadian postage at the air mail rate or should be accompanied by a Money Order covering the correct amount of postage. Covers should be addressed to the actual place of destination:—for instance, a resident of Reading, Pa., desiring to send a letter to himself by the first flight between Oskelaneo and Chibougamau, should address such letter to himself at Reading and not to the post office at Chibougamau, being careful to mark it, 'Via Air Mail, Oskelaneo-Chibougamau.' The letter should then be forwarded under cover to the District Superintendent of Postal Service at Quebec for transmission by the flight in question." This scheme is typical of that which applies to first flight covers and with revision may be adapted to use. As for the Canadian flight mentioned, there seems to be a joker in the regulations, as we read: "However, these special cachets will be used only on such covers as are sent to the District Superintendent of Postal Service at Quebec, P. Q., bearing Canadian postage at the air mail rate, which is 5c the first ounce and 10c for each succeeding ounce or fraction thereof."

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A priced catalog of the recent Lissiuk sale of air mail stamps and covers makes interesting reading. I can't give many details here, but a few high spots may prove of interest. Prices were quite spotty—good on certain items, very good on some, and quite low on others. If a hasty examination gives me accurate results, I should say that the general prices for foreign covers were somewhat better than those for U. S., on a catalog comparison basis. There is no doubt at all that interest in foreign flown covers is increasing by leaps and bounds, led on by the FAM's, foreign air mail stamps, Zeppelin flights, etc., all of which add additional contacts with aerophilatelic affairs outside our own country. The new Berkshire catalog, of course, will increase still further this interest, and is doubtless already affecting it in anticipation.

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The Ile de France surcharged stamp, the 90c on cover, brought $52.50, as compared with a $30.00 catalog for a mint copy. The 1f50c surcharged brought $175.00 on a pilot signed cover, compared to $90.00 catalog!***The 1928 Graf Zeppelin dropped over Washington brought $40.***Newfoundland Pinedo covers sold for $131, $151, and $135 respectively.*** The Chile 3P on 5c mint sold for $8.25, and the 6P on 10c for $24.50, both well over catalog.***The first Peru stamp went at $12.50.***The Panama 25c inverted overprint brought $15.00.***A collection of 292 Canadian semi-official stamps in pairs, blocks, etc., was sold for $200.00.

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I very much wish that readers in foreign countries would do a little better in the way of advance information of coming events. Sources of such information are few and unreliable at best. I should appreciate both for myself and for all our readers your efforts in our behalf, if anything of interest is coming in your part of the world. Incidentally, I should be only too glad to pay any reasonable charge to those of you who will mail me personally a few covers by such new first or special flights with which you may be in contact.

A preliminary agreement has been reached for air mail service between Egypt and South Africa, stops at Alexandria, Khartoum, Kisumu, Ndola, Johannesburg, and Cape Town.***Guatemala City and Flores, Guatemala, were scheduled for a new service about Dec. 1, word of which came too late for publication, however.***The recent "Bluenose" flight in Newfoundland seems to be still stirring up quite a bit of interest. Took place July 27th last, and was an official government dispatch by private plane from Harbour Grace, St. John's to North Sidney, and made in just over 4 hours the distance which usually takes 36 hours for mail to cover.

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Our thanks are due to the Hon. W. Irving Glover for his special letter announcing the addition of St. Petersburg, Fla., to CAM 25 Dec. 14th. This letter arrived just in time to make last week's Stop Press notes, which doubtless enabled a lot of you to get in who would otherwise have missed out on this.***Major C. M. Lopez tells me that he understands that just 28 covers went from St. Kitts to Antigua on the FAM extension. Guess I'm open to congratulations on that one. Just looked in my collection, and I find one lone copy there!

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You may recall that the Post Office announcement of the Chile-Argentina extension for Route 9 specifically stated that mail for Uruguay would be accepted for the first dispatch. My covers have just returned, having the usual Argentine backstamp of the 14th, and that of Montevideo the 16th.***J. B. Jackson very kindly sends me a copy of the Nov. 1 *Ford News*, which gives a full account of the Edison celebration, and shows a picture of the now famous Greenfield Post Office.

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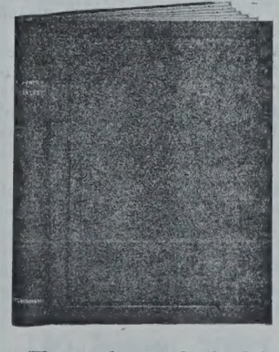

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other stamps, which have a better standing, were issued for this district including a number issued by the Greek authorities during the military occupation and subsequent annexation of Epirus. Thus history has again repeated itself, for in ancient times Epirus was a country of Greece and its original inhabitants were probably identical with those of Greece itself.

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Embossing. — One of the processes occasionally employed in the manufacture of postage stamps. Embossed stamps are, of course, those in which the whole or some portion of the design is in relief. Stamps are embossed in exactly the same way as letterheads, seals, etc., and the embossing may be perfectly plain on tinted paper, as in the case of the first stamps for Natal, or, as is more general, the raised portions are in white and the balance of the design in color. In this process two plates are necessary: one, on which the paper rests, forces the parts that are in relief upwards, and the other assists this and at the same time applies the printing ink. The first 6d, 10d and 1s stamps of Great Britain were embossed and these were struck one at a time but later and improved methods made it possible to emboss all the stamps in a sheet at one operation. The envelope stamps of the United States form excellent examples of embossing as applied to stamp manufacture.

Crown A. — Many of the recent stamps of the States included in the Commonwealth of Australia and those of the Commonwealth itself, are watermarked with a device consisting of a large "A" surmounted by a crown. The "A", of course, stands for "Australia."

Crown B. T.—A device perforated through certain British stamps used on the official correspondence emanating from the Board of Trade. These stamps were used as early as 1892, and probably before that date. It is interesting to note that this important Government Department was never supplied with overprinted stamps.

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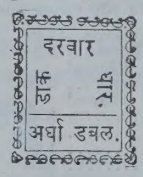
A feudatory State in Central India having an area of 1,740 square miles and a population of about 20,000. Postage



stamps for use in this State were first issued in 1897, but four years later (March 31, 1901) their use was discontinued.

A Few "Correos"

Correos Cs. De Eo.—This is shown upon the 1870 stamps for the Philippine Islands, the latter part of the inscription meaning "Centimos de escudo."

Correos Ctos.—The second word is an abbreviation for "cuartos" and the inscription appears on the Spanish stamps issued in 1864.

Correos Cuartos.—This is shown upon many of the stamps of Spain "cuartos" of course, referring to the facial value.

Correos David.—A mark found upon certain Panama stamps. At one time it was considered a special provisional for stamps issued in the town of David, but it is now believed to be merely a postmark.

Correos de Espana.—An inscription frequently met with on the stamps of Spain and simply meaning "Spanish Post Office."

Correos E. U. M.—A watermark found on some of the stamps of Mexico. The last three letters stand for "Estados Unidos Mexicanos." (United States of Mexico.)

Correos Franco. — An inscription shown upon the Spanish stamps of the issues of 1850 to 1854, on which the date is also shown. The word "Franco" means free.

Correos Guiria. — A control mark stamped on several of the provisional labels issued in the district of Marino, Venezuela, in 1903.

Correos Interior. — An inscription shown upon the stamps of the Philippine Islands issued between 1859 and 1863, signifying "Inland Postage."

Junior Dictionary

Monumento de Colon en Genova.—On the 5 peso Salvador 1893 is shown a statue with this inscription below, meaning, "Statue of Columbus in Genoa."

Moody, J. A.—The postmaster of Victoria, Texas, in 1861, who is known to philatelic fame from the fact that he caused special 5c and 10c stamps to be issued to facilitate the working of his office before the general Confederate issue was ready.

Moon.—The value in which the first stamps of Corea are expressed. It corresponds to the brass "cash" of China.

M. O. P.—These letters are found on certain Argentine stamps issued in 1913 for official use. They stand for "Ministerio de Obras Publicas", which means "Ministry of Public Works."

Moquegua.—The capital of the department of the same name in the republic of Peru. It has suffered severely from earthquakes, especially in 1715 and 1868. In 1881 a special overprint was applied to all the stamps used in this city.

Morazan.—A former President of the republic of Salvador, whose name is shown in the upper left corner of the design adopted for the 3c stamp of 1887 and the 1c of 1889. Morazan was president of the Federation of the Five Republics, which had a very short existence.

Mosul.—This is a province in Mesopotamia of 29,220 square miles. Its capital city bears the same name and is located near the site of ancient Nineveh.

Johnny's Diary

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

(*Continued.*)

July 6.—Jingo, we struck luck today. That feller had some good U. S. and we traded foreign for a lot of them. Then we got chummy and told him we'd take him to our private swimmin' place, and show him how to have some fun with an old maid who lives on the way there by yowling like her cats. He was just saying how glad he was he met us when a feller that he's scared of came by and made a face at him, and Willy hustled out and licked the feller and chased him down the block. So Harry (that's the kid's name) said we was the best fellers he knew and gave us each a 24c Navy he had put away. Willy wanted the best one because he licked the kid but I kicked. So we tossed for it and I won. Harry told us of another feller who has just started collectin' and has some good traders that his uncle in New York sent him, so we went around on the way home and helped him start. His uncle is in an export house and I got nearly all the new Barbados and Willy got some dandy surcharged Ceylon.

July 7, 1894.—Willy and me went to see the lady whose dog it was this morning and she had a whole mess of stamps for us. We had lots of them, of course, but we got some fine old ones and some good traders. There was a 5 and a 10c 1847, some 1s and 10s of the next issue, and a lot of good 1869s and some nice envelopes, only some of the stamps were torn. Funny people can't learn to open envelopes without spoiling the stamps. We told the lady about our collections and when I told her how hard Depts. are to get she said she had a son in the Dept. of Justice at Washington and she'd write to him and see if he had any. We felt kinder sneaky about saving her dog then and we are goin' to get her some pond lilies to make up for it. After we left we scrapped over those 1847's and had to match again. Willy got the 10c, doggone it, but I got a pair of 12c 1857's with the 5c one so it wasn't so bad. We went around to see Mr. Waters after supper and traded him some of the good U. S. for foreign. He gives us good trades and we want to see how they pile up this week.

July 8.—Bein' Sunday we haven't hustled any but this afternoon we counted up. I've got 597 and Willy's got 883. Gosh, I only gained 3 on him, but that 2c Exec. counts for a lot. Our hired girl's feller came to see her tonight. I showed him that watch and he said he'd trade me a good jack plane for it. I'm goin' to do it if his plane's any good. I think I can see a pretty good stunt to pull off.

July 9.—I went down and got that plane this morning and went right down to Joe Morsman with it. He's got a carpenter shop and I swapped it to him for an old velosepeed or however you spell it that he had. I had to give him my knife too, but I came out ahead. When Willy came over we cleaned it up nice. Then he borrowed two dollars from his aunt and we went down to a second-hand man's and gave him the velosipede (that don't look right either) and the two dollars for a tricycle. I think we can sell it to Jenny Dobb's mother. I gave Joe 5 fishhooks for his set of China stamps today, and traded the one I had for a surcharged Gibraltar.

(*To be continued.*)

On the occasion of the British occupancy of this province by the India Expeditionary Force, troop D, in 1919, Turkish fiscal stamps were locally overprinted with new values in Indian currency.

Filatelic Fun Forum

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(Contributions are solicited. Sign them o not as you please. If reply be necessary enclos self-addressed stamped envelope.)

WE THROW A SCOTCH PARTY

Sandy MacHaggis asked the P. O. clerk if he sold a stamp on the installment plan.

—MAX SMITH.

There was a Scotchman once who built up a collection from *free* offers. I don't know what kind of stamps he had but I'll bet they stuck.

—GAY E. MILIUS, JR.

Have you heard of the son of old Edinburgh who sent his used hinges back to the dealer to be re-gummed?

—EVERETT KLAAS.

Here's a true one according to Chet. Hodgson. In the 80's an Edinburgh church at its picnic offered to the winner of a foot race "a steel engraved portrait of Her Majesty" as a prize. The victor in the race stood expectant. The judge smilingly handed him a small envelop. It contained a one penny stamp!

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—R. E. F.

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I sure got a light shock when I heard that another million Edisons were to be issued.

—BILL BALL.

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Making a Hobby of Hubby

1st Flapper (thinking of taking up collecting): "I'm gonna adopt a nice hobby."

2nd Flapper: "Whose?"

—Max Smith.

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Writing on the Congress green halfpenny stamp, our old friend Mr. A. H. Benners, of Alberta, writes:—

"All knees should bend to the egg on end
For the face that's in it seen,
And every Pat should raise his hat,
For he's wearing of the green."
—"Stamp Collecting."

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Dear Prof. Gummy: My brother is so dumb that he took a used Edison commem to the laundry and asked them to wash the bulb. What'll I do?—Rube of Oak Park.

Ans.: I'd keep it quiet. Washed stamps are all wet right now.

—R. E. Dunlop.

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J. P. Smith: "Don't collect 'sea' stamps."

Theo: "Why?"

J. P. S.: "You might get so immersed in them you'd drown."

—MAX SMITH.

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At the beginning of school each year, they vaccinate us kids. Why couldn't they have the vaccine put in the stamp stickum? It would be so much easier to take.

—Tarzan (Boston).

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"Strip o' Three" tells of a man who cut his own throat thinking it was his enemy's. That's nothing. A fellow took some stamps from my album and sold them. Then he said he thought it was *his* album.

—R. M. CAMP.

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Collector to P. O. Clerk: "Please cancel these Edisons so the light won't go out when you hit them."

—Max Freshwater (Ogden, Utah).

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A Merry Banker's Memories of a Mimic Mystery Monarch

Students of what our Editor has so aptly called "Phantom Philately" may perhaps be interested in the following biographical information about Marie I, the self-styled King of the Sedangs, who enriched our collections with a set of so-called postage stamps.

The passage is taken from Walter H. Young's book, "A Merry Banker in the Far East," published by John Lane. The events related took place in Hong Kong, the Crawford mentioned being the Manager of the Bank in which the narrator was serving at the time.

"This *soi-disant* King of the Sedangs was the hero of Guy Boothby's book, *The Fascination of the King*. He was a disgraced and disreputable French Colonel, badly wanted in France, whence he had escaped to the Far East. With the aid of a few ragged troops, picked up the Lord knows where, he had taken possession of a no-man's land, situated somewhere in the Indo-China, and proclaimed himself king thereof.

He turned up in Hong Kong to raise the wind, his alleged purpose being the purchase of a gunboat from the British Government. In pursuance of his business, he came to the bank, and my chief, having a *penchant* for blue blood and crowned heads, took him up with great fervour and accustomed energy. Nothing was too good for 'My friend, King Marie of the Sedangs,' and we became pretty fed-up with him.

Never, never, shall I forget that Arabian night in the theatre—Crawford in the Royal box with the King on his right and a galaxy of lovely ladies, the *crème de la crème* of Hong Kong helping him to entertain His Majesty. When he presented Sà Majestay le Roo-oy,' these gracious and high-born dames abased themselves before the King, making the most exquisite court cheeses while sinking to the floor at the Colonel's feet. His Majesty was a very tall, well-built chap, about forty years of age, with an ugly face. On this occasion he wore ordinary dress-clothes, but across his manly chest there was a broad ribbon and a very large diamond star (paste supplied by the local jeweller) in imitation of our Order of the Garter. Crawford also wore with *hauteur* a decoration of the Sedang kingdom.

It was really a most brilliant scene, which I vastly enjoyed, although a bit embarrassed at the King's request that I should act as interpreter. None of those aristocrats of Hong Kong knew a word of French, nor did the King speak any language but his own.

The American Princesses from San Francisco made much of the King; they put him on their free list because of the great honour he did them in accepting their kisses and caresses. The most ardent of these ladies placed the Royal Arms of the Sedangs over her elaborate bed, and, with loving fingers, worked in gold thread the King's monogram on her exquisite lace bedspread.

The Colonel, being so much in clover, was in no hurry to go, the gunboat quest seemed to be forgotten, and he stayed on and on, month after month, until he became quite a common object, and a nuisance in the Club. We all became very tired of him, especially Murray Crawford, who was forking out the King's pocket money. Even the ardent lady, finding he was disturbing the comfort of her regular clients, removed the Royal Arms from her bed and person. This cruel princess had no more use for her cashless king; and when nastily banging the door in his face, told him in a strong American accent to cease 'lasciviating' her feelings by useless tears. I think the lady meant 'lacerating'! It became pretty well known that the French Government were after him, but he had no money to get away with; so my chief generously sent the hat round, and with the proceeds the King disappeared. He 'fascinated' me to the extent of fifty dollars, which is still owing.

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By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

PERTH, W. A., Oct. 15.

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Also, accept with my compliments the enclosed block of four of the new centenary stamp issued two or three weeks ago. They went on sale in Broome on Sept. 28, but probably earlier here in Perth—I don't know. I like them. My visit out here has been a never-to-be-forgotten experience. From the point of view of my work on marine animals it has been a great success, equalling my fondest hopes. It has also been interesting and enjoyable to the last degree.

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Among the 1857 series, an outstanding piece is a block of four of the 5-cent red brown, used on the entire cover, with a 1-cent Type III. There are quite a few choice singles, pairs and strips, used to different points of the world of the 5-cent in the three shades and in the two types. Numerous combinations and rates are to be seen used to such points as Arabia, Syria, China, Japan, Spain, etc.

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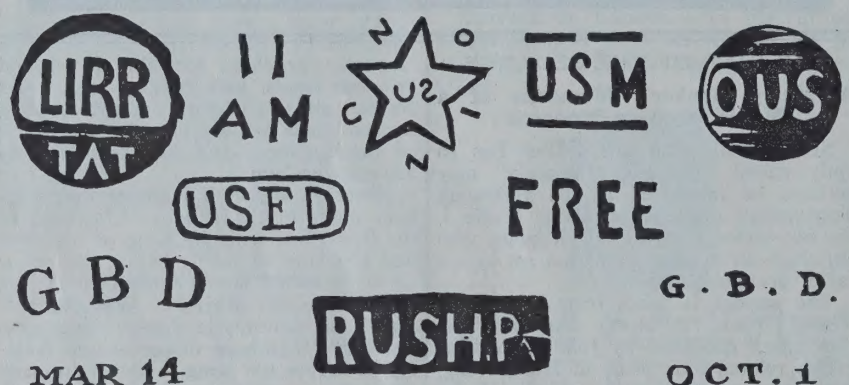

MORE THAN TWO LETTERS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	?	Black	Dr. S. G. Keller
2.	3c 1867	Whitestown, N. Y.	"	E. A. Bauer
3.	₽2319	Three Rivers, Mich.	"	Dr. Carroll Chase
4.	3c 1861	Rutland, Vt.	"	H. C. Hyde
5.	2c 1863	Cleveland, O.	"	H. P. A.
6.	3c 1851	?	Blue	Dr. Carroll Chase
7.	2c 1863	Middleburgh, Pa.	Black	H. P. A.
8.	Abt. 1863	No Pmk.	"	H. P. A.
9.	3c 1861	Rush, Pa.	"	J. W. Glaze
10.	3c 1861	As ₽8	"	D. H. Stafford

The above group of odd letters are quite out of the ordinary in certain cases. That No. 1 is fairly well known, yet it is a dandy cancel to find. I have never seen it on a cover; but believe it to be used on Long Island, the RR probably being Rail Road.

No. 2 is from the small town which had some very interesting cancellations. No. 3 is one of the lettered stars wherein the letters appear backward, and the cancel appears the same way! meaning collectors are backward in finding one. Never saw but a couple of these. No. 4 is a neatly struck cancellation and very uncommon, as I see a good many Rutland covers of this period.

No. 5 is likewise uncommon, and I do not know whether it comes on the 3c or not. No. 6 is the only one in this group I have printed in color. A short time ago I found a Boston PAID which comes in this same frame hit in blue. I have never seen but one other Boston PAID in blue, that being on a 1c 1861. Scarce item.

No. 7 is a rather crude handmade FREE. These small town handmade words are uncommon. No. 8 and No. 10 are the well known "Battlefield" cancellations. They are probably in same class with the blue ring "BANK'S DIVISION" postmark, and are very interesting cancellations.

No. 9 is a very unusual thing, for the letters are in colorless effect, with the entire background in black. There are few town names known in this type.

Last night I listened to a program on the radio telling about the frigate Constitution. It was mighty interesting. It described the building of the ship in 1797, and that when launched it was the finest battleship afloat.

All of which leads up to an entertaining old letter that I have which was mailed from "United States Frigate Constitution, Bay of Gibraltar 19 Decr 1821" by the chaplain. A note "Rec'd & forwarded by Malaga 12th Jan 1822, your obt St G G Barrell" is on the reverse of the folded letter, while the face of the cover has a little red ring pmk. of "BOSTON MAR 15 MS." the word SHIP in red, and the red mss numerals "22."

I was elated in finding this cover, and am beginning to take an interest in the old historical letters that I run across—this no doubt being occasioned by the work of that Stampless Cover unit of the American Philatelic Society.

This long letter of five closely written pages has much of interest. This frigate had much to do with the stopping of giving presents and money to the Dey of Algiers, so the radio told me, and while the Dey had a fine radio voice, the American Officer, Bainbridge, didn't seem to care for him at all. The expression "Millions for defence; but not one cent for tribute" was handed to the Dey in no uncertain terms.

In this letter, the writer says, . . . "Our Squadron has been lying in the bay 20 days or more, having returned from a long and toilsome cruise of 45 days. From Mahon, we cruised off Toulon, Nice, and most of the places in the south of France. We touched at Genoa and cruised off Leghorn, passed among the Islands, Corsica, Sardinia, Elba, &c., in one of the most tremendous gales I ever saw. We next made the land of the western part of Sicily, and took our departure for Tripoli on the African coast. When laying off the town we had fine weather, and for the first time I saw many waterspouts in the middle of the day. They exceeded in grandeur anything which Cooke has said of them in his voyages, or that can be conceived by the person who has not seen them."

He says of Gibraltar, "I revisited those parts of the rock which I had seen before and explored the beautiful new caves, discovered since our arrival in this sea, by George Martin, a soldier of the garrison. Here are all the orders of nature's architecture in great perfection and astonishing beauty."

He had an inkstand made of the polished piece of "petrification" which he broke off with his own hands. Said it took a beautiful polish. It is probably not considered good form to take a stroll thru the "Rock" and break off stalactites today, I didn't get any of them the last time I was there. There were no signs reading "Keep Out"; but you felt just as though those signs were right before you at most every step you took.

He speaks of this spot as being the world's greatest thoroughfare of news, if not of commerce. "Vessels continually pass from all nations, and generally put into this bay to hear the news, whether they have business, or not. Many vessels have arrived from Boston; one, bringing a bushel of letters for the squadron, and not a solitary one for me: we are on our eighth month out, and not a single letter have I gotten from the U. S."

The Stampless Cover collectors do not seem to find many letters of that period either, and any letters dating back into Revolutionary times must be very scarce. I have seen a few but they are all in Museums. I'd like to get a few from some of those old forts!

"Mahon, 27th Decr. Soon after writing the preceding, I heard the word passed for all hands to weigh anchor. The ship got under way and sailed out of Gibraltar Bay with a strong westerly wind. In fifty-six hours we were in this port, a distance of more than five hundred miles from Gibraltar. So sudden and great a transition seems like a dream. We had the wind fair and very strong all the passage. The ship rolled the water upon her quarter deck repeatedly. I again paid my devotions to my mistress, the ocean. Her demands upon me are exorbitant, whenever we leave port with even a tolerable breeze. Instead of growing more reasonable, she becomes extravagant, for I am deadly sick, when the stomach is in a state of salubrity. I shall never make a sailor."

Some way these old letters fascinate me. While the poor seasick chaplain was so terribly seasick, he still tells with good spirit of their fast run of something over 500 miles in a little over 50 hours. While the elapsed time does not compare favorably with the present day ships propelled by steam, it is just a short time back to when they were probably establishing speed records in the old sailing ships of the navy. Possibly that run did establish a record for the time. And a record is a record, no matter if made today, or a hundred years ago.

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Appleton Philatelic Society's First Anniversary

As seen by W. H. GILLEY.

Arriving in Appleton, Wisconsin, on his snowy Saturday afternoon, November 23rd, nine stamp collectors from Chicago were astounded to see the exhibition on display in the Lounge of the Conway Hotel. After preliminary introductions, which quickly acquainted us with the members of this big-little stamp club, we groused around the exhibits and enjoyed ourselves to a great extent, first, through the wonderful display of about 1,000 covers showing every known and many unknown registry cancellations in many issues, commemorations of things and events the country over, ranging from the dedication of Chicago's new Civic Opera temple to the late and lamented baseball fracas, first-day covers of all recent issues, and the more important air mail flights during the past two years. All of these covers are the property of the club's genial secretary, H. M. Brehm. Next we viewed a very fine collection of mint United States, in blocks and singles, in shades and varieties, some of which are seldom seen, which we were told were the property of M. F. Hatch, the club's President. Then we came to a clever display of full sheets of United States and Canal Zone, including some sheets of 400 subjects, the best of which was a sheet of 100 of the famous No. 595—2c U. S. perf. 11, which Scott now catalogues at $6.00 a stamp; these sheets, we understand, belong to Professor J. Ross Frampton, of the faculty of Appleton's famous Lawrence College. Then we viewed an almost complete collection of the air mail stamps of the world, property of W. O. Thiede. A very fine display of U. S. revenues was said to belong to C. A. Loescher. The remainder of the exhibition consisted of some rare foreign stamps, too numerous to mention in detail, displayed by the other members of the society. The only display by an outsider was one of Presidents' widows' Franks on cover, mighty interesting, owned by J. S. Brownell, postmaster of Woodstock, Vermont. Not the least interesting attraction at the exhibition was a small branch post office, created just for the day and in charge of one of the regular post office clerks; here commemorative stamps as far back as the White Plains issue were sold at face value. The banquet, which started at seven o'clock in the Crystal Room of the hotel, with H. M. Brehm acting as Toastmaster, was worthy of a much larger organization. The banquet room was beautifully decorated in a color-scheme of red, white and blue lights, and to the strains of sweet music, furnished by a ladies' orchestra, we participated in one of this hotel's famous dinners. At the conclusion of the

meal we listened to brief talks of philatelic interest; among the speakers were August Hippchen, President of the Postage Stamp Club of Chicago, and L. A. Burmeister, Jr., of Milwaukee, President of I. P. A. The evening was concluded with an impromptu dance. We understand that the society had reservations for 80 or more for the banquet, but due to inclement weather exactly fifty "stampnuts," wives and sweethearts sat down at the festive board, and over 1,000 visitors viewed the exhibition, for which there was no charge for admission, throughout the day. Taken altogether, it is really remarkable what the twelve members, who comprise the Appleton Philatelic Society, accomplished on this, their first anniversary, and it might well serve as an object lesson for the creating of more stamp clubs in the smaller cities throughout the country.

(*Note.*—We shall not spare the blushes of our correspondent by omitting to record that he was the first speaker from out of town at the big banquet. Incidentally, Col. Frank O. Sebring, Chicago, was the orator who brought the great reunion to a rousing close.—ED.)

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 740)

Mt. Clemens, Mich., Bozeman, Mont., Baton Rouge, La., Thomasville, Ga., Cambridge, Mass., Richmond, Calif., Santa Barbara, Cal., McGehee, Ark., Arkadelphia, Ark., Jonesboro, Ark., Paragould, Ark., Strathmore, Cal.

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I have been reliably informed that both the cachets from Portland, Ore., previously mentioned, were privately applied, and that the Chamber of Commerce did not have any at all, advance announcement to the contrary notwithstanding.***Waycross, Ga., postpones dedication ceremonies, but C. of C. will hold covers.***Ponca City, Okla., will dedicate about Jan. 1, and the C. of C. will have a cachet.***Westwood, Calif., has postponed indefinitely, due to the death of a man prominently concerned with the development of the port.***Cadillac, Mich., still some time in the future, but you may send covers to Lee Worden, City Clerk.

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Vero Beach, Fla., will dedicate early in Jan., covers to the C. of C.***Duluth, Minn., now sets next July 4th as a definite dedication, and promises a cachet then.***Something happened to the cachet planned for Huntington, W. Va., Nov. 11th. I may have misread the letter, but I believe that all covers now in will be mailed out as soon as the cachet arrives—don't know how the dates will tie up. ***Curtiss-Steinberg port at St. Louis still some time ahead.***Harrisburg, Pa., again called off their dedication, this time set for Nov. 11, but they still plan to hold it later on.

Cover received dated Burbank, Calif., Nov. 16, with a cachet reading "First Flight United Airport, Burbank, Calif., Via Route CAM 8"—in magenta.***Sunrise Airport, Ozone Park, L. I., dedication Nov. 20—covers pmk. New York Grand Central Sta.—no cachet.***Hamden Airport, near New Haven, Conn., dedication Nov. 17—no cachet, and New Haven pmk.***New Haven, by the way, dedicated Nov. 11th, and I haven't seen anything of covers sent to the C. of C. for the event long ago. Tell you more about it later.

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Earl Thomas sends me a cover, bearing a special cachet, which he says was mailed at the special P. O. station at the Philatelic Exhibition at Appleton, Wis. ***From Dearborn, Mich. (no name on this, by the way), comes a cover dated Nov. 23, with a green cachet for the "First National Glider Carnival, Ford Air Port, Nov. 23, Municipal Airport, Nov. 24."***Just heard of a cachet used at Columbus, Ohio, by the C. of C. for the Intercollegiate Aviation Conference Nov. 8-10—state map design, with a plane and "O.S.U."

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By MICHAEL MILLER.

When the new "Cat." comes out, usually about the end of October, the first thing you do, if you have made a study of any particular country, is to see what Scott has done to your opinion of values. Naturally "in the course of human events" I turned to Danish West Indies. Since the absolute acquisition of these islands by U. S., these stamps have been most intriguing, and having such a clean record in all emission should be second love to the rabid U. S. collectors.

Well, on with my story as the other will be further discussed at another time. It was but a moment to run thru the four little square stamps and then I began to read about the bi-colored being accustomed now to the long belated inclusion of the inverted frames. Getting down to about the end of the list of the early issues, my eye noticed a gap filled just before the 50c stamp price, which heretofore had been vacant, and looking closer I saw that the 14c lilac and green inverted frame had been priced used.

I looked at the figures, $85.00—I looked again and studied a while, knowing what I did. I finished the page and turned it over slowly, looking at the rest of the country, but although I looked I did not see anything because my mind was still on the 14c invert. I turned back and looked at the price again. I saw it was in italics and perhaps there was something in that. No. 26a was priced $350 in italics, so there must be some explanation. I go on to the next country, Danzig, but that does not help. I go back to Dalmatia and Dahomey, and they are meagre, so I take myself back to the beginning of the book and there I see something. Alexandria and Baltimore priced in italics, but in amounts of $8,500 and $12,500, $1,000 and $10,000, figures reminiscent of the recent Wall Street *debacle*. The next page brings me to the regular issues and I see the sub-varieties show figures in italics of $500, $700 and $1,250. I became more at ease and realized that the first pricing in italics was a sort of a feeler.

Now I have no fault to find with the cataloguers; they do their best as they keep constantly writing you to advise them about changes in prices and for suggestions and goodness knows and, man-alive, look at the thousands of stamps they have to price, but those italics were a challenge to me and here goes.

Scott says that inverted frame used is worth about twice that of the normal frame variety, but they have not clearly recognized the scarcity of the invert, and that can be proved by comparison with the other stamps. It would be manifestly unfair to take the other stamps of same series as a basis because of the variety of different printings, so I will confine myself to stamps which have one printing. Now the 14c frame plate of a hundred subjects has two inverted *clichés* in positions 18 and 77. By contrast we take the following stamps of which the inverted frame is found once in a sheet, No. 22a with a value of $15.00 against $1.00, and No. 28b with a value of $25.00 against 75c. Take the inverse order: the following stamps where there is one normal frame against 99 inverted and we have No. 16a with a value of $15.00 against 35c, No. 17a with a value of $25.00 against 50c, No. 24c with a value of $30.00 against 50c.

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Filatelic Oddities

Edited by SEVARD.

Old Pat Rooney many years ago would wisecrack that he never was in a strike, but that he threw only union made bricks. Texas seems to have followed Pat's advice for we now have the Mature Citrus Fruit Tax Paid stamps, and we believe all philatelists should come to the aid of their party by demanding only mature lemons which carry the Texas stamp. These labels come in two sizes, the 1½c and 2½c, depending upon the maturity of the fruit. A really rotten lemon should catalog 55¼ cents, and a dripping Liederkranz variety, 98c cash. Anyway, the state tax paids now have some more tax paids besides gasoline, cigarettes, and gritty chew tobacco.

The three Red Cross Roll Call Join varieties have again appeared. The Universal type is the one with a 21mm town and plain letters. The first International type has the 20mm townmark with date at the bottom, but with a single cross in the auxiliary mark. The other variety is also an International, but with two crosses and a large JOIN slanting to the right. Mr. Leverett Belknap is the checklist expert on these, and a few extra to trade will not make him quit his good work.

IN FORMER CHECK LISTS, DIE O HAS BEEN LISTED. IN EXPLANATION, THIS MERELY MEANS THAT NO DIE NUMBER OR DIE LETTER OR STATION NAME APPEARS IN THE TOWNMARK. EXCEPT FOR THE LARGER CITIES, ALMOST EVERY CANCEL IS DIE ZERO. AND ZERO MEANS NOTHING.

Of all the marginals found on stamps, the commonest are the bottom tabs. We suppose the rotary press with its unperforated wide marginal tabs, right and left, are missing because they have no mucilage on them. We detest the word gum because in France, whenever one wants gum, he gets mucilage. But it does seem most probable that in everyday use, the bottom tab will remain, whereas the other tabs will be torn off. Of the bottom tabs, there are two varieties, the one with an evenly cut bottom margin, and the other, with a wavy, uneven cut margin. This latter variety is from the bottom of the 400 subject sheet, whereas the former is from the center of the 400 subject sheet. If the unevenly cut bottom margin shows a guide line, it forms a third class called the bottom guide tab. Often this cut falls short, and yields a top guide line tab instead. Of course, none of these bottom tabs have plate numbers except for the experimental plates, and then, you've got something worth muchas pesetas. If you collect plate lines, and marginals, know ye hereby that the rotary bottom tabs are common.

Of the 2c 1916 circular die envelopes, we have mentioned that the white paper variety is worth .00046 entire and .00004 in cut square condition. This wide range ought to convince anyone to collect envelopes entire. The sizes of the die A head lie mostly with size 13, and therein with the window style, and therewith, showing the 1925 watermark horizontal. This might be said to be the normal point for these envelopes. The next to this normal is the size 9 envelope showing the 1925 watermark diagonal. This should be worth .00070 each. If the envelope die had been cut square, it would have dropped to the .00004 mark. If these figures were in thousands instead of thousandths, it would cut a gavotte.

Many noticed that on fourth class mail matter in envelopes, a machine die is used with a townmark lacking date and hour. This is called the slug townmark. Slugs are placed in the dies instead of months, days and hours. In the International machines, the townmark carries a year date, so that slugs in these machines, at least show a year date. The Universal machines lack the year date. As many of us have calendar collections, we denounce slug dates as being of no use to anyone. One can't record anything without a recording system.

Which goes for registry cancels as well. Where are those beautiful double circle registry cancels which in magenta, attract notice, show origin, time, and specify the extra registry fee? A thing of beauty is a joy forever, but a smudge is the bar sinister destroying the fires of our enthusiasm. If 10,000 towns get out fancy registry cancels and we collectors are supposed to pay a quarter each, something happens. We discard our collection, the same as we did for the Harding precancels. We repeat our statement of six years ago, that the Harding stamp is the best ex-stamp we ever had. The registry cancel will be the best ex-cancel we ever used. If you have our code, invest in stamp DXBP, for sharp increase over pending pressure in the next few months. If you lose money, we claim the right to blame the printer for getting the code mixed. Why aren't the Chicago registry cancels of 1916 worth a barrel of money? Or the New Yorks of 1924? Or the old Bostons from the '90's? Like the farmer who was tackled by a book salesman to buy books on agriculture. He knew too much to farm.

AUST. COMMONWEALTH NOTES

The Western Australia commemorative stamp duly made its appearance on the 28th ult. The make-up of the sheet, paper, perforation, etc., are as described last month, and as then stated the stamps have been printed from twelve plates, numbered in the top left-hand corner of each sheet. We do not agree with the official designation of the colour, i.e., deep vermilion, our own disposition being to term it a rose-lake. There is no doubt the stamp would have looked better had it been printed in two colours, preferably with the centre in black. As a matter of fact at first glance it might be imagined that the centre is printed in a slightly deeper coloured ink than the frame. This is due to the fact that the body of the swan has been heavily shaded all over, whereas the frame has been very lightly engraved. We think that the stamp would have been improved had there been one or two heavier lines of shading round the outside.

An interesting comparison may be made of the swan which appears on these stamps and those on former issues of Western Australia. In the present instance the bird has been treated heraldically, whereas both Messrs. Perkins Bacon and De La Rue endeavoured to show the swan swimming in a natural attitude. The arrangement of the plumage on the body and wings closely resembles that on the De La Rue surface-printed issues. The poise of the neck and head is also nearer to the De La Rue type than to that of Perkins Bacon, but the head is now looking almost directly downwards. Personally we think that the swan pictured on the Perkins Bacon plates is the most natural looking. By the way, the flowers shown in the side panels are conventionalised renderings of the well-known "kangaroo paw," a flower which we believe to be peculiar to the Western State.

A very fine and striking variety on the new Western Australia commemorative stamp has been brought to our notice by Mr. A. A. Rosenblum. This consists of a very marked re-entry on the fourth stamp of the seventh row of plate 2, i.e., on No. 64 of the sheet. The most distinct evidences of the re-entry are to be found on the—

"T" of "Australia."
"W" of "Western."
Neck and wing of the Swan.

The marks on the "T" of "Australia" are very prominent, and are readily visible to the naked eye. The variety forms one of the most striking examples of re-entries that we have had the good fortune to examine.

Another re-entry occurs on No. 74 of plate 6. It is similar to but not quite as marked as plate 2, No. 64. It shows:

Duplication of right side of T and left of R.
Slight traces in top of W.
Slight duplication of Swan's neck.
It is readily distinguished from the other by the slight duplication in the R.

Messrs. Blomeley and Rosenblum send examples of the 6d stamp on the new multiple watermark paper, which we announced last month as ready for issue. The plate is the same as formerly, and bears the usual John Ash imprint. As we have not yet been able to examine entire sheets we shall defer further comment until next month.

Our publishers have shown us some specimens of the current £1 value which they obtained recently from the General Post Office in Sydney, and which are in a much deeper shade than formerly, their colour being now slate instead of gray. The stamps, of course, are on single watermark paper, and have the T. S. Harrison imprint; they have, therefore, been printed some time ago. When Mr. Ash comes to print any stamps of this value he will no doubt make an entirely new plate. The present plate must be very worn, judging from the white lines above and below the value.

The new 3d, which is on sale in Sydney as well as in Melbourne, is a vast improvement on the former issues of this denomination in the Georgian type. The details now stand out sharp and clear, and the general "finish" leaves nothing to be desired.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

TRANS-PRAIRIE AIR MAIL

Ottawa, Canada—A daily air mail service between the cities in the prairie provinces of Canada—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—will be inaugurated by the Post Office Department early in December of this year. This trans-prairie air mail service will, it is believed, ultimately become an important link in the sea-to-sea air mail route for which the Canadian Postmaster General is striving.

Old settlers in Western Canada are commenting on the change that has taken place within their lifetime. There are some still living who recall when the prairies were the pasture ground for herds of buffaloes, when the principal means of communication or contact between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains were the prairie schooner or the Red River cart drawn by horses or oxen. Today schools and churches are within easy walking distance of almost every farm home. Telephones and the telegraph are practically everywhere, a network of railways threads the prairies. The inconveniences of the past have been supplanted by the conveniences that modern inventions and advantages have evolved. The prairie provinces now produce a large percentage of the world's supply of wheat, oats, barley, rye and other farm crops and are important in dairying and live stock production.

BELGIAN CONGO NATIVE DANCER
Stamp Designs May Soon Include This Grotesque Figure

Stop Press News

(Continued from page 740)

New York dealer, bought the Stanley Gibbons business and was chairman for 32 years until 1922, when he came to New York. During this time two of his sons entered the business, but after the World War left the firm for other lines of work in London, which they preferred. Mr. Phillips' son was Ernest O. Phillips, and his son Reginald, who has just matriculated with honors has entered the Stanley Gibbons firm of which his grandfather was manager for so many years.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Bultos Postales stamps, dated 1926, in three denominations, 25c carmine, 50c orange, and 1 peso green, referred to in your issue of October 21, 1929, page 633 (on authority of *Die Postmarke*), are fiscal, and not postage stamps. They are used to collect an internal revenue tax on parcels arriving by post, imposed in lieu of consular fees which are paid on importations by freight.

HARRY E. HUBER.

NEW ZEALAND CHARITY

New Zealand is about to issue a 2d combined postage and charity stamp. One penny going to each of the two purposes indicated. Wilcox, Smith & Co., who sends us this information, states that it will not be possible to produce this year the particularly fine design that was most desired. The central figure this year will show a New Zealand nurse in uniform with a Maori border on either side. Both the designing and printing are being done in New Zealand, and it was expected that the stamps would be on sale the last of November. This will be the first charity stamp ever issued for New Zealand.

AIR MAIL ITEMS

—Wright Anniversary cachets Dec. 17, by Universal Air lines, 1107 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Leave covers open. CAM 24—for Chicago to Geo. Zimmerman, 1747 Wallen Ave.; for Cincinnati, R. C. Beazell, Box 728; for Indianapolis, Floyd Shockley, Box 1495 (pilot autographs 10c each). This is also 2nd Anniversary of CAM 24.

—Through an unfortunate error the initials of Mr. Woodward, Chappaqua, N. Y., were given as "L. N." instead of "K. N." Mr. Woodward (A. P. S. Life member), who offers help on forthcoming Venezuela service, suggests that if you got your first letter back, try again.

—New Canadian Route about Dec. 20. Oskelaneo, P. Q.-Chibougamau, P. Q., and return, cachets both ways. Covers each with 5c Canadian stamps or M. O. to District Supt. of Postal Service, Quebec, P. Q., by Dec. 18. Address cover to your own home address, marked via proper route.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

NIAGARA PHILATELIC CLUB

At a meeting held Nov. 14, fifteen collectors reorganized the Niagara Philatelic Club, Niagara Falls, N. Y. This club was originally organized in 1914, but has been inactive during the past few years. It is expected that the club will shortly have a membership of twenty-five or thirty live, active collectors from this city and vicinity. The following officers were elected: Pres., Will H. Fedder; Vice-Pres., Glen C. Way; Sec.-Treas., Harry C. Burns; Lib'n, George M. Tuttle, Jr. Meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday of the month.

HARRY C. BURNS.

BRIDGEPORT (CONN.) EXHIBIT

All interested are cordially invited to visit an exhibition sponsored by the Bridgeport Philatelic Club at the Public Library, Broad and State, Monday even- In 1890, Chas. J. Phillips, well known ing, Dec. 9, and each afternoon and evening until Saturday night, Dec. 14. Contests, with prizes, for the juniors of the club; and also for the various public school stamp clubs will be a feature. Practically all the senior members of the Bridgeport Club are planning on one or more frames. Everyone invited to step in and browse around.

R. S. FOSTER, *Sec.*

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

—We have received from the firm of Lesgor & Reel, 81 Nassau St., New York City, a very complete price list of France and Colonies which the firm is distributing. The advertising of this firm in the past has dealt to a considerable degree with these stamps, and interested collectors will find it to their advantage to send for this list which will be furnished free of charge.

—The New York *Times* of Nov. 24 prints a picture of the John H. Hessel Memorial Building at Woodmere Academy, Woodmere, L. I., dedicated Thanksgiving morning. The structure is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney P. Hessel in memory of their son, John H. Hessel, who was graduated from the Academy as valedictorian, class of 1928, matriculated at Harvard University and died subsequently on a vacation trip to British Columbia. The father, Sidney P. Hessel, is one of New York's prominent philatelists.

—The Publicity Department of the S. P. A. is using a handsome cachet upon its correspondence, and collectors desiring one should send 2c stamped envelopes unsealed to H. W. Codding, 2503 E. 86th St., Cleveland, Ohio. An S. P. A. pamphlet will be enclosed in the envelope.

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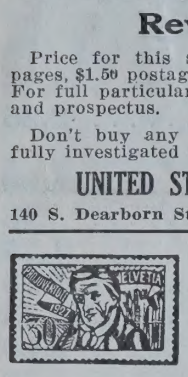

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(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

New issues noted below are from Mr. R. Roberts of London, England:

Argentine. — Commemorative issue inscribed "1492 1929" issued on October 12th last to commemorate the 437th anniversary of the discovery of America, this particular day being held as a general holiday in Spanish America. The values are 2 centavos, chocolate (Torch illuminating New World); 5 centavos, red (Spain and Argentina); and 12 centavos, blue (America proferring laurels to Columbus). The stamps are lithographed on paper watermarked with Multiple Sun-bursts and perf. 13½ and 12½. At the bottom of each stamp is the date "12 de Octubre."

Brazil.—Two new air mail stamps of oblong format have been placed on sale, one of 300r in rose, picturing the celebrated air ship of Santos Dumont in 1901 and the 500r purple, with the biplane of Santos Dumont celebrating the flight of the 12th of November 1906. Also two postage due stamps in the design of D4, in 200r deep blue and 1000r deep green, perf. 13, watermarked "EU BRASIL".

Morocco Agencies. — The 1p new block type watermarked stamp of Great Britain has been surcharged for use as 10 centimos in the same manner as before.

Jugoslavia.—An issue of three values to commemorate the Croatian Millenary has appeared in these values: 50+50p gray-olive, perf. 12½; 1D+50p rose, perf. 11½ and 3D+1D blue, perf. 12½.

Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England, send us the following new items:

Austria. — A very attractive set of stamps with a variety of subjects has been received in these values: 10gr ochre (Gussing), 15gr chocolate (Hochosterwitz), 16gr olive-gray (Durnstein), 18gr green (Traunsee), 24gr brown-red (Salzburg), 30gr grey-violet (Seewiesen), 40gr blue (Innsbruck), 60gr olive (Hohenems), 1sc brown (National bibliothek), and 2sc grey-green (Wien).

Russia.—The 7k red in the new series is on sale. The type is the design picturing the profile view of three workmen.

Uruguay.—The 2c green, special delivery stamp of the small size has been reported as issued on white paper, without watermark, perf. 11.

Nejd.—According to information received by *Stamp Collecting* a forerunner of a new issue has been received. The design is similar to that of the 1926-27 series, but the name "Hejaz & Nejd" and the word "Gruch" has been added in English: 1½ gruch blue.

Nicaragua.—In addition to the 25c "Official" air stamp noted in a recent issue, *Stamp Collecting* states that the 50c has appeared with the same overprint. From information furnished by *Bulletin Mensuel* we learn that both these stamps were issued on September 20th last in a printing of 25,000 copies of each value. Another new issue of this country in a new air post provisional in the form of the obsolete 2.50 pesos, surcharged "Servicio Postal Aereo De Q 003" in five lines in black is reported by Francis J. Field, Ltd., who advise that the number issued was extremely limited as only a small number of the original 2.50p stamp was found to be on hand after the overprint had been arranged for.

Paraguay.—The designs of the new definitive air post stamps are stated by the *Philatelic Magazine* to show the Paraguayan Arms and Lion (95c), Cathedral ($1.90), and an aeroplane in flight over the Globe ($6.80). The subjects of the four other values have not been disclosed. The provisional 95c on 7c air post provisional overprinted in three lines is reported to be exhausted.

Soruth.—A new issue was to be taken into use by this Indian Feudatory State on October 1st last according to an official decree which specifies the eight denominations as follows: 3 and 6 pies, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 annas and 1 rupee.

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MORE NEWFOUNDLAND DICKINSONS, 1929

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Bauld, instead of below as in the Whitehead, Morris engraving.

There are some slight changes also in the border ornamentation, and "Newfoundland" at the bottom, is further away from the ornamentation at the lower left and right corners.

This denomination also comes, as does the 4c, with rough, and clean cut perforations.

10c War Memorial, St. John's

When the 10c Whitehead, Morris printing exhausted about the middle of September, the Dickinson production had not yet been received. However, these came to hand on Friday, Oct. 4th, and issue was made the following morning, Oct. 5th.

The color, violet, is a bit lighter, the perforation is comb 13½x13½ (the Whitehead, Morris printing comes with both comb 14, and single line 13½x13 perforation), and the paper is soft.

There are minor differences in the numerals in the upper corners, the "1" in particular having larger serifs at the top and bottom. "TEN CENTS" at the top is also more prominent than previously, as is also the "t" of "St. John's", in the vignette inscription. In the Whitehead, Morris printing there is a period after "St. John's", which is missing in the Dickinson engraving. The flames from the brazier, at the right, do not extend upward so far as in the Whitehead, Morris printing, neither do the two flames cross each other near the top, but are kept separated.

6c Newfoundland Hotel

The 6c Whitehead, Morris exhausted at the beginning of October, following which the small remainder stock of the 6c pictorial (100,000 of which were used for the August 23, 1929, provisional), served until it, too, was sold out. The 6c on order with Dickinson & Co. had not yet reached St. John's on October 24th, but was expected by the next boat from England.

8c Heart's Content

When the 8c Whitehead, Morris printing is sold out, the Department has a large stock of the 8c of the pictorial series of 1923, which will probably first be disposed of before order is placed with Dickinson. Of the 8c pictorial a total of 268,800 were sent out to St. John's, and in addition 6,507 were sold to stamp dealers through the office of the High Commissioner for Newfoundland in London. On June 30, 1927, 146,897 were on hand at the G. P. O., St. John's.

9c and 12c Publicity Series

These denominations having been included in the Publicity series, in error, will not be printed by Dickinson & Co.

15c and 20c Publicity Series

The 15c of the pictorial series of 1923 (down to 3,300 copies at the end of October, 1929) is expected to exhaust before the end of the year, and as the 15c and 20c Publicity series are lowering, these will be the next denominations to be ordered from Dickinson & Co.

14c, 28c and 30c Publicity Series

Contrary to reports in the philatelic press, the 30c is still on sale at the G. P. O., St. John's, as well as the 14c and 28c of this series. Unless a complete new series is decided upon for issue during 1930 (which from present indications seems not at all unlikely), these three denominations will be ordered from Dickinson & Co. as present stock lowers.

Remainders

On October 24, 1929, the only remainders on hand at the G. P. O., St. John's, were the 60c Cabot, the 36c Caribou, and the 8c and 15c of the 1923 pictorial series. The 24c Cabot sold out during October.

Summary

1929—Publicity series, re-engraved and recess printed by Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., London. Unwatermarked. Perforated comb 13½x13½, or 14 (1c).

1c green, Map of Nfld. and Labrador, Sept. 26
2c red, s.s. Caribou, Aug. 10
3c red-brown, Their Majesties, Aug. 10
4c deep claret, Prince of Wales, Aug. 26
5c greenish-gray, Express Crossing Nfld., Sept. 14
10c violet, War Memorial., St. John's, Oct. 5

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RECENT BREAK IN THE STOCK MARKET HAS NO EFFECT ON AUCTION PRICES

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On December 2, 3 and 4, there was sold at the American Art Association in New York City, the substantial general collection of the late John C. Williams of Morristown, N. J.

The collection was catalogued by the well-known and well posted New York stamp auctioneer, Walter S. Scott.

This sale is the first of real importance that we have had since the break in the stock market and will answer the question as to whether stock declines have affected stamp prices. It will be seen that fine United States, Air Mails, and certain outstanding foreign items, have made record prices, and that unusual items are still so scarce that there is a ready market for anything of importance. Viewing the sale as a whole, it stands out that choice United States mint blocks and singles, especially errors, are of prime importance and go higher each time a sale is held. United States covers and other choice pieces are much in demand, if in fine condition. Condition seems to be of more importance than ever, for just as soon as a stamp is described as "damaged", its price falls materially. Secondly, there is a demand for air mail varieties, especially the rare pieces. Thirdly, the general foreign issues are not in demand, and British Colonies, with the exception of the rarities, are selling at more reasonable figures than ever before. In this sale, French Colonies and South America exceeded British Colonies in popularity.

The outstanding piece in the United States section was the 24c inverted center air mail, which changed hands at $2,300.00—a record price. Further record prices included the 1893 4c blue Columbian error selling at $740.00, and the two 1909 4c and 8c on blue paper at $710.00 and $475.00 respectively, the latter price being paid for a copy described as "a trifle off-center." The 1901 Pan-American invert 1c cut in at top sold at $200.00, while the 4c, which is catalogued at $350.00, sold at $850.00. It will be recalled that in reviewing the recent catalogue that mention was made that this stamp was greatly under-priced, and that the writer at that time would gladly pay $500.00 for good copies. This stamp is fast approaching the $1,500.00 class, and is one of the real rarities of the twentieth century.

Going back to the earlier stamps, the 5c Baltimore cut from the cover and replaced, sold at $400.00, while a 10c St. Louis tied to the cover with pen cancellation reached $150.00. Copies of the 5c New York sold at from $7.50 to $40.00, depending upon condition. The "R. H. M.", which was cut into on three sides, with close margins on the fourth side, in addition to thin spots, sold at $75.00.

In the general issues, a pair of the 1847 5c used with a 10c on face of cover reached $90.00. An unused copy of the 5c with full gum in immaculate condition sold at $54.00. The 5c and 10c proofs on laid paper found a new owner at $29.00.

Among the 1851 issues, the outstanding piece was a vertical pair of the 1c from Plate III showing a crack in the right stamp. This went to a well-known Boston collection at $170.00. A 1c Type I-a on piece of cover, fine, except the lower left, where part of the scroll was cut off, brought $82.50. Copies of the 5c were only average, being cut into as a rule, and these went at from $10.00 to $21.00. The 24c imperf. with nice margins reached $175.00, while the 30c, cut into at the lower right, sold at $320.00. In the case of the 90c, this stamp certainly was not in the color nor on the paper, nor was it the impression of the variety that we consider as the 90c imperf. As a result, many collectors and dealers that were hunting for this stamp refrained from bidding. It finally sold at $500.00.

There was little of importance in the 1857 to 1861 issues, except the 3c scarlet without gum which reached $120.00.

Fine mint copies of the 1869 issue brought good prices, the 90c with a trifle more margin at top and left selling at $112.50. Cardboard proofs of the inverted centers sold from $25.00 to $30.00 each, the set of four totaling $106.00. A set on India paper of the normal proofs, including two copies of the 90c and listing $17.50, reached $16.00.

The imperforates of 1890 in blocks sold at over catalog, the 90c going at $235.00, the 30c at $132.50, the 15c at $85.00, and so on down.

The complete set of the 1895 in mint blocks of four imperforate, although sold as individual pieces, reached a total of $1,099.00. The $1 and $2 Omaha, the $2 being slightly off-center, sold at $24.00. The 4c Shermack, although described as having full gum, was found to be without gum, and unfortunately cut into. This reached $270.00, a most reasonable figure for a rare stamp.

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A block of the 10c Panama-Pacific Perf. 10 reached $41.00, while a copy of the 1914 1c Perf. 10 x 12 precancelled Dayton, Ohio, sold at $32.00. A sheet of the rare 5c error imperforate in mint condition sold at $2,900.00. Had it been broken, it would, no doubt, have brought much more. A block of the 2c imperf. horizontally No. 499-a sold at $180.00, while a block of the 3c No. 501-e part-perf. error listing $100.00 reached $125.00. A block of the 1c Surface Print, double print, cataloguing $40.00, sold at $57.50, while a sheet of the 3c double, listing $150.00, changed hands at $180.00.

There was little of importance in the collection in the way of Departments, Carriers and Envelopes. A $5.00 State off-center reached $195.00, while a fine $20.00 sold for $87.50.

The outstanding local was a wonderful Wells, Fargo and Company frank in red, on U. S. envelope 10c green, No. 2322, postmarked St. Joseph and bearing the Pony Express $1.00 red adhesive, tied with the Pony Express San Francisco postmark in blue. This wonderful piece sold at $360.00.

Among the Revenues, the early revolutionary varieties, containing the word "America" in connection with the English values, sold at prices ranging from $18.00 to $41.00. A $200.00 first issue imperforate with close margins at lower right brought $60.00, a 6c Proprietary, perforations cut in design at right, brought $50.00, and a $500.00 Second Issue cancelled lightly with pen stroke, in addition to machine cutting which penetrated the paper, sold at $575.00. The $1.00 with filled-in punched cancellation inverted center reached $110.00. The Proprietary 50c green and black, No. 3977, with slight crease sold at $53.00, the $1.00, No. 3978, with a few extra perforations $170.00, and a magnificent $5.00, No. 3979, at $230.00.

Late issues brought good prices with exception of the commoner Wine and Future Delivery varieties, the $50.00 violet selling at $82.00, the $500.00 1914 listing $60.00 at $82.00, and the $1,000.00 1914 listing $50.00 at $102.50. Both of these stamps have been bringing much more than catalogue at auction for some time.

Among the Confederates were some very choice Postmaster Provisionals on cover. A Baton Rouge on cover bringing $85.00, a pair of the 5c Nashville nicely tied $190.00, a 2c New Orleans or drop letter, a magnificent piece listing $30.00, $107.00, and a similar copy used on a 3c 1860 cover, $85.00. A pair of the 5c brown New Orleans on piece of cover listing $30.00 sold at $100.00, while another pair, not so fine, brought $35.00. A large margin copy tied to the cover sold at $35.00. A complete reconstructed plate of ten of the Petersburg were present on and off cover in pairs and singles. The singles ranged in price from $29.00 to $67.00, and the pairs from $50.00 to $90.00, depending upon condition.

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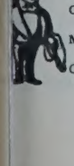

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This business of locally typeset precancelled envelopes is very much on the increase. Richard Beck of New York sends me a few of surpassing interest and design, which are shared with you so far as mere words can do so: a 1c wrapper from Tacoma, overprint very much like the contractors' type, but bars heavier, farther apart, and the middle one continuous across Ben's face. Ditto from Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, used by the same Tacoma firm that used the above. Two lines of medium size, rounded, slightly serifed caps 2½mm high, between bars 46½mm long, 1mm thick, and 16½mm apart. Beverly, Mass. First, a type very similar to the government type, bars same width, distance between them the same, but middle one continuous. Second and handsomest, two lines of heavy serifed block caps 3¾mm high between heavy bars 2mm thick, 33½mm long and 16½mm apart. Very, very striking and unusual in design. Third, three bars 1¼mm thick, 54mm long, and 8mm apart. Between the first two and to left of the impression, "Sec. 435½" in small caps and lower case; between second and third lines, also to left, "P. L. & R." in serifed caps 3mm high. All three on size 8 white. Salina, Kansas, another very unusual one: the usual three lines found on the government type, but thinner and farther apart, middle line unbroken. To the left of the impression, Salina, Kansas, in two lines of serifed caps and lower case 3 and 2mm high, respectively. The advertising on the envelope is even more original than the overprint on the stamp. It is an egg shaped design enclosing that part of Kansas of which Salina is the center, showing all the villages and towns tributary to it. Below, "If You Live Inside This Egg, Come Feather Your Nest in Salina." Tie that if you can! Size 8, white.

The old reliable, Dr. Emery, contributes four nice ones, two of them really remarkable: Holton, Kansas, in two lines of heavy serifed caps 4¼mm high, no lines or bars, very handsome. Also an almost exact reproduction of the government type, except that the "Section" clause is at top of the overprint, instead of at bottom. Both size 8, white. Boston, Mass., size 13, white, imitation of the government type, here the "Section" clause is right above the impression. Ann Arbor, size 5, white: Ann Arbor, Mich., in two lines of small serifed caps and lower case between lines ½mm thick, 29½mm long, and 14mm apart. Michigan University grads no doubt got these, judging from the return card.

Which goes to confirm our previous remarks regarding the striking characteristics of all typesets. Walt Russell seconds them, and adds that precancelled stamps in typeset types are most interesting in blocks of varying sizes, as they enable collectors to form some idea of the ever recurring shifts that almost always occur on this type of precancels. Envelopes precancelled from typeset type would not show this, as only one set up of type is made and the envelopes overprinted one at a time. Interest in typeset precancels is steadily increasing. One well-known eastern collector is starting a collection of precancels only from typeset types without bars or lines. His collection is certain to grow very slowly, because this sort of type is very seldom used nowadays, the collector has to hark back to the old perf. 10's and 12's for his material. Typesets between bars or lines are not so uncommon these days, and all are very striking.

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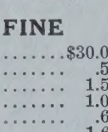

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New Postage Due Stamps

As previously mentioned in this column, the Department is considering the issuing of a new series of postage stamps some time during the first of the year. This will include not only the general issues, but an air mail series that will possibly run to $10.00 in denomination. They have now decided that at the same time, quite likely, a new series of postage due stamps will be issued, including high denominations, as there has been a great demand from the larger post offices where it is becoming necessary to use the 50-cent stamp in complete sheets. The Postmaster General has not as yet called for designs, but these will possibly be considered before Spring.

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5c Air Mail Notes—Just a month ago we remarked that additional combinations in Group III on our chart could reasonably be expected to make an appearance soon. The mail this week substantiates our statement and specimens from the 6th printing (which forms a part of Group III) have been reported from several sources. From our West Coast correspondent, W. W. Hopkinson, we have a long list of combinations he has succeeded in locating, part of which, together with reports from Mrs. J. W. Lundy, Robert M. Storms and H. M. Southgate, enables us to chronicle 77 additional combinations for this group. Here they are:

GROUP III

Center 19666, borders 19697-698; center 19668, borders 19632-696-698-700; center 19674, borders 19628-696-698-700; center 19676, borders 19629-632-633-672-673 and 699 to 703, inc.; center 19677, borders 19614-631-673-696-697 and 700 to 703, inc.; center 19688, borders 19614-631-632-673-696 and 698 to 703, inc.; center 19689, borders 19632-633-673-696-697 and 699 to 703, inc.; center 19690, borders 19633-672-673 and 700 to 703, inc.; center 19691, borders 19632-672-700-702-703; center 19692, borders 19632-633-672-673 and 700 to 703, inc.; center 19693, borders 19632-672-673.

It will be observed that specimens from five center and six border plates are reported for the first time. And for the following notes on the subject we are indebted to Mr. Southgate, who writes: "The 6th Bureau printing of these bi-colors are now coming out and we will doubtless have all combinations of borders 19632-633, 672-673, 696 to 703, inclusive, with centers 19666-668, 674 to 677, inclusive, and 688 to 693, inclusive—equally common. The printings of centers 19668-676-677 and 688 with border numbers below 19632 will consequently not be duplicated in this 6th order, and as these four center plates were used only a comparatively short time towards the end of the 5th printing they should be sought for on the borders between 19606 and 19631, inclusive."

This Spring printing then, gives us 144 combinations and undoubtedly all will be reported in time. Our Washington correspondent states in a later letter that "border plates 19640 to 19643 will not be found as these four plates never went to press", so make a proper notation on your chart and forget them. We are, however, quite anxious to have some reader report the long missing center plates, 19636 to 19639, inc. Several times we have mentioned these four plates, but with correspondents from coast to coast, we have yet to find them. We know that they went to press, but that is about all we do know. Someone, somewhere, is going to run across these numbers sometime! And speaking of rare and hard to get combinations, Mr. Hopkinson informs me that both he and Mr. Hornbeck have at last secured a copy of 598-571 which we mentioned some time ago. But he doesn't state *where* he got them, nor why only *two* were found! Perhaps . . . ?

We have also one new combination to enter in Group II; center 19597, border 19701. This gives us exactly 35 border plates to be found in combination with this much used center. Reported first from Pennsylvania (Mrs. Lundy) and twice from California.

And now we come to a subject we have somewhat neglected, due, mainly, to press of other topics. We refer to the Kansas and Nebraska overprints. Here are major varieties, and as such should interest everyone. Being an exclusive product of the Bureau they naturally fall within our scope and several letters have been received with notes from time to time. Our list of the plates appearing with the state surcharges has recently been strengthened by a report from Mr. Southgate, and, as far as I know, is complete. Here they are:

Kansas

1c 19338-339; 1½c 19181-191; 2c 19174-175, 19273, 19379-383-398, 19436-447; 3c 18126, 18803-804; 4c 18038-082; 5c 18907-908; 6c 18030-037; 7c 18736-740; 8c 18191-192; 9c 18742-744; 10c 19234-235.

Nebraska

1c 19338-339; 1½c 19182-192; 2c 19204-205; 3c 18803-804; 4c 18038-082; 5c 18-907-908; 6c 18030-037; 7c 18736-740; 8c 18191-192; 9c 18742-744; 10c 19234-235.

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73	10c 1897, un'd	.75	74	½c 1898, un'd	.03
75	1c 1898, un'd	.03	76	2c 1898, un'd	.06
77	3c 1898, un'd	.10	78	5c 1898, un'd	.30
79	6c 1898, used	.38	80	8c 1898, used	.30
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numbers also, included in the above. All of the above specimens are in the possession of our Washington correspondent who states: "It would seem probable that the 2c Nebraska would have other numbers and there is almost certainly a fourth 3 cent Kansas number—doubtless 18127. If other numbers are known I would be glad to learn of it." What is the earliest date of use of each denomination that anyone has? Mr. Southgate reports the 1c, 6c and 8c with the Kansas surcharge on April 15, 1929, and all other Kansas, April 16, 1929. The Nebraska surcharge is not as early for he further reports "all but the 1½c, 5c and 10c on April 17, 1929. The 10c, April 18th, and the 1½c and 5c on the 19th." Like everything else current, these stamps do not attract the attention past issues receive, but, nevertheless, they are important and should be secured while yet obtainable. These first plates are the forerunners of what may develop into a wide practice, and we are particularly anxious to chronicle all that have so far been located. Column readers who are interested in these stamps and who would like to know more about them may communicate directly with Mr. Southgate, whose address is 5800 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland. If you have any duplicate numbers in blocks of four you would like to trade, include such in your letters. The foregoing offer, while exceptional, is open to all readers, who are advised to take advantage of it.

Lists of plate numbers and letters on various subjects are acknowledged from Robert M. Storms, Thomas H. Hawk (2), Mrs. J. W. Lundy (2), James R. Marshall, Walter W. Hopkinson, Benjamin Cadbury, L. O. Dutcher (specimens), William Ward, Charles W. Tuttle, George H. Whitelaw, George Brett, Charles Y. Clayton, George R. McNeil (2), Karl Wilcox and Sam Ribak. These included air mail combinations, Panama-Pacific plate specimens, Kansas-Nebraska lists, Edison oddities, Canal Zone plates, etc. Many thanks.

LANSDOWNE CLUB EXHIBITION

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On November 29 and 30, 1929, the annual exhibition of the Lansdowne Stamp Club was held at the Lansdowne Bank and Trust Company in Lansdowne, a suburb beyond Philadelphia. The exhibition, which was well attended, was the fourth annual exhibit, and one who has attended the others, will readily agree that they are growing larger and better year by year. The local committee consisting of Lt. Com. R. W. Swearingen, Chairman, ably assisted by Messrs. Brazer, Emery, Hays, Hires and Meacham, deserve much credit for successfully staging one of the nicest small exhibitions that have taken place for some time.

Awards were made by the Board of Judges, consisting of Mr. Charles J. Phillips, Mr. Eugene Klein and Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr.

The grand prize went to Mr. J. R. Huston for his specialized collection of Chile. The collection is well written up, shows study and thought and contains a number of choice and unusual pieces. Winners of first prizes in the several sections were—Mr. Clarence W. Brazer, for his general United States from 1847 to 1857; his surcharged U. S. and rarities, which included such outstanding pieces as—the 1869 15c and 24c inverted center, Mr. William G. Hires for his British Colonies, Dr. John B. Davis for Canada and Newfoundland, and Lt. Com. Swearingen for his Latvia and Ukrainia. This collection is supposed to be one of the finest now in existence and contains many rarities of these two countries.

Mrs. Mary G. Cook also won a first prize with a collection of Egypt, mounted in an unusually attractive manner.

Among the non-members, first award went to Mr. Hans Lagerlof for choice, selected lot of rarities. Dr. Gittelson received second award for high value and rare twentieth century British Colonies. The first prize to the juniors went to Frank Wagenknight.

Mr. E. E. Meacham was awarded a special first prize by the judges for his unusual mounting and the collection was as well written up and mounted as any that has been exhibited in recent years. Mr. Meacham has an artistic gift and is able to make sketches upon his pages of unusual attractiveness.

Among others who received awards was a first prize to Mr. G. M. Emery for his special entry of plate varieties of the 3c Bank Note issue. Mr. Emery also showed three frames of all denominations from 1869 to 1879, including a number with unique cancellations. I offhand noted a beautiful 1869 10c with the French anchor postmark, the same stamp with a Steamship cancellation, and some beautiful 1870 24c with red and foreign mail cancellations.

Mr. Herbert C. Hays showed a very interesting collection of early U. S. not for competition.

There were upward of forty entries, which were all neatly mounted under glass in a large light room, so that they could be inspected carefully.

STRAY ITEMS—

WE have been shown by Floyd D. Schockley an Ohio River Canal cover bearing date of Oct. 18, one day prior to the use of this stamp on first day covers.

CAN any reader give us the present address of W. C. Henry, formerly of Reno, Nev. Mail is returned "Left, no address given."

WHILE Mr. Dickason has mentioned in his department the new publication *The Airpost Journal*, we feel that the WEEKLY should give it a still further complimentary word. It is a very pretentious magazine, handsomely printed and illustrated. It is possible that you may secure a sample copy of the magazine at 108 State St., New Haven, Conn. You will be fortunate in having your request honored.

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MORGENTHAU 270th SALE

On November 27, J. C. Morgenthau & Company sold at auction, a lot of general issues of United States postage and Confederate States, as well as Canada and German States. As usual, outstanding pieces brought good prices.

Among the 5c New Yorks, a pen-cancelled copy on cover, bearing large "R," sold at $60.00. A St. Louis on piece of cover 5c, No. 20, sold at $112.50, while the 10c on cover, but not tied, reached $85.00. A pair of the 5c 1847 with blue town cancellation sold at $47.00, while $38.00 was paid for a 10c from Philadelphia. A vertical strip of three of the 1851 5c close at top sold at $110.00, and a block of four of the 1851 12c close at right reached $95.00. An 1861 90c in strip of three, two stamps creased, sold at $32.50. A Baltimore 1c red Carrier, No. 1803, pen-cancelled, brought $28.00. Another on the entire cover, tied, brought $40.00. Copies of No. 1805 sold at $22.00, and a 1c green No. 1806 sold at $112.00.

Among the Canada an 1855 10p blue described as "fine" brought $32.00, an 1857 7½p with two small thin spots sold at $36.00, and an 1858 6p perforated, apparently unused, but discolored, sold at $60.50.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

THE WAY TO BUENOS AIRES

During December there will be installed on the top of the new edifice of the National City Bank of New York a powerful reflector to denote to aviators the route to Buenos Aires. It will be the first apparatus of this nature to be installed in Buenos Aires, and it will undoubtedly prove to be of great service to commercial aviation, which is developing locally to an extraordinary extent. This reflector will be of 350 million candle power with a diameter of 90 centimeters, and the apparatus will be automatic. Its blue and white rays (the national colors) will be visible at a distance of 150 kilometers.

A. H. DAVIS.

NEW SAAR CHARITY STAMPS

ESSEN, Nov. 26.

The Postal Administration of the Saargebiet which, as is well known, is under the guardianship of the League of Nations, has just commenced to mail a circular letter to collectors and dealers announcing that the Government Committee of the said territory will again issue a set of fine copper-engraved charity stamps. The circular, which is dated Saarbruecken, Nov. 16, 1929, makes no mention of the designs of the new stamps, nor does it furnish details in regard to their colors.

Below is a table from which may be seen the values that are intended to be issued, their selling prices, and the numbers to be printed:

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The sale at the post offices will probably commence towards the end of December; one is, however, willing to book already now preliminary orders, these orders to be accompanied by a remittance covering the selling value of the stamps plus postage and registry fee.

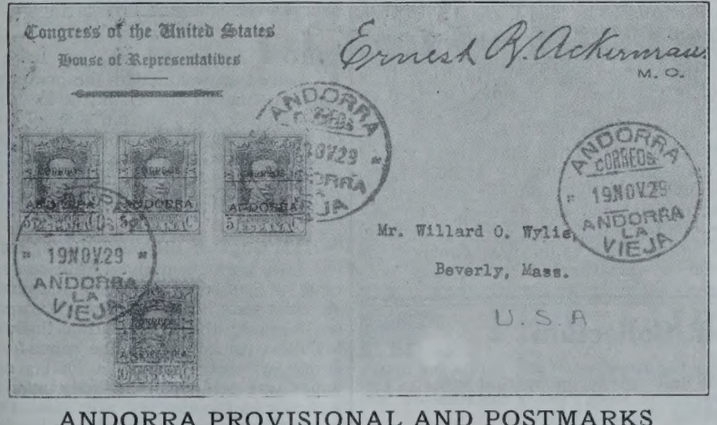
In the event of the quantities ordered exceeding those that will be printed, the stock available will be apportioned among the patrons according to the size of their orders. Arrangements will be made that a sufficient number of sets will be available for sale at the windows.

A. WAGNER.

TRAGEDY OF "LA SEMEUSE"

Stamp Collecting tells us that according to a *Central News* message from Paris, the woman who as a girl was the model for the famous design "The Sower," which was formerly on French coins and still appears on postage stamps,

has died in a miserable old age at Le Creusot. The artist Roty saw the girl barefooted in the fields, and induced her to pose for him for 16s. The one-time model recently attempted to secure an allowance from the State, but no one believed her story.



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LUXEMBURG CHARITIES

BRUSSELS, Nov. 25.

I have just received a letter from the Postmaster of Luxemburg, who writes that he will issue a new charity set showing the portrait of Princess Marie Gabrielle. It will appear about Dec. 15, and will consist of five values: 10c+10c, 35c +15c, 75c+30c, 1¼fr+50c, and 1¾fr+ 75c.

RENE BOON.

DOINGS IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Springfield Stamp Club and the Springfield Philatelic Society hold two public meetings each year, in the spring and fall, each club taking charge of the program alternately. At the meeting November 29, the Philatelic Society was the host. All collectors in the city are invited, and there are always many from neighboring cities. Five minute talks were given as follows:—Ralph Glaze, pictorial Jamaica; Everett Thompson,

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Editorial

THE Associated Press says in a despatch released recently that the Roger Williams Family Association and other groups interested in genealogical and historical subjects pertaining to New England are favoring the issue of a special stamp to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Rhode Island, in 1936. The suggestion is made that stamps or coins would fill the bill, although it may be that both are aimed at; and it is not to be said that time is not taken by its well-known forelock.

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THERE is a possibility that an effort will be made to have the post office department recognize the 150th anniversary of the death of Brigadier General Pulaski; and the United States Pulaski Sesquicentennial Commission, for whose expenses an appropriation has been voted by Congress, has the stamp question under consideration. A correspondent says that he thinks that the International Petroleum Exposition at Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be eligible for special stamp honors, in view of the fact that the President of the U. S. has been authorized to issue invitations to the Exposition, by Congress.

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A READER says that he has reason to believe that Iceland will celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Parliament in the island by a special stamp issue, among other forms of observance. Prof. P. E. Rivera, Washington, writes that there is a likelihood that Spain will commemorate the third international congress of history and geography to be held in Seville, in May, 1930, by stamp recognition, thereby keeping in step with the movement of postally acclaiming the triumphs of peaceful progress. Delegates will represent the U. S. at the gathering.

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JUST before the close of the preceding session, Congress appropriated the sum of $25,000 to effect cession of certain islands of the Samoan group to the United States, and we suppose that now Tutuila and Manua will have company in the Postal Guide and give the collector of covers from remote and obscure countries another round of philatelic rations.

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MR. LUTHER ELY SMITH, St. Louis, sends a menu of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads "Priscilla Alden Dining Car," which lists under "Postal Service in Colonial Days," nine items, the first of which is: "1673—First land conveyance of Letters between New York and Boston. Time, three weeks," and the last: "1790—Regular Mails between Boston and New York. Time, five days. Sent three times a week." The cracker on the whip is: "And such was the meaning of 'post haste' before the days" of this railroad; and none will say that it is not an admirable last line.

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SOME time in October, 1929, a reader sent in the report that South Dakota was to be singled out to have its stamps overprinted as in the cases of Nebraska and Kansas. Assuming that possibly because of an epidemic of post office robberies in South Dakota, the authorities at Washington had decided to adopt this means of printed protection, we sought confirmation of the news, without result. The subject was dropped and it would not be referred to now, if it were not that a newspaper clipping, over a month old, had been seen, which says that "stamps" would be used to advertise the resources of South Dakota on all mail going out of the state. A series of five groups of stamps will attract attention to thirty different resources of the state, if the plans of the state chamber of commerce are effected. It is interesting to see how stories are sometimes distorted and how they may have the color of truth but yet be all wrong.

AMONG the recommendations made by the Postmaster General in his annual report were some of interest to stamp collectors. One of them is to extend the privilege, canceling by letterpress in quantity lots, to postal cards so that they may be on a par with stamped envelopes, in this regard. Another recommendation is a charge to be rated by stamp or otherwise for directory service for insufficiently or improperly addressed mail.

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MR. A. F. AGNEW, St. Louis, writes that a bill was introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman Dyer of St. Louis, to bestow "free and independent" government on the Philippines. We agree with Mr. Agnew that there would be changes in the stamp portraiture of the current Philippines if the bill should succeed in attaining its objective. While we are in the Philippines, we must report, albeit with reluctance, that Jose Topacio, formerly Director of Posts, has been charged with serious delinquencies in office and has been removed from the service.

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WE were promised an authoritative interpretation of the customs regulations as affecting stamps by an officer of the treasury department who is in a position to appreciate the problems of the collector. The news comes that he has been ordered away on departmental work and inasmuch as there are forty-seven customs collection districts of the United States, which include one in Alaska, one in Hawaii, and one in Porto Rico, it is evident that there is no time for sleep on the job. Too, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the foreign goods imported into the United States were valued at the snug little sum of $4,291,857,565. We hope that the promised statement is just delayed and not defunct. Our understanding is that stamps are not dutiable *per se* but come as do other commodities under a valuation enactment that provides a tax levy on goods based on an excess over a limited invoice value.

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FROM Adam Adman, we have received an account of the prices realized on some of the U. S., in E. Luder-Edelmann & Co.'s auction sale in Zurich on November 11th. The 30c of 1869, inverted center, $990; 12c, 1851, used $13-$14-$13; 1857-60, 90c unused, $24; $2 Omaha, $14 and $2 State, used, $13.50.

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THE ways of the publicity agent are laws unto themselves. He can stimulate a fine frenzy, a fierce indignation, an embracing amiability or a rare compassion, with the wind; and he throws all his fits with an eye on the purse of his employer. Here is how a Dallas newspaper was told by a publicity man how mean stamp collectors are; and thereupon, the paper flung forth the headline: "Stamp Collectors Hound M'Laglen." We read: "The bane of Victor McLag-

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Official Items

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As winter weather sets in, at least over my particular portion of the United States, activities in the aviation world naturally slacken up somewhat, and this slackening is reflected in the absence of much in the way of definite news of future first flights. I am going to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded, and use a little material from time to time dealing with covers and flights long since out of the novelty stage. So many of our present day multitude of air mail collectors have taken up the hobby so recently that even the earlier CAM's are a strange territory to them. This fast growth is fine, but we will all do well to center our attention on some of the things we missed before we started collecting, while the new events are not coming along quite so frequently.

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At a recent meeting of one of the largest of the local Air Mail Societies, an organization boasting of over 70 active members, some interesting facts were brought out by some questions put by the President. He simply asked those who had in their collection CAM routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, etc., complete to hold up their hands. Out of that crowd of active collectors, over 50 of whom were present at the meeting, only a scattering 3 or 4 hands went up as each route was called—and they were mostly the same hands. Recently published figures on the total amount of mail carried on the first trips of these earlier routes can leave no doubt at all as to what is going to happen to prices of the covers if and when the recruits of the past 2 years start filling in their blanks. And my firm opinion, and strong exhortation, is that these collectors, who unquestionably form a numerical majority of the whole group right now, are going to be doing that very thing before very long.

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I want to repeat that the initials of Mr. Woodward, of Chappaqua, N. Y., are K. N., and not L. N., as printed through an unfortunate error. If you have had a letter returned by the Chappaqua P. M., try again, and be sure and enclose return postage. Mr. Woodward's offer of help had to do with future service from Venezuela.

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Johnny's Diary

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

(*Continued.*)

July 10.—Willy and me went to some down town offices today and got a lot of Columbians they've been saving for us. It's great to get on the good side of these office fellers. One of them had brought down some stamps he got on his brother's letters while he was travelling and we got some new ones and some nice traders. We divided the Columbians and Willy took his down and traded them to a dealer for a set of Tonga. When he showed them to Mr. Waters after supper he grinned and said a Tongoose was no earthly good, and the feller that bought 'em was the biggest goose in the outfit. I traded my Columbians to him for 2 Fiji and some France I didn't have. I got 22 new ones today and Willy only got 14 'cause he got stuck on the pretty colors of those Tonga. Mr. Waters told Willy he would he runnin' to "see Becks" next and he and another man who was with him grinned again but I couldn't see anything funny in it. I guess Becks is a dealer that gouges kid collectors.

July 11.—Willy and me went out in the country today to see Mrs. Jennings. It's 3 miles out, but it's jolly out there and we ate lots of fruit. We fought out a bumblebee nest too and ate the honey. You take a branch and beat on the hole till they come out and then try to kill them before they get to you. We almost did it, and their stings don't hurt much. I didn't think it was much use, but we asked Mrs. Jennings for stamps and darn if she didn't get out some letters her husband had wrote her before they were married, and after she had cried over them a little she let us take the stamps off careful. The only good ones were some 1853 envelopes but we got 2 with straight ends and a dozen of the common ones and a strip of 3 of the first 1 cent stamps. Tonight we traded them to Mr. Waters for another 5c 1847. I let Willy have that 'cause he got stung the most. And on the way home we saw some of the boys and traded off those envelope stamps.

July 12.—Last night I drempt that the King of France came in my room and asked if I was the boy that was collecting and when I said yes he went into his pockets and pulled out a big slough of unused France and some others and gave them to me. I was so tickled thinkin' how mad Willy would be that I hurt all over inside. While I was lookin' at 'em I came across one big one with a picture of a feller with a sword. I knew there wasn't any such stamp and said so to the King. Then the feller on the stamp sung out, They ain't, ain't they, and hopped out of the stamp and swelled up. Then he piled up on the bed and began jabbin' me in the stummik with the sword till I thought I'd die. The King was mad, too, and he came around and went to kicking me, and I was most dead when I woke up and found Mom and Pop and the doctor there. Mom says I shan't go to Mrs. Jennings any more till I learn that green apples is good for pies and not for kids. I've been too tired all day to chase stamps, but I fixed up my traders in a blank book so they look good. Willy came over tonight and we fixed up the scheme on that trycicle.

(*To be continued.*)

National Versammlung.—In 1919 the German Republic issued stamps with these two words inscribed on them. They mean "National Assembly", and with reference to the law making body in session at Weimar, these stamps are referred to as the Weimar issue.

Noah in the Dark

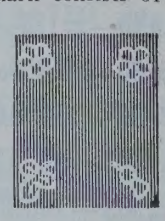
By EVERETT KLAAS.

Long ago in the ages dark
  Old Man Noah built an ark.
He filled it full of pairs of things,
  Snakes and beasts and birds with wings.
If he had lived in this day and age
  When stamp collecting is the rage,
He'd left his zoo to dews and damps,
  And filled his ark with postage stamps.

Old Man Noah with joy never thrilled
  With each blank space in his album filled,
But had to be with his ark content,
  Full of strange beasts like a circus tent.
If he had lived in the times we do
  He'd never have bothered with a zoo,
But spent the days of inundation
  Mounting stamps as his recreation.

Emblems Watermark

One of the watermarks found in connection with various stamps of Great Britain issued during the period 1856-67. The watermark consists of two roses, a



shamrock and a thistle, thus being emblematic of the three sister kingdoms of England, Ireland and Scotland. It is sometimes known as the "four flowers" watermark.

Junior Dictionary

Moscopolis Issue.—An emission of stamps of doubtful character, which are alleged to have done postal duty at Moscopolis in Epirus. The lower values, to 50 lep., are steel engravings, and some of them were passed through the post office on account of the complaisance of the postmaster. These were printed in sheets of 25, and came on the market cancelled to order en bloc; one large aniline postmark covering four stamps. The higher values, to 25dr, never did even the dubious work of the lepta values, and are nothing more than doubtfully-ornamental "labels." Later this issue appeared with a Greek surcharge also faked.

Mount Athos.—A mountain in Turkey-in-Europe rising to a height of 6,332 feet and noted for its monastery. In 1882 the stamps used in the town of the same name and surrounding district, were overprinted with a triangular control mark in blue. In 1909-10 the Russian Levant stamps used in the consular office here were specially overprinted "Mont-Athos."

Mount Currie Express. — A local post operating in Griqualand about 1873-4 in connection with which special stamps were issued.

National Bank Note Co.—A well-known firm of printers and engravers of New York, who produced all the stamps of the United States from 1861 to 1873.

Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo, now more generally known as the Dominican Republic, was formerly the Spanish portion of the island of Hayti. It is the oldest settle-

ment of European origin in the American continent, having been founded in 1494. Postage stamps for the use of this republic were first issued in 1865.

The Manufacture of Stamps

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

No. 1—Line Engraving

The three chief processes employed in the manufacture of postage stamps are line-engraving, surface printing or typography, and lithography. Other processes occasionally employed are variations of these three, which I have placed in their order of importance.

Line-engraving merits first place for several reasons. It was the process employed in the production of most postage stamps issued during the twenty-five years immediately following their invention, it is a process productive of more artistic results than any other.

The procedure adopted is as follows:—A drawing of the proposed design is prepared, generally on an enlarged scale, and when this has been approved by the responsible authorities, a copy of it, but with all the details reversed, is made by a skilled engraver on a flat slab of especially prepared steel. This engraving is the exact size the stamp will be when printed and it is technically known as the "die" or "matrix." The slab of steel forming the die is "softened" so that the engraver can work it the more easily, but when his work is complete the die is hardened and is then in such state that innumerable impressions, all absolutely alike, can be taken from it. On the die not only is the design reversed but the parts that will show in color on the finished stamps are cut *into* the steel while the uncolored parts are in relief. When the die has been hardened an impression (or several impressions if required) is transferred to a small roller of "softened" steel under a heavy pressure. On the roll the design is again reversed as compared with that on the die, the lines which had previously been in recess now being in relief and vice-versa, while the design is now like it will be on the finished stamps. This "transfer roll" has in turn to be hardened and from this the plate or plates used for printing are made. Impressions from the roller are made as many times as are necessary on the "plate" until it contains the desired number of stamps, each impression, of course, being exactly like all the others. This process again reverses the design and the impressions on the plate are exactly similar to the die, the parts that will show in color in the printed stamps being cut into the steel. Any desired marginal inscriptions, plate numbers etc., are now added, the superfluous ridges of steel between the impressions due to the heavy pressure employed, are toned down, and after the hardening process, the plate is ready for the printer.

In printing, considerable force is necessary to properly fill the hollows with ink and all that adheres to the surface of the plate is carefully wiped off. Then the paper, which has been previously dampened, is applied in such a manner that it is forced into all the small lines and hollows and so takes up the ink with which they are filled. On many stamps produced by line-engraving the ridges of color can not only be seen quite distinctly but they are prominent enough to be felt.

It will be readily understood that when the above process is properly carried out each stamp on a sheet is an exact facsimile of all the others. It requires special machinery and skilled workmanship so that it can only be employed by a limited number of firms. In some countries when stamps were first needed and the necessary machinery, etc., for high class work was not available, the authorities had to make shift with such plates as local talent could furnish. In many of these cases it was not possible or convenient to engrave a die but the design

had to be engraved direct on to the plate. In these instances, too, the plates were of copper as being an easier medium to work on. The most experienced engraver could hardly reproduce the same design twice exactly alike and as the engravers responsible for these locally engraved stamps were rarely too well skilled it follows that each design on the plate differs more or less materially from the others and owing to this fact specialists can now "reconstruct" these plates. Owing to the difficulties in the way of obtaining even tolerably close copies of the design these plates usually contained but a small number of impressions. Stamps produced by this means include such well known favorites as the 'Sydney Views" of New South Wales, 'Post Paid" Mauritius, early Tasmania, 1866-67 Bolivia, and St. Louis, Baltimore, and Providence Postmasters' stamps of the United States. Naturally, being made of such a soft material as copper, these plates soon showed signs of wear, with the result that in many cases "retouching" and "re-engraving" were resorted to. In retouching, those parts of the design which were worn away were restored, while in re-engraving practically the whole of the design was recut, often in such a manner as to be almost unrecognisable from the original.

In one instance stamps produced by line-engraving were printed direct from the original dies. This happened in the case of the famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps when the single designs engraved for the 1d and 2d labels were at once the dies and the plates.

(To be continued.)

NOVEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS

With only two months of the new year gone, L. W. Hudson has a credit of 103 new subscriptions. This is a splendid piece of work. It may have been surpassed in one of the past years, but it would take a keen search to locate the months. The Johnson Stamp Co. is number two this month with 32 subscriptions, and the Tatham Stamp Co., Hawkeye Stamp Co., and Rev. E. A. Butler follow in order. The leaders for Nov. are the following:

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The detailed record for Nov. is as follows:

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Tatham Stamp Co.	35
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Rev. E. A. Butler	28
Kolar Stamp Co.	19
H. A. Keigwin	19
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Ancher Stamp Co.	17
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N. Joseph	8
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DOINGS IN SPRINGFIELD

(Continued from page 763)

Temple of Heaven, China; William C. Stone, Papal States, Romagna and the Vatican City; J. W. Prevost, French Red Cross; B. A. Oppenheimer, U. S. 1869 issue. Bellamy Earnshaw, a young man who has lived in Burma, gave an interesting talk on the shortcomings of the postal service of that country. Refreshments were served. William S. Fearon was chairman of the committee in charge. A meeting in charge of the Springfield Stamp Club will be held in the spring.

WM. C. STONE.

HAITIAN "T. M." OVERPRINTS, 1923

By HARRY E. HUBER.

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The Star of Bethlehem made an unexpected entry as an overprint on Turkish stamps issued during the war, a six-pointed star being used in mistake for the five-pointed star that accompanies the crescent emblem of the Turks. It was replaced by a five-pointed star in 1916.

The infant Jesus is represented in the vision of St. Anthony on stamps of Portugal and with the Virgin Mary on stamps of Hungary, Bavaria, Liechtenstein, and the Saar. Among many religious subjects used on Italian stamps that on the issue of 1923 to celebrate the tercentenary of the congregation "De Propaganda Fide" is the most striking, showing Christ after the Resurrection enjoining His disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Holy Year and the St. Francis d'Assisi celebrations have afforded Italy recent opportunities of issuing stamps of religious interest, and the present year will add a set to commemorate the fourteenth centenary of Monte Cassino, in connection with which celebrations have begun and will continue for some months. A portrait of the Pope has been presented on the "catacombs" series of Spanish stamps this year.

There is a long list of saints pictured on stamps, but the St. Anthony series of Portugal is the most curious of the varied incidents in his life depicted, and for the curious invocation, commencing "O blessed tongue," which is printed on the gummed side of the stamps. The shipwreck of St. Paul is the theme of some of the 10s stamps of Malta, and a religious service the celebration of Mass on the Mount of Crosses, is depicted on the 1 peso stamp of Mexico's 1910 issue.

To these varied subjects may be added many scenes from Bible lands on the British issues for Palestine and the French issues for Syria and Grand Lebanon.

Easter Island, that remote outpost of the South-East Pacific, has its mystery for the stamp collector, small in comparison with the mystery of its mighty monuments and images. A member of the expedition in the non-magnetic yacht "Carnegie" in 1916, Captain Bradley Jones, appears to have obtained three stamps of the 1915 Chilean issue, overprinted "Rapa-Nui" (Great Rapa), the native name of the island. He and other members of the expedition posted letters with these stamps to await the arrival of the trading schooner from Chile, but the letters were never delivered. Four or five unused copies of the stamps retained by Captain Jones have been the subject of a good deal of enquiry in the United States, but no reliable information has been forthcoming.

At the time of the visit of the "Carnegie" the population was roughly 250, all Kanakas save two, the Governor (a Chilean) and a Portuguese, the sole survivor of a shipwreck who had gone native. So the need for postage stamps on Easter Island could not have been a pressing one.—*Stamp Lover.*

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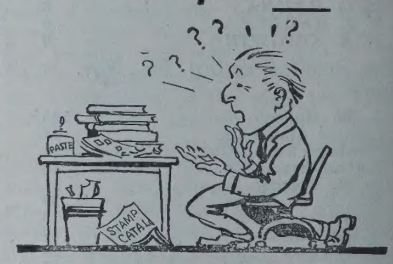

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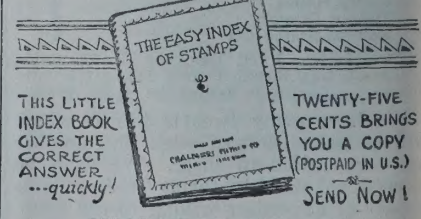
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(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Abyssinia. — According to information received by the *Economist Bulletin* we learn that by special order of the king and to more or less commemorate the first air mail flight in this country, fifteen hundred complete sets of the 1928 issue, Types A22 and A23, were handstamped in red or violet with an aeroplane surrounded by native inscription, the translation of which is "August 16th, 1929, Air Mail of the Ethiopian government." ⅛m orange and light blue (violet), ¼m indigo and red-orange (violet), ½m gray-green and black (red), 1m dark carmine and black (violet), 2m dark blue and black (red), 4m yellow and olive (violet), 8m violet and olive (red), 1T orange-brown and violet (violet), 2T green and bistre (red), 3T chocolate and green (red).

Algeria. — *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces that the current 75 centimes stamp has been changed from carmine to blue.

Andorra.—Mr. M. Galvez of Madrid sends illustrations of the new set of stamps of this country. There are five different designs, four of them picturing historical buildings, while the fifth shows a group of men with the words "Concell General" above. The values are 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 1P, 4P and 10P. Also a 20c special delivery stamp with an eagle in flight for the central figure with "Correo Urgente" in two lines below.

Angola.—The new charity postage stamp is described and illustrated in *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* on authority of Consul George of Lisbon. It is a somewhat crude production with a figure of a Sister of Mercy as its central motif, lithographed, with the inscription "Governo General De Angola" in white Roman capitals upon a solid ground at the top and "50C. Assistencia" at the foot. Issued at Sao Paulo de Loando on July 1, 1929, it represented apparently a supplementary tax on correspondence, and did not itself pay postage. The color is dark blue.

Belgium. — *Stamp Collecting* states that the values, colors and subjects of the anti-tuberculosis charity stamps to be sold by Belgian post offices between December 1, 1929, and January 15, 1930, are 5+5c brown (Cascade of Coo), 25+15c gray-blue (Bayard's Leap, Dinant), 35+10c green (Menin Gate, Ypres), 60+15c claret (Promenade d'Orleans, Spa), 1.75fr+25c blue (Roadstead of Antwerp), 5+5fr mauve (Quai Verte, Bruges).

Paraguay. — Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 50c orange, design A47, has been overprinted "C" in black.

Senegal.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns that a special issue of air post stamps is expected in this colony, which is the termini of the transatlantic air line. There will be three types uniformly inscribed "Poste Avion Senegal" and representative of aeroplanes flying over West African landscapes: one for the denominations 1, 2 and 3.50fr, the second for those of the 5, 6.50 and 7fr values, while the third will be for the 10, 15 and 20frs.

Surinam. — *Federation Internationale de la Presse Philatelique* reports that the annual issue of Green Cross stamps will be made on December 1, 1929, and will remain in circulation for the period of five months. The design reproduces a picture of the "Good Samaritan" by the Dutch painter, Andre Van de Vossen, of Overeen, the stamps being printed by rotogravure process in the atelier of J. Enschede & Sons, Haarlem, in the following denominations: 1½+1½c green, 2+2c red, 5+3c blue, and 6+4c black.

Turkey.—The *Economist Bulletin* is informed by a correspondent that one stamp in the 1929 provisional series has appeared with inverted surcharge. It is the 20pa on 1gr, bright rose, and only one sheet of one hundred stamps exists.

Whitfield King & Co. have submitted for chronicle 2k gray and 3k puce, design similar to D5, but with Latin inscription, and 6k deep violet, type A66, but with the same inscription as the other two values.

Uruguay.—*Bulletin Mensuel* records the numbers of the triangular parcel post stamps issued last August: 10c, 50,000; 15c, 50,000; 20c, 5,000; 25c, 50,000; 50c, 25,000; 75c, 20,000 and 1p, 15,000.

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By DESLEY L. TAYLOR, Carleton, Neb.

I received some information about the five and ten cent overprinted **Nebr.** stamps precancelled Hastings, Nebraska, that might be of interest to you.

Of prime concern is a letter from A. L. Bickel at the Hastings post office in which he states:

"The Postmaster referred to me your communication regarding the **Nebr.** overprints which were precancelled at Hastings, and I will try to answer the questions therein.

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A. F. Gamber had the following to say:

"The Hastings office usually precancels everything in stock. There was a time not so long ago, but now past, I believe, when considerable favoritism was practiced there in precancelling. But this isn't the only office that has precancelled the state controls. Several of the Kansas and Nebraska offices have done so. I saw a note the other day of a Missouri office having overprinted a two cent Kansas. I know the departmental rule forbids such overprinting, but what is an office to do that has none other to precancel? If postmasters obeyed every rule made for their benefit (?) they'd be as busy as you and I would be if we obeyed every law passed."

Joseph J. Gloeb, publisher of *The Precancel Bee,* Omaha, writes:

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I know a fellow who can't tell which is the top side to an Afghan stamp. He buys two of each and mounts one each way. One is bound to be right.
—CHEDDI HASSAN (Arabia Felix).

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How e'er it be it seems to me
'Twould be but in a measure just
To future "lambs" to have a stamp
Commemorate that Wall Street bust.

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Mother: "Java nice time at the Reunion today?"
Daughter: "No, Victoria spilled Chile and Greece on my New Jersey."
—Stamp Crazy (Baltimore).

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OH, BOY! A JAZZ STAMP

My idea for a 1929 commemorative would be one large enough to show *Geo. Rogers Clark* sailing down the *Ohio River Canal* with *Major Gen. Sullivan* before him holding an *Edison Jubilee Light* to guide him, and *Anthony Wayne* bringing up the rear as a body guard.
—SAN DIEGO BUG.

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I was inclined to laugh indulgently over the names of the Newfoundland towns depicted on the Guy issue, Cupide and Mosquito. But these U. S. A. towns of yours take the ivory pancake. A map of Pennsylvania yields "Frogtown" and "Duck Run." West Va. has Left Hand and Odd Barn. Washington gave Cactus and Horse Heaven. And Texas smiles upon us with Ozone and Turpentine!
—CHEDHI HASSAN (Far East, A. F.).

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There is one thing in favor of the Ohio River stamp—it's no funnier looking even when it is upside down.—CHET. HODGSON.

One more design like that Dam stamp and we'll crawl into a hole and pull the hole in after us.—*The New Southern Philatelist.*

And anyone who says, "That Ohio River Canalization stamp is all wet" ought to be drowned.—R. M. CAMP.

Why not shorten "Ohio River Canalization" to "ORC", pronounced "ork"—next thing to squawk?—D. F.

The local P. O. must have received its supply of the new commemorative today, for I overheard a clerk say, "These Dam stamps won't stick."—EVERETT KLAAS.

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First Cockroach: "You seem all stuck up these days."
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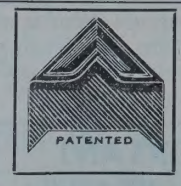

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PRECANCELLED STAMPS

(Continued from page 759)

The half center, once boomed as a stamp that would always be scarce precancelled, is coming out in great numbers now. Many business firms prefer it on circulars, because the presence of two stamps thereon makes the recipient think he's drawn something of value, whereas the presence of the humble 1c brands it on its face as a mere circular, which is dumped pronto. The Department recently issued a request that firms use the 1c rather than two ½c, and then proceeded to fill requisitions from four cities, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and New York, for Bureau Prints in ½c value. This no doubt accounts for the great numbers of ½c we see precancelled now.

And while on the subject of the ½c, mark it down as absolutely the homeliest stamp this country, issuer of the world's homeliest stamps, ever issued, bar none.

Considerable good white paper and good black ink is being wasted in debating the relative merits of Bureau Print catalog listings by states versus by cities. It reminds us of the old debate, shall we mount an inverted precancel so as to show the stamp inverted or the precancellation inverted? And both of them approach in merit that still older question for debate, which is older, the hen or the egg? Mount them as you please, you are the one to be suited. And arrange your Bureaus by states or by cities, as you please, they're yours. Mine are arranged by states and always will be, no matter if the catalog is always arranged by cities, because I started them that way and don't want to change.

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AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 765)

Mexico City-Laredo line, abandoned last March when the Brownsville route was opened.***George H. Kieley relays word from P. M. Gerald Bliss, Cristobal, that several hundred covers, with remittances, are in his office waiting for first flights to Trinidad, Venezuela, the Guianas, etc. Mr. Bliss says that these covers are still held, in absence of instructions pending possible future first flights. He will return them on a request, accompanied by return postage. He does ask, however, that collectors do not bother his office any more than is absolutely necessary with letters of inquiry, and I hope you'll cooperate with Mr. Bliss, who is undoubtedly one of the most obliging Postmasters on the job anywhere.

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You might be interested in a list of stops on FAM's 9 and 5, as given in a recent Dept. of Commerce Bulletin: Buenos Aires and Mendoza, Argentina; Santiago, Antofagasta, and Arica, Chile; Mollendo, Lima, Talara, and Paita, Peru; Guayaquil, Ecuador; Tumaco and Buenaventura, Colombia; Colon and David, Panama; Punta Arenas, Costa Rica; Managua, Nicaragua; Belize, Br. Honduras; Havana, Cuba; Miami, Fla. You'll notice that Cristobal, C. Z., and Tela, Honduras, are missing from the list. Cristobal mail is doubtless handled by the Panama stop, but I have no explanation for the omission of Tela, unless it is only a southbound stop.

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I made mention last week of Uruguay mail carried on the Buenos Aires extension of FAM 9, and I have now received covers sent by the same flight addressed to Paraguay. These have the Asuncion backstamp of Oct. 20, six days after that of Buenos Aires.***Beginning Jan. 1st, the Miami-San Juan part of FAM 6 will go on a daily instead of tri-weekly schedule. Miami-Nassau service reopens the same date. Service on the Miami-Havana line goes to seven trips a day, though this is primarily for passengers, and may or may not affect the mail schedule.

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I have recently received covers from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, backstamped Tela, Oct. 7, the same date as the postmark at Tegucigalpa, and received at Cristobal the 17th. A round cachet in magenta reads: "Servicio Postal Aereo-Tegucigalpa-Tela-Miami-Primer Vuelo-D. G. C.-Oct. 7, 1929." These covers bear the overprinted Honduras air mail provisional stamps, about which there has been some discussion recently. I should appreciate any more detailed information about these covers.

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See last week's Stop Press for announcement of a new Canadian service opening Dec. 20th.***Word of the inauguration of experimental service Montreal-Quebec-Moncton-St. Johns, Dec. 9th, arrived too late for publication. If you are on the Canadian P. O.'s mailing list (P. O. Dept., Ottawa), you got the news in time to get in your covers.

Airport Dedications, Etc.

I believe that this is a particularly opportune time, what with Armistice Day, Wright Anniversary, and route anniversary cachets coming thick and fast, to express my own opinion on a few more things. As I see the present tendency with the average collector, airport dedication covers, certain major shows and meets, and a select few of the other unofficially sponsored cachets are still going strong. There is an unmistakable tendency, however, to more and more pass up these very unnecessary—to say the least—26th anniversaries, and similar covers. Some events are legitimate objects of commemoration and some are not, and common sense should draw the line. The cure lies with collectors themselves, as behind practically every such cachet, sponsored by contractor or Chamber of Commerce, are one or several local collectors, whose normally better judgment is for the moment obscured by their enthusiasm for the local event. As I stated when undertaking the compilation of this column, I shall publish news of *all* events wherever possible, and let the reader choose what he wishes to collect, but I can't help expressing my own personal thoughts on the subject. A little birth control which will prevent some of these cachets from ever appearing will prevent a lot of future weeding out—of that I feel certain. One thing to congratulate ourselves on, anyway—I've seen no Thanksgiving Day cachets!

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Chas. G. Reiss tells me that the Schenectady, N. Y., airport was dedicated June 1, 2, and 3, 1928. June 1 covers, of course, bear the CAM 20 inaugural cachet; none was used the other 2 days. Does anyone have covers of either the 2nd or 3rd?***Looks like someone was kidding us on that so-called Auburn, Me., dedication Nov. 8th. C. of C. says no airport, or prospect of one, and covers were evidently mailed out to get rid of them.

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Duluth, Minn., dedicates next July 4, 5 and 6, and C. of C. say they already have 3,500 covers in for the cachet.***Paso Robles, Calif., plans did not work out, and there will be no dedication there. However, C. W. Horn, of Atascadero, nearby, tells me that covers sent in will be held for the Atascadero dedication, which will take place soon after the 1st of the year.***Miami, Fla., says no cachet for Air Races or Dirigible Airport dedication Jan. 13-15.***Hendersonville, N. C., C. of C. will sponsor a cachet soon for a dedication which is doubtless that of the Asheville-Hendersonville airport.

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National Glider Conference at Detroit used cachets from Dearborn on Nov. 23, Detroit the 24th, in a variety of colors.*** My notes on the Selma, Ala., dedication, which took place on Armistice Day, made it appear that the cachet was merely in commemoration of Armistice Day, whereas the occasion very definitely was the dedication of a new airport, planned for the summer, but postponed till Nov. 11th, and sponsored by the Legion.***R. I. Weiss reports covers mailed on the occasion of Gov. Byrd's Air Tour of Virginia. These came from Port Richmond, bear the red cachet used for the Oct., 1928, dedication, with the words, "Annual Inspection Governor Byrd Tour, Nov. 21, 1929" written under it.

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Charles Urnick, Jr., mailed covers for the World Engineering Congress in Tokio, Oct. 29-Nov. 22, and received them dated Nov. 7th, but with no special cachet. Anyone else try this?***Huntington, W. Va., cachet evidently arrived, as covers are at hand, dated Nov. 26.—Nice cachet, anyway.***Pontiac, Mich., celebrated its new post office with a cachet Nov. 25, and on Nov. 27 dedicated a new hangar, this also being the 1st anniversary of air mail service on CAM 27 locally—special cachet here, also.***First Anniversary CAM 30 produced a duodekagonical (?) cachet from each city on the route, colors varying.

Antonito, Colo., mailed 1,500 letters by the special flight to Alamosa, Nov. 11th, on the occasion of the Alamosa dedication. Antonito did *not* dedicate, having already done so Nov. 12, 1928, using no cachet at the time. Edward Friedman very kindly sends me a cover bearing both the Antonito and Alamosa cachets, which he says is one of 4 so cacheted.***S. K. Steinfeld says that about 1,300 covers were mailed from the Menafee dedication at New Orleans on Nov. 2, and about 700 on the 3rd.***Butler, Mo., C. of C. mailed about 500 letters from their dedication Sept. 10.

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Those that make the wheels go round this week: R. I. Weiss, *Edward Friedman, Chas. G. Reiss, Charles Urnick, Jr., *Lyndon E. Fletcher, Geo. Nowobilski, **George R. McNeil, C. W. Horn (telegram), Anna M. Schafer, *Alois G. Thienal, Jr., Floyd Shockley, Major C. M. Lopez, K. N. Woodward, S. K. Steinfeld, Leo. L. Ross, Billy Buck, Geo. H. Kieley, L. B. Gatchell, Maurice S. Petty, J. Frank Braceland, Jr., *William A. Temple, Kingdom and Kingdom.

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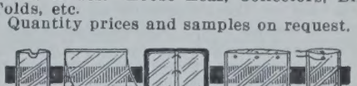

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By G. SEYMOUR THOMPSON.

It may be news to some people that the illustration of the overprint of the Sudan first issue in Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue is not true to any type and more nearly resembles a type of forgery than the genuine. The matter is to receive attention, I am informed, in their 1931 catalogue, when it is hoped that the six normal types can be illustrated. Such an illustration might be more helpful than pictures of pretty but comparatively valueless stamps.

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It is doubtful whether the obelisk illustrated in the second type of Egypt is intended to be "Cleopatra's needle," as some authors describe it. The particular obelisk, now a feature of London life, lay for many years prone upon the sands at Alexandria. Pompey's column is also at Alexandria, but there is an obelisk now *in situ* at Heliopolis (late On), one in Paris, one in New York, and, of course, several in Upper Egypt. As the "Needle" only come to London in 1878, and the stamps were produced in 1867, it is possible. The two columns symbolize Egypt under the Ptolemies and the Pharaohs respectively.

Whilst on the subject of minutiæ, can anyone decipher the registration number of the motor-cyclist on the new Egyptian Express stamp? I make it Y203 followed by the Arabic equivalent.

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Students of the 1867 Egyptian issue will notice the variety of expressions upon the face of the Sphinx. Sometimes the eyes are merely sightless, sometimes they have pupils, and in one version there is a sideways leer, the enigmatical smile of the Sphinx, a prototype of the Mona Lisa. The amorphous sphinx of the 1872 issue gave place to an artistic and far too polite a version in 1879, an "April Fool" joke perhaps (see catalogue, p. 306), which should be compared with the photographic type of 1914. The Pyramids, bereft of their outer casing of alabaster, are now merely a succession of steps, large tapering to small, and no philatelic version is sufficiently "close-up" to demonstrate this. The Turkish type 78 shows a view familiar to tourists who take the train from Ghezireh to Mena House at fairly high Nile.

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To be comfortable in Egypt one must speak five languages, English, French, Greek, Italian, and Arabic. King Fuad, although completely identified with the interests of his country, is Turkish, not Egyptian, and his own language is Turkish: Arabic he had to learn like George I learnt English, but thoroughly. Telephone numbers can be asked for and wrong numbers obtained in any of the five languages, and all have swear-words; the postman, usually a pukka Egyptian (possibly a Berberi, a native of Upper Egypt), can decipher addresses in every one of these languages, and the skill and accuracy with which he does so and delivers letters in streets without names and to houses without numbers (usually they are known by the names of their builders or first owners) is little short of marvellous. Five languages have been used on the stamps up to the present. Greek not yet.

Few outside Egyptian specialists are aware that the envelopes have a watermark "Postes Egyptiennes" in a cursive English hand. On the 2 cent with head of Isis (see S.G. 30 for type), the watermark and wording of the stamp are in English, the former being "Egyptian Postage" in the same hand, a well formed educated type, and one wonders to whom it may have belonged.

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The cartouche of King Fuad, which appeared first upon the stamps of the International Geographical Congress series of 1925, appears again as a *sub-motif* in the International Navigation Congress stamps of 1926. The design of the Royal Barge would probably be copied from some mural inscription, but visitors to the museums of Cairo and London will have seen the little models which were retrieved from the tombs.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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the United States inverted center, the outstanding piece was a Newfoundland Hawker described as "a superb copy", but was later found to contain a slight pen hole, due to the postmaster's initials on the back. This reached $800.00. The second rarity was a Colombian Republic 1909 2c carmine, No. 481, listing $350.00, which sold for $475.00. The Honduras air mails all brought good prices, most of them going well over catalogue. The 20c brown, No. 406, reached $57.00, and the 1 peso green $150.00. The Sweden, 20 ore on 2 ore, cataloguing at $150.00, sold at $230.00. Judging from the United States and air mail auction prices, the present new catalogue prices are certainly no reflection of value.

Among the foreign, outstanding items of importance were: British Bechuanaland Protectorate 1888 10 shilling, $70.00, British Columbia 1861 5c rose with crease, $230.00, Canada 1857 6c violet on thick, soft wove paper, unused, no gum, $50.00, 1912 die proofs 1c to 50c complete, $110.00, China 1912 Nankin issue, $2.00, $76.00 and the $5.00, $200.00. A very choice Colombian Republic 1862 20c on original cover brought $82.50. A Cyprus 1922 £1 fraction off-center, $41.00, East Africa 1903 50 rupees, $58.00, 1912 50 rupees, $26.50, Egypt, Port Fuad, the three low values $20.00, and the 50 piastres, $86.00. French Colonies, in many cases, brought very good prices, the Hoi Hao 1901 15c, No. 6, listing $125.00, sold at $195.00. A Lagos 1884 5 shilling, $52.50, and a 10 shilling, described as "one that had lost some of its freshness", $67.50. A Natal 1902 £5 sold at $100.00, and a £10 of the same issue at $700.00. An item among the great rarities of the twentieth century, namely, Nigeria 1904 £25 reached $2,150.00. A Bushire Coronation issue 6c, $525.00, while the 3t reached $160.00. The Philippine special printing of 1903 1c to $5.00 complete sold at $155.00. St. Christopher 1887 1 penny on 2½ pence with the small surcharge was sold to a London dealer, subject to the Royal Philatelic Society guarantee, at $800.00. The St. Vincent 4 pence on 1 shilling, $127.00, while a Samoa G. R. I. 1 shilling reached $300.00. A copy of Straits Settlements 1904 $100.00, No. 120b, listing $400.00 sold at $420.00. A Tobago 1879 £1, $150.00, while among the Togo British overprints a 30pf, No. 169, $260.00, the 40pf, $230.00, and the 50pf, $400.00. A Zanzibar 1908 30 rupees, $54.00, 40 rupees, $84.00, while a Zululand £5 sold at $112.50.

The remark was made that many of the foreign stamps went at such reasonable prices, due to the fact that a collection of this proportion was sold in such a short time.

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The first commemorative stamps were issued on January 2, 1893. They were known as the Columbian Series in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the Discovery of America. This exhibition, which was held at Chicago, was postponed a year because of the inability to complete the exhibits in 1892. Since the first issue of commemorative stamps the Department has placed in circulation but 26 such stamps in addition to three memorial stamps.

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The Commemorative stamps approved from January 1, 1928, to December 9, 1929, were:

Valley Forge, May 26, 1928; Hawaiian Sesquicentennial, August 13, 1928; Anniversary of Battle of Monmouth, October 20, 1928; Civil Aeronautics Conference, December 12, 1928; George Rogers Clark, February 25, 1929; 50th Anniversary of first electric lamp, June 5, 1929; Sullivan Expedition, June 17, 1929; Battle of Fallen Timbers, September 14, 1929; Ohio River Canalization, October 19, 1929.

NOTE.—Above reached our Portland office early Monday, A. M., with the following remarks: "Enclosed is a remarkable article that has just come from the post office department that deserves front page prominence. I should like to have it appear as soon as possible*****. I have given the article a series of headlines, which you may use or not as circumstances dictate.

C. E. SEVERN.
CHICAGO, *Saturday Afternoon.*"

DENIES LABRADOR SALE TALK

LONDON.—Sir Richard Squires, Premier of Newfoundland, emphatically denies press reports that negotiations are in progress for the sale of Labrador Territory to the Canadian government. He has frequently been approached by British, American and other interests for various concessions, but there is no prospect of any part of Labrador being ceded to any country, he declares.—*Wall Street News.*

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HAITIAN AIRS, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The 50c de g air mail stamp, ordered in July last, from the American Bank Note Co., was received at Port au Prince towards the end of October, and while the intention was to place it on sale on Nov. 1st, along with the 10c de g Frontiers Treaty commemorative, that being a holiday, the Post Office was open for only a short time, and it was decided to defer issue until Monday, Nov. 4th—announcement to this effect was made in an "avis" of October 28th.

AVIS

L'Administration Generale des Postes, d'ordre du Departement du Commerce, porte a la connaisance du public qu'elle metra en vente a ses guichets, a partir du lundi 4 Novembre prochain, les nouveaux types de timbres suivants:
G. O. 10 cts. commemoratif du Traite dominicano-haitien du 20 janvier 1929, a l'effige de S. E. Mr. Louis Borno, President de la Republique.
G. O. 50 cts. a vignette d'aeroport pour service d'avion.
"Port au Prince, le 28 Octobre, 1929."

The stamp is horizontal rectangular, 45 x 22½mm, the same as the 35c de g Cafe, issued February 6, 1928, and was engraved and recess printed in violet by the American Bank Note Co. of New

York, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10), unwatermarked, and perforated single line 12. Under each stamp of the sheet "American Bank Note Co." appears in small colored caps.

A tri-motored monoplane, in flight to the left, over a landing field is the outstanding feature of the design. In the background are mountains, and in the left foreground, coconut palms. At the top, in bold lettering against the sky, is "Republique d'Haiti—Avion." In the lower corners are the numerals of value "50", with "Postes—Centimes de Gourde", in two lines between. The lettering and numerals are in color.

The statement in the philatelic press that the landing field is that at Cap Haitien is not correct, as to the knowledge of the collaborators of the rough pencil sketch made locally, and sent to the American Bank Note Co. in May last, it represents no airport in existence. There are mountains back of Cap Haitien, but there any resemblance ceases, as the landing field at Cap Haitien is a saline.

First day (Nov. 4) covers with the 50c de g air stamp attached were delivered in Pittsburgh on Nov. 8th, whereas letters mailed from Port au Prince the same day, and forwarded by steamer, arrived only on Nov. 19th.

The die proof of the G.1 air stamp received from the printers was in maroon, but as the International Postal Union has recommended that stamps representing foreign air rates be printed in blue, the Haitian postal authorities requested that the G.1 be printed in this color. The stamps were received about November 21st, and were issued on Saturday, Nov. 30th, first day covers being delivered in Pittsburgh, on December 6th.

The G.1 differs from the 50c de g design only in the denomination at the foot of the stamp—the numerals and "Postes—Une Gourde" are in colorless instead of in color, as on the 50c.

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MR. H. R. JANSEN wrote us to say that Peridromophily in his opinion was the lowest quotation in the collecting market; this formidable term is supposed to dignify transfer collecting. Mr. Jansen says that he would rather collect telegram blanks, of which there are some charming varieties. "We all ran the gamut to tobacco tags, birds' eggs, etc., when boys, but nix on the transfers."

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Filatelic Oddities

Edited by SEVARD.

We have noted with interest Mr. Nickles' *Washington Stamp News* printing statistics about the number of stamps issued for the 20th Century Commemoratives. The statistics are well worth having, if but for the interest to be conjured by them. We sincerely doubt that any mathematical formular will yield a price basis, using the tables printed. In Newton's equations of motion there is a factor "i" which is called the factor of ignorance, so that we reach accuracy only when we learn an empirical value for "i", based on actual experience. To get this experience, one must be an active seller, rather than an active buyer. Why not buy some stamps *now?*

Some few years ago, continentals were gravely concerned over America's evident paucity of a banana supply, as we all sang, "Yes, We Have No Bananas". Mr. W. C. Simpson, 627 Celeste Street, New Orleans, sent us the new Standard Fruit and Steamship Co. meter which bears an advertising slogan, "Eat Bananas, Always Good Always Available". A bunch of bananas is shown, which, if taken by and large, looks like a skeleton's hand. This in red means we should eat only red bananas, or beware of the skeleton's claws.

After we have gotten a reasonable supply of these meters, we shall dilate more fully on them, as to manufacture, types, and forms. We brought attention to these some years ago when the Neopost advertised that its machine would save one the time and cost of imprinting a corner card on business envelopes. The first Neopost we have is from London, dated 11 x 26, and startles us stamp collectors by using the slogan "Neopost your mail. Don't use Stamps", all enclosed in a boxlike contraption looking slightly like a casket. This is numbered N 1. This resembles the first day cover from London for a meter, then called a franker. It was used by the "Philatelic Magazine" of London. The slogan used Mar. 1, 1923 was "Don't use stamps get a Franker". This was manufactured by the Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd., 346 Strand, London, W. C. 2. These both are machine number one. Of course, you all know that our first meters, whereas accurately known as for design, are lost to the world, as no known copy exists, in

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spite of keen search for them. The first Pitney-Bowes impression for mail purposes is in the New York Office of the meter company. In the recent stock market slump, the value of this first time cover stayed the same.

Among the envelope issues, we recently found we had gathered enough of the die A white paper, size 13, window style envelopes with the 1925 diagonal watermark. This is scarcer than the 1925 horizontal watermark. Thus far we have listed only three envelopes as being common. The die A white paper, size 13, window with 1925 horizontal watermark at .00046, the same with 1925 diagonal watermark at .00060, and the size 9 with 1925 diagonal watermark at .00070. The cut square for any of these still remains at .00004.

And up bobs that Hawaii surprint again. Hawaii surcharges belong to Hawaii, Canal Zone surcharges to Canal Zone, Cuba surcharges to Cuba, and Brooklyn precancels to Brooklyn, not New York City. Who brought that up anyway?

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By FRANKLIN S. SMITH.

While the collecting of the precancelled postage stamps has been the rage for the last few years, the precancellations of the Proprietary Issue of 1898 have not had the attention they deserve. Especially the printed cancellations which were typeset and among which many major and minor typographical errors exist. Where electrotypes were used no important mistakes are found in the date lines, which had to be periodically changed, but in setting the form for a pane or a large block of stamps many curious mistakes were made by the typesetter.

The printer for Dr. Kilmer & Co. seems to have little regard for dates, for on the 1¼c are found 1-31-'90, 3-10-'90, 1-9-91', and on the 2½c 1-26-'90, 1-31-'90, 1-9-91', 2-9-91', and 3-28-91' inverted. And, by the way, the same fonts of type were used on the Government issue as on the postage stamps which got Dr. Kilmer into trouble. Type II is found on the ¼c 7-19-'98, 5/8c 7-15-'98, and 1c 7-19-'98; Type III on the 5/8c 7-15-'98.

The printer for McKesson & Robbins did himself proud when he gave us OCTCBER-1898 on the ¼, 5/8, 1¼ and 2½c, AUCUST-1898 on the 1¼ and JUNE 2 1999 on the 2½c. The capital C is neither a broken O nor an imperfect G, but a clean cut C out of the C box, sorted as O and G and picked out and set without inspection.

Pepsin Syrup Co. dated a 1¼ Apr 1 9101; the Wells Richardson Co. has Mar. 38, 1901 on the 5/8, Sopt. 10, 1900 and Mur. 8, 1901 on the 2½c; T. B. Dun Co. getting away with Jan. 3, '98 on the ½c.

Aside from the doubles, inverts, missing periods and commas, occurrence of commas in the place of periods, and the reverse, there are many other interesting varieties. The printer for Dr. D. Jayne & Sons ran short of numerals 1 and 9 in printing the 1901 cancellations, so there are many datings with figures from several fonts. W. F. Severa also has innumerable varieties from the same cause. J. Wyeth & Sons used a handstamp on the 3/8 and 5/8 dated JUN. 28, 1898, and there are four printed types of Jun, 29, 1898 on the ⅛, ¼, 3/8, 5/8, 1, and 2c.

To obviate the making of new electros the Alcock Mfg. Co. cut the numeral 1 of 12 and half the last cipher of 1900 from the 12-12-1900 to make 1 -12-190(and H. E. Bucklen & Co. cut off the last cipher and half of the O of CO to get Jan, 190 on the 5/8, 1¼, and 2½c. The Antikamnia Co. cancellations have four varieties of the numeral 1, three positions of the hyphens and two varieties of the O, circular and oval. I have the only copy known, of the inverted 4-3-1900 on 5/8c, and have yet to learn of the existence of its mate on the 1¼c. Ripans Chemical Co. derived its name from the initials of the ingredients used in their remedy for indigestion; Rhubarb, Ipecac, Peppermint, Aloes, Nux Vomica and Soda. There are also many cancellations with only the date, lacking the initials of the firm using them, as well as a number of odd designs neither dated nor initialled. That of the Imperial Soap Co. has two rosettes of twelve rays each on the ⅛, ¼ and 3/8 in black, and the 5/8 in red. The U. S. Coat of Arms is printed in black on the ⅛ and 5/8 and an odd cancellation is a row of small pyramids on the ¼ and 3c.

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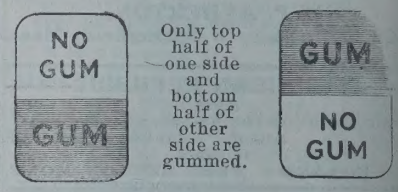

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WE recently made an inquiry concerning W. C. Henry, formerly of Reno, Nev. It was productive of a letter from Mr. Henry, who was in Mexico City at the time. He writes us that he is "hopping around this mundane sphere, and with no particular place to call my home, I have not been receiving my mail regularly. I expect to get East again the first of the year, and I will try to drop in on you."

A VERY handsome price list is at hand from Anton Huber, 48 Nordendstr., Munich, Germany. It is particularly strong in air mail stamps, Zeppelin covers and packets by countries. Both wholesale and retail prices are quoted. A copy will be sent to any address on request.

HARRY E. HUBER was elected Secretary of the Philatelic Club of Pittsburgh at the annual meeting December 2nd. Five members, headed by Dr. K. M. Day, the President, journeyed out to Akron, O., and attended the 10th anniversary doings of the Rubber City Stamp Club.

WE are indebted to Michael Miller for a clipping from a Baltimore, Md., paper announcing the death of Henry Adams, a philatelist of long standing and a member of the A. P. S. The clipping in question gives an extended account of Mr. Adams' activities. He was President of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Institute, held a federal position, and during the World War was engineer of the U. S. Fuel Administration for Maryland and Delaware. He was a member of many societies. Apparently in good health, Mr. Adams joined his family for dinner Dec. 9, and was stricken at the table. He was dead when a physician living nearby reached his home.

COLUMBUS COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

By Percy C. Smith.

Argentine Republic issued on October 11th last three new stamps to commemorate the 437th anniversary of the discovery of America, by Columbus. They were officially issued on October 12, which is a general holiday in Spanish America. The stamps are watermarked and perforated 13, and of the following values and shades: 2c purple-brown, 5c rose, and 12c blue.

U. S. Bureau Prints

H. M. Southgate, *Editor*,
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Dec. 1, 1929.

This list shows orders placed up to Nov., 1929, by towns not appearing in the 5th edition of the Bureau Print Catalog. Up to this writing no report has been seen of items from Amarilla, Tex., Clinton, Iowa, Fitchburg, Mass., or Yonkers, N. Y. Through the courtesy of Dr. Mitchell or others, I can report that items from all the rest have been seen.

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Clinton, Iowa.—1 coil.
Cumberland, Md.—1 ord.
Fitchburg, Mass.—1 coil.
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Spokane, Wash.—1, 1½ ord.
Yonkers, N. Y.—1 coil.

Do our readers want the next edition of the Bureau Print Catalog to be arranged by State-town or Town listing?

When Hoover Bros. took over the publication of this catalog the arrangement was changed from Town to State-town listing to conform to the General Precancel Catalog, as "the general collector would find it very confusing in having to use different methods of listing in referring to two parts of the Catalog" (Quoted from foreword 5th edition the Mitchell-Hoover Catalog of United States Bureau Precancels). The publishers further invited suggestions to show why the reverse, i.e., Town listing, will better serve the collecting public.

State-town listing, or State listing for short, consists of arranging the Catalog alphabetically by States and sub-listing the towns in the state. If a want list calls for an Adrian Coil you look for the Michigan stock of duplicates and find Adrian heading the list, if you have one to swap. With Town listing you turn at once to Adrian and do not have to think whether it is located in Michigan or any one of the other 14 states blessed with an Adrian.

Precancel collecting started with the United States as the field, but with the thousands of towns using locally printed precancels very shortly only the enthusiast with plenty of time and energy could cover the country, and specializing in states or groups of states, etc., became the scope of a great number of collectors. Later the Bureau Prints came into the picture and were welcomed by the local precancel collector in his collection.

The present arrangement of the General Precancel Catalog was a logical outcome of this changed method of collection, i.e., specializing by states, but the change from the Town listing to State listing was only effected after a considerable time spent in argument by those principally interested in state collections probably.

Thus, the great number of towns using local prints was primarily responsible for the change years ago in the general catalog. A similar condition does not maintain, however, with the Bureau Prints. The first Bureau Print Catalog listed 96 towns—complete to April 17, 1926. Nov. 1, 1929, we have 179 towns using Bureau Prints, and the rate of increase is reasonably constant at less than 20 towns per year.

There is consequently little likelihood that the number of towns will increase, before precancels drop out for some other method of cancellation, to such an extent that collectors will not cover the whole field. Specialization by States need not be looked for in Bureaus.

While the State arrangement is best probably for the local type collector, there has arisen a vast number of collectors who now recognize that the Bureau Prints being a product of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are necessarily an inherent part of any United States collection that aims at completeness. These are the collectors who have no use for local prints, but have gone wholeheartedly after the Bureau Prints and caused in many cases the demand to exceed the supply. They are the ones who asked for their own catalog and to whom the listing by towns is of importance—in comparing check lists, exchanging, etc.

One may arrange his collection as he pleases, file his duplicates as he wishes, but if he gets a want list made out by States and his duplicates are filed by Towns it is a much greater task to check than if lists and stock were arranged in the same way.

Now the publishers I know wish to accommodate the many, and they have asked for votes to find out who's who. If my readers have any wishes in the matter send in to me your vote, pro or con, on State or Town listing, and we can see if the large number of collectors of Bureau Prints only exists as I have claimed and if they desire the Town in place of the State listing.

A TRIBUTE TO L. L. GREEN

By C. A. Howes, F. R. P. S.

The death of L. L. Green was announced last week, and many old-time philatelists will mourn his passing. He represented all that was highest and best in philately, and Boston especially will miss his genial personality.

Mr. Green's philatelic activities began when he was a school boy, and he never lost his interest in the attractive bits of paper. He had a general collection originally, and really always remained a general collector at heart, though as the years wore on there were naturally limitations to the keeping up of such a collection. Of course there were certain countries in which he had a special interest, and British Colonies were among these, Ceylon, St. Vincent, St. Helena, and British North America being perhaps his strongest groups, the outstanding gem of the latter being a fine mint copy of the "Connell" stamp of New Brunswick.

But his special hobbies became finally his United States and his specialized collection of Hawaiian numerals. The United States were a remarkably fine lot, including mint copies of the 12 cent and 30 cent *premières gravures* of 1861. A novelty he was quite proud of was an unused half sheet of the 15 cent 1869. This collection won a silver medal in the Boston Philatelic Society's series of exhibitions. But his Hawaiians ranked among the famous collections of the world, including a 13 cent Missionary and the various issues of the numerals in unsevered sheets, reconstructed sheets including a *tête-bêche* sheet of the 5 cent "Interisland" with a block of six and of four inverted, with respect to each other, and singles with various missing letter varieties.

Another hobby was a collection of original covers, largely of the older issues, including the higher values of the United States stamps and a fine lot of locals. A nice selection of Confederate States was included, and a strong showing of the old German States. Mr. Green is reported to have remarked, "Yes, I have a fairly good general collection, but if I were to go back and begin all over again, knowing what I do now, I should collect only stamps on the original covers."

As a young man he had the dealing "fever" to some extent, advertising in

Stop Press News

DEATH OF CHAS. E. SEVERN

Charlie Severn has passed on!

The hand falters as it attempts to convey the sad news to the host of friends who will be astounded at what has taken place.

Mr. Severn's death occurred in Chicago, Saturday, Dec. 14, and as these lines are penned the Managing Editor is speeding westward to pay his tribute of love and respect to one who for 30 years has been a business associate of ability, culture and integrity.

DAYTON (O.) ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Dayton Philatelic Society was held Dec. 9, and attended by 28 of the membership total 36. It was decided to hold another exhibition next year, and a committee will be appointed in January. Our exhibition was crowded continually from the opening 1 P. M. until 10 P. M. There was a total expenditure of $100.48, which included dinners for 18 out-of-town guests. It is estimated that more than 3,000 people of Dayton and surroundings visited the exhibition, and all expressed surprise and interest at the beautiful exhibits. We have applications from eight collectors who were unaware there was a stamp club in Dayton, and numerous others expressed a desire to start collecting. New officers for 1930 are: Pres., Dudley B. Bishop; Vice-Pres., Carlton W. Smith; Sec., Walter C. Pfanner, Engineers Club; Treas., Tom Mitchell; Director, Carlton C. Putnam; Sales Mgr., Wm. J. Rueger.

D. B. BISHOP.

PHILADA. A. P. S. CHAPTER

The November meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the A. P. S. found 16 in attendance. Dr. Lindsay, Rev. C. C. Silvester and Messrs. Emmert and Klein entertained the members with exhibits. Mr. Emmert showed his Scandinavians about 99% complete in single copies nearly all mint.

CHESTER STAMP CLUB ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Chester (Pa.) Stamp Club was held in the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday, Dec. 10. The following officers were elected for 1930: Dr. Walter E. Egbert, Pres.; Milton H. Bickley, Vice-Pres.; Walter A. Reinhardt, Sec.; Arthur H. Noyes, Treas.; William N. MacIntyre, Chairman Board of Directors. The Club will hold a public stamp auction in January. Any one not a member may get an auction list from Harry A. Lee, S. E. Cor. 24th and Edgmont Ave., Chester, Pa.

NFLD. 6c DICKINSON, 1929

On Sept. 1, 1929, only 421 of the 6c pictorial (100,000 of which were used for the Aug. 23, 1929 provisional) remained in the Wholesale Dept. of the G. P. O. St. John's. These, along with the 6c Whitehead, Morris printing of the Publicity series, exhausted at the beginning of October.

The 6c Dickinson reached St. John's on Nov. 8th and was issued the same day, the first sheet being sent to Harbour Grace, for which office a large order was then being filled.

The color is a bit brighter, the perforation comb 13½ x 13½ (instead of comb 14), and the paper is soft.

The scroll work in the upper corners differs slightly; the numeral "6" in the lower corners is more squat, and there is no period after St. John's in the vignette inscription.

15c Alcock & Brown's Plane — The 15c of the 1923 pictorial series (down to 1,000 copies on Nov. 15th) is expected to exhaust within a few weeks, and as the 15c Publicity is lowering, an order for a supply of this denomination was placed with Messrs. Dickinson & Co. early in November. The stamps are expected to be in hand for issue by the middle of January, 1930.

The New Contractors—The name of John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., has previously been associated with paper making, and this seems to be their first effort in the actual engraving and printing of postage stamps. Judging by the stamps which they have so far produced for Newfoundland, their work compares favorably with that of their predecessors, Whitehead, Morris, Ltd.

HARRY E. HUBER.

WINDOM, MINN., ORGANIZES

Windom, a city of about 2,500 and situated in the southern part of Minnesota, had its first real stamp meeting November 27, when about twenty-five enthusiastic philatelists met at the office of W. F. Sanger, and organized the Windom Philatelic Society, the first and only society of its kind to be organized in this part of the state.

Windom is known among stamp dealers as having more mint "blocks of four" collectors than any other town of its size. At least twenty-five collectors are very active in this direction, and several more are beginning.

The Society voted to meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. Officers are: A. A. Quevli, Pres.; Roy Billings, Vice-Pres.; and N. M. Nelson, Sec.

N. M. NELSON.

DECEMBER, 1929

AIRMAIL STAMPS

MINT

Scott No.		Price
*520-2	U. S. 1918, 6c, 16c, 24c	1.40
*608-10	1923, 8c, 16c, 24c	.75
*624-6	1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c	.65
*201-4	Alaouites 1925	2.00
*265-8	1925	.75
*209-12	1926	.40
*601-7	Albania 1925	3.50
*608-14	1927	4.00
*615-21	Albania 1918, rare	6.75
*501-19	Argentine Rep. 1928, complete	12.50
*675-7	Austria 1918	.60
*678-85	1922-4	1.25
*686-95	1925	1.25
*696-702	1926	4.25
*301-7	Bolivia 1920	9.00
*308-10	1928	.70
*801-16	Brazil 1928	17.50
*201	Canal Zone 1929, 15c on 1c	.20
*202	1929, 25c on 2c	.45
*601-9	Chile 1929, 9 varieties	4.90
*451-5	China 1921, 15c to 90c	2.90
*456-60	1929, 15c to 90c	2.25
*301-4	Congo 1920	.65
*147	Costa Rica, Lindbergh	2.75
*504-6	Czechoslovakia 1920	3.75
*510-12	1922	.35
*401-3	Danzig 1920	.30
*404-9	1921-2	.30
*410-16	1922-3	.30
*428-32	1924	1.80
*701-3	Denmark 1925-6	.30
*	1929, new 50o & 1kr	.60
*351-5	Dutch Indies 1928	2.50
*356-60	1928	2.00
*401-8	Ecuador 1929, 2c-10s, very rare	15.50
*251	Egypt 1926, 27m deep viol.	.25
*	1929, 27m brown	.25
*201-6	Estonia 1920	3.50
*207-8	1920, perforated	5.50
*212-16	1924	1.00
*218-22	1925	.65
*351-2	France 1927	1.25
*501	Fr. Morocco 1922, 75c deep blue	6.00
*502-3	1922, 1fr & 2fr	1.00
*504-6	1922-3, 25c, 50c, 75c	.50
*507-11	1927	.90
*561-70	1929	2.75
*403-21	Germany 1922-3	.35
*422-8	1924	3.25
*429-35	1926	2.75
*437-8	1928	2.25
*751-4	Greece 1926	.60
*651-2	Hungary 1918	.60
*653-55	1920	.10
*656-9	1924	.45
*660-1	1925	1.15
*662-9	1927	1.20
*701-4	Guatemala 1929, 3c to 20c	.90
*	Haiti 1929, 50c & 1g, just out	.50
*	Honduras 1929, 3 surcharges, just out	1.50
*301-2	Iceland 1928-9, 10a and 50a	.35
*551-2	Italy 1917, 25c & 25 on 40c	.35
*553-7	1926-7, 60c to 5l	1.10
*451-2	Japan 1919, 1½s & 3s, rare	3.50
*251-2	Latvia 1921	.60
*253-4	1921	1.80
*201-4	Lebanon 1924	1.50
*205-8	1924	1.00
*209-12	1925	.60
*213-16	1926	.55
*217-20	1927	.60
*221-4	1928, rare	.80
*225-8	1928	.50
*413-16	1926	.90
*233-7	1929, 0p50 to 25pi, complete	6.50
*401-7	Lithuania 1921	1.50
*408-14	1921	.50
*415-17	1922	.50
*418-20	1922	.30
*432-5	1923	.85
*440-2	1926	.35
*301-7	Memel 1921	8.00
*308-19	1922 (except 318)	1.10
*320-30	1922	.70
*901	Mexico 1922, 50c, rare	7.50
*902	1927, 50c	.80
*903-4	1928, 25c (2 var.)	.40
*906-11	1929, Carranza set	1.75
*	New set, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35c.	.85
*504-5	Netherlands 1928, 40 & 75c	.75
*706-8	1929, 1½, 4½, 7½gld	6.90
*202	Newfoundland 1919, $1 on 15c.	6.50
*203	1921, 35c red	2.50
*701-3	Nicaragua 25c (3 different)	1.20
*	Official, 25, 25 & 50c, rare	2.00
*120-6	Norway 1925 (North Pole)	.85
*501	1927, 45o	.20
*701	Panama 1929, 25 on 10c	.80
*702-4	1929, 10c, 15c & 25c	.90
*400-2	Paraguay 1929, 2.85 to 11.30p	1.50
*403-6	1929, 3.40 to 17p	3.50
*407-9	2.85 to 11.30p	1.25
*410-15	95c to 17p (6 var.)	2.95
*1101-14	Persia 1927, 1c to 10k, rare	21.50
*1117-21	1928, 3k to 3t	18.50
*1122-8	1929, 1c to 2k	1.20
*802	Peru 1928, 50c dark green	.40
*328-38	Philippines 1928, 2c to 1 peso	15.00
*401-9	Poland 1925, 1g to 45g	.40
*266-81	Portugal 1923, 1c to 2esc	3.75
*701	Russia 1922, 45c green & black,	1.50
*702-5	1923	5.50
*706-9	1924	.60
*710-11	1927	.25
*701-5	Spain 1920	1.00
*706-11	1929, 5c to 4p	1.50
*501-3	Sweden 1920	1.00
*275	Switzerland 1919, 50c	.75
*276	1919, 30c	3.00
*277-82	1923	.80
*283-5	1924	.80
*286	1925	.08
*287-8	1929	.25
*310-13	Syria 1922, rare	3.00
*318-21	1924	1.35
*322-5	1924	.90
*326-9	1925	.50
*330-33	1926	.45
*513-16	1926	.60
*334-7	1929, complete	1.00
	1929, Damascus Exposition, 7 var., complete	1.35
*201	Tunis 1919	.45
*202	1920	.25
*203-6	1927	2.15
*207-9	1928	.50
*301-4	Union of So. Africa 1925, rare	2.50
*305-6	1929, 4p & 1sh	.50
*601-3	Uruguay 1921-2	9.50
*604-6	1924	1.85
*610-13	1926	1.75
*614-25	1928, 10c to 3.80 pes.	26.50
	1929, 8c to $4.50, complete	26.00

CANCELLED AIRMAILS

522	U. S. 1918, 24c carm. rose & blue	.35
522	Same, used block of 4	1.75
522	Same, used center line block	3.50
608-10	1923, 8, 16, 24c	.35
624-6 644	1926-7, 10c, 15c, 20c, 10c	.25
421-31	Lithuania 1922	6.00
902	Mexico 1927, 50c watermarked	..
501-3	Netherlands 1921	.40
801	Peru 1928, 50c violet	3.00
401-8	Siam 1925	1.75
501-3	Sweden 1920	.65
609	Uruguay 1925, 45c	2.00

AIRMAIL COVERS

U. S. - Canal Zone 1929, carried by Col. Lindbergh, inaugurating the airmail service 1.00
Canal Zone-U. S. 1929, Col. Lindbergh's return trip, with 25c Canal Zone Airmail stamp 1.00
U. S. - Mexico 1929, carried by Col. Lindbergh from Brownsville to Mexico, inaugura airmail 1.50
Mexico - U. S. 1929, Col. Lindbergh's return trip, with 25c Mexican airmail stamp 2.00
Costa Rica Lindbergh, first day cover (Scott's No. 147) 4.00
Lakehurst-Friedrichshafen, Oct., 1928, First Zeppelin mail from the U. S., Rare 3.50
Newfoundland, Scott's No. 203 2.50
Panama - U. S. 1929, 25c orange, Lindbergh Inaugural flight 1.50
Same, stamp with inverted surch. 25.00
Paraguay - Argentina, with first provisional airmail set 5.00
Switzerland 1919, 50c, flown cover (No. 275) 2.00
Uruguay 1925, 45c (No. 609), flown cover 2.00
Tejeria - Tapachula, Mexico, first flight cover .75

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the *Youth's Companion*, and again after his retirement from the Suffolk Savings Bank he associated himself with the Hub Stamp Co. of Boston in 1920. He was one of the Charter Members of the Boston Philatelic Society, being elected its Treasurer when organized in 1891, and serving continuously in that capacity until 1908, when he was honored with the Presidency of that prominent Society, in which he served two terms. He was also a member of the American Philatelic Society. He was quiet in manner and quiet in his collecting, but obtained no less pleasure from philately for that reason, and was one of the "solid men" of our pursuit.

Among those present at the funeral service, besides the writer, were Messrs. Batchelder, Hill, Barker, Nevins, Hutchins and Coburn. The impressive Masonic ritual service was a part of the service.

L. L. Green was one of the finest men I have ever known, highly respected and genuinely loved by his friends. What more can a man wish for?

PERILS OF THE P. O.

Customers at the post office get a real fright now and then, I am told. Without warning a gong sounds, windows are slammed shut and the would-be purchaser of stamps finds himself gazing into a pair of derringers, held by a clerk at the window. It seems this is part of the government's preparedness zeal.—Chicago *Daily News*.

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The distance between Edmonton and the extreme northern posts, approximately 2,000 miles, will be covered by an alternate monthly service, while points between will have a weekly or monthly service, according to location and distance.

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Editorial

THE question of commemorative issues is getting out of bounds, but we have confidence that the post office department will exercise proper restraint in the treatment of a subject that has entered the minds of many persons, a great number of whom are interested in it for reasons wholly unconnected with philately. It is true that the postmaster general did invite suggestions for stamp designs some time ago, but the understanding was that the proposals were to be examined with the idea of applying them to a possible new issue of stamps. However, it seems as though there has been a flood of requests for special stamps in the train of the invitation of the postmaster general. Correspondents have acquainted us of campaigns that have for their object the issue of commemorative stamps in behalf of persons and places, some of which are worthy in every respect. It is an impossibility for the department to recognize all of these pleas with favor, and the advisability of limiting the special issues is not to be controverted, under the circumstances. As a matter of news interest, the intentions of those pressing for stamp favor are recorded, but we cannot be placed in the position of judging the merits of the plans. The accounts that are given are submitted without prejudice, and readers are asked that they dispense with our cooperation in working for commemorative issues.

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FOR instance, there was a request for a special stamp to be issued in 1929 to mark the centennial of the first run made by a steam locomotive in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and a stamp memorial on the anniversary of the sinking of the Maine was given support. Over a year ago, there were thirty applications for commemorative action, some of which were brought into stamp being. We believe that it is not enough that resolutions for stamps pass congress; they must carry special appropriations and be made mandatory upon the post office department before stamp results are obtained.

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WE thank Mr. S. Tanner Greene for a flight cover on the Quebec-Montreal flight, and other correspondents who have sent in various interesting envelopes, bearing different cachets and postmarks. While we do not name each of our friends we would have them know that the evidences of their kindness are not lightly esteemed.

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MR. R. E. ALMANN writes that he has found a number of old covers with stamps on them antedating 1868, mostly 3c values, which had lain in a bureau drawer in an attic for years. He calls attention to the fact that each of the stamps is nibbled around the edges, evidently by mice, who made a repast on the gummed paper, which seems to have been flavored to their liking. Mr. Almann says that it is fortunate that he has found no valuable stamps in the lot! Mice have been known to gnaw at stamps, and sometimes make mincemeat of them, and various types of borers have been found to consider stamps their prey, but fortunately, instances of pest activity at the expense of stamps are not common in this country.

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RECENTLY, the Chicago "Daily News" contained an article, "Yeh! There's Santa Claus: It's in Indiana," which told in a readable way of the town of Santa Claus whose existence has been known to collectors for some time, but of which the public has not been aware, generally speaking. Santa Claus does not get much mail except at Christmas time, when hopeful youngsters bombard him in the belief that he will not fail them, but even so, we suspect that the bulk of the mail comes from persons who want the postmark of the patron saint of the children on their letters. In fact, it is said that "some eight or ten thousand pieces come to him in packages with the request that he cancel and mail them from his office. People from as far away as New Zealand have learned of this little town and wishing their Christmas greetings to be even more Christmasy, send them to Santa Claus. Postmaster Martin cancels them all by hand." It is our belief that Mr. LeGrand Payne of Indianapolis was the philatelic discoverer of Santa Claus, as it seems a good many years ago that he sent us a cover with the holiday postmark.

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THE following letter has been received from Mr. J. L. Summers: "My experience in sending to different countries for stamps has been one that may be characteristic of the general trend. The wisdom of your warning to secure information from the different sources of stamp supply has been confirmed in my case. First of all, it is necessary to conform to the regulations in the letter, else your money will be returned. I do not find that my suggestions as to centering are carried out in many cases and the stamps are not in the condition I want them to be. My correspondence is in English, and I suppose that may account for the inattention that I have noticed." Certain examples of treatment against which Mr. Summers complains are cited, but we do not specify them. It is evident that there are a number of things to be taken into consideration by the patron of foreign offices, who often finds that it is best to buy the stamps desired at home, after his fling.

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MR. W. F. GOERNER, Edgewood, Rhode Island, has sent us a number of bills for postage sent by the postmaster of Newport, R. I., in the '50's to debtors on account of letters, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals and "occasional papers." On a bill for a quarter in 1860, we find "stamps charged for" to the amount of $59, certainly a fine line of credit on a class of goods famed in song and story as the complement of spot cash. The most interesting bill in Mr. Goerner's sheaf is one dated, Newport, R. I., with the first entry: "To postage stamps of Letters from July 1 to Sept. 30, 1851." Across the end of the slip is the printed injunction: "Box-holders are respectfully requested to purchase and use stamps on their prepaid letters, instead of marking them to be charged." Mr. Goerner says that the fact that credit was given for stamps (under different postmasters) and that bills did not have to be paid promptly will be an eye-opener to us today. He adds that Newport in the '50's was no mean city.

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THE following suggestion has been received from Mr. H. W. K. Hale, Montreal, Canada: "Regarding the design anomaly on the two-cent stamp of the Quebec Tercentenary issue mentioned by Major Morell, in his notes published in the issue of December 2nd, which consisted of an extra line at the right of the panel bearing 'IIIe Centenaire de Quebec', might it not be a shading line intentionally placed at the right and not repeated at the left? Note the shadings on '1608' and '1908'; also the line under the panel. Shadings were placed at right end and at bottom, and not at left or on top. The other designs follow this rule for shading." Another reader who qualifies as an engraver says that the line on this stamp is a part of the design by intention.

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A LETTER from Mr. Herman Cope, Philadelphia, Pa., asks that we publish data on Quaker postmarks. He says that he has seen, heard that there are a number of them in addition to the one that he has: "Colerain, 1st Mo., 21, O." In this postmark the number for the month is used instead of January. The Quaker postmarks have been made the subject of some attention, we know, but we should like to have the latest compilation of them, and any provision for the use of the variation in postmark made by the postal authorities of the times would be of special interest. Mr. Cope's envelope bears the 3c of 1857-60.

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I believe, and I am sure that there are many more persons in the south, as well as in all other sections of our country, who will agree with me that it is fitting and proper, and only right and just, that these historic facts be commemorated by a stamp of a series of stamps.—MAURICE GOLDSMITH, Selma, Ala.

(Note.—We understand that the 150th anniversary celebration of the Battle of King's Mountain, North Carolina, is to be held on the battle ground October 7, 1930; and that President Hoover has been invited to attend.)

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Just a word of thanks for the kind congratulations which I have received in connection with the A. A. M. S. election. I did not seek the office for which my name was put up, but now that I have been elected to it, I shall hope to justify the trust placed in me.

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Wonder how many of you have had the opportunity to see one of the cover collections formed by one of the old-timers in the hobby, who got them while they were in the making? I've had such a privilege lately, and I assure you it's a thrill. Leaving all financial consideration out of it, these mementos of the pioneer days are surely a sight to see. Not the least interesting feature of such a collection is the assortment of letters and messages thereon and in. "I'm going to buy one of these things if it really works", on the back of a card showing the intrepid flier and his bamboo, canvas, and wire contraption, and all sorts of similar messages are to be found. Most of us can't afford to get together such a collection now, but I'd suggest that every collector ought to have at least one of these early covers to show along with all the later ones.

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I don't make any attempt to make this a "tip" column, but I'm expressing a strong personal opinion when I say "Buy Canada". Some 50,000 covers were sent in for the recent Arctic Circle flights. That means that a lot of folks have made a start on Canadian covers, and a fair proportion of them are going to take the inevitable back trail for the ones that came before. Recent government flights, with their attractive cachets and wide spread advance advertising by the Canadian P. O. Dept., have produced plenty of easy-to-get covers. But get back of the Prairie flights of a year ago, and you'll find a different story. Where we now have thousands and tens of thousands, a short time since we had only a few hundreds even on the better known trips. The semi-official stamps are coming into stronger demand in line with the air mail stamp boom in general.

I am informed by several persons that night flying will be inaugurated over CAM 30 soon after the first of the year. The contractors will provide a cachet—unofficial, of course—commemorating the service. Covers sent to postmasters will show by the postmark that they went on this service, but if you wish the cachet, look up the list of addresses given a few weeks ago in connection with the anniversary cachet Dec. 1st, and send night flight covers to these points. Covers arriving too late for the anniversary, by the way, are being held for the night flight.

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On Nov. 30, Pan American-Grace Airways extended service from Buenos Aires to Montevideo, Uruguay, carrying mail both ways so far as I know, though I have seen no covers. No announcement on this came from Washington, so this extension was apparently by arrangement with the South American countries concerned only. It is very possible that the U. S. authorities may yet announce the official extension of FAM 9 for U. S. southbound mail. It all sounds a bit involved, and it is. A somewhat similar situation existed in May on FAM 9, where the *Panagra* was doing business inter-country, and carrying mail north to Canal Zone some days before FAM 9 was officially opened, and we had two first flight covers—both carried by the same company from the same cities, one lot simply foreign flown covers, the other and *later* lot being the FAM's. About the surest bet I know is that most of us who think we have a fairly decent FAM collection are due for a rude shock when the new catalogs give us all the dope.

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The *Postal Bulletin* of Dec. 7 gives a "Revised schedule of FAM Route 9", which adds to the complications. Starting with Cristobal, we find, in addition to the points which I listed last week, the following: Puerto Pizarro, Piura, Pimentel, Camana, Arequipa, and Ilo, Peru; Copiapo, Ovalle, and Mendoza, Chile. No statement is made as to first flight date, or any similar information. They're just on the route now, and I'd like to see some first trippers either to or from!

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W. G. Robb gives the proper translation of that "Ambulante" postmark I couldn't figure out on some Mexican

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No. 2—Surface Printing

We now have to consider another process of engraving—a process by means of which more stamps have been produced than any other and the method which is now most generally used. This is known as surface printing or typography and it is just the reverse of line-engraving, for in engraving the dies, the lines of the design are made to appear in relief, or *épargne* as it is called. From this die or matrix as many impressions as are required to compose a plate are taken in gutta percha, lead, papier maché or other suitable material. These blocks or moulds have the design in recess and would be of no use for printing from.

They are, therefore, clamped together in a "forme" in the exact manner in which the stamps will show on the finished sheets and by means of a galvanic bath a thin film of copper or steel is deposited evenly over the surface of the whole forme. This film receives a backing of type metal and forms the printing plate, the method of printing being similar to that employed in printing newspapers, circulars, books, etc., from ordinary printer's type. The plates, of course, vary in size and arrangement. Sometimes there is only one entire "cast" for the plate or it may be there are two, four, or more which are clamped together (generally with a space between) to form the plate. When there is more than one cast the resulting divisions on the printed sheets of stamps are known as "panes."

It will be understood from the foregoing that in both the line-engraved and surface printing processes a die has to be engraved first of all. When, however, there are several values in a set all of similar design and only differing in the denotation of value, one original die or matrix serves for all. This die has the scrolls or tablets for the values blank. From this original as many replicas are made as there are to be values in the set and these "secondary" dies are then engraved with the necessary particulars and serve as the dies from which the plates are made. Or it may happen, as in the case of the 1891, 1893 and 1896 issues for Hayti, that from the original die with blank tablets a plate of the desired size is made and casts from this are taken for as many different denominations as are required. These plates are completed by the engraving of the different numerals of value.

Stamps produced by both typography and line-engraving are frequently printed in two colors. This means that separate dies and plates are necessary for each of the two colors and also two printings. In the case of bi-colored stamps printed by typography one plate often serves for the production of the main portion of the design for all the values in a set. This plate is known as a "head-plate." As many other plates—called "duty-plates"—have to be made as there are different denominations in the set.

In the case of certain British Colonial stamps the same head-plate serves for the stamps of several different colonies. These "general" plates are used in the printing establishment of Messrs. De La Rue & Co. and their use by the smaller colonies materially reduces the cost of printing their different supplies of postage stamps. All they have to provide are the duty-plates and in many cases the same duty-plates have been used (by Seychelles for instance) for the stamps showing the portraits of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V.

(To be continued.)

Study Your Stamps

Datia.—The modern spelling for the Indian Native State of Duttia as shown upon the postage stamps issued there since 1898.

Davis, R. E. — The postmaster of Pleasant Shade, Virginia, in 1861, who issued special 5c stamps for local use pending the arrival of the regular labels for use throughout the Confederate States.

Davis's Penny Post.—A local post of Baltimore in connection with which special 1c stamps were issued in 1852.

En Creux.—An expression used in connection with stamps produced by line-engraving. The lines of the design are cut *into* the plate and thus are described literally as "in creases" or "in depressions."

Johnny's Diary

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

(Continued.)

July 13.—We saw Jenny Dobbs this morning and got her crazy for that trycycle. We told her how cheap it was at 8 dollars, and she said she'd ask her mother to buy it for her. So we took it down there after supper and her mother said she'd buy a whole flock of tricicles (that word never does look right) rather than have that child pesterin' her to death as she had been all day, so we got our 8 dollars for it. Then we hustled around to the kid that wants a bicycle and talked to him. I asked him if he didn't think his Pa would buy him one if he paid half himself, and told him we'd give him 10 dollars for his collection. He was tickled to death and went in and asked his Pa, and his Pa said he would if Jack would pay half on a $25 wheel. That made us tired, because he came back and said his collection was a daisy and he wouldn't sell it less'n $12.50. The book was mighty well worth it anyhow, so we took it and told him the rest of the money Saturday, and you bet we hugged ourselves when we got away. He had 1,500 stamps nearly, and we'll get more'n 400 apeace for our collections, and any amount to sell and trade. They don't cost us hardly anything either, that's the beauty of it.

July 14.—We stayed out of the baseball game this morning and went to dividin' those stamps. Gee, we did get some daisies! He had a lot of good Depts. with full sets of Interior, War and P. O. with some of all the others. I saw a New South Wales big shilling watermarked 8. I asked Willy should we count watermarks in dividing and he said no, it would take too long, so I took that one and let him have a 3c Exec. I know Mr. Waters hasn't got that N. S. W. I've been sticking stamps in my book all evening and guess I'll dream about 'em again tonight.

July 15.—Willy and me got together after church and counted up again. I've got 1,181 kinds, and he's got 1,329, as near as we can tell. It's awful hard to count a collection and keep straight. You can count 7 times and come out different every time. Willy can't figure how I caught up so much and still got as good stamps as he did, too. I'll beat him or bust by the end of the month.

(To be continued.)

Attila Made None

By EVERETT KLAAS.

Attila the fierce came out of the east
And raided the world like a savage beast.
Attila was noted, as we learned in school,
For treating his captives inhumanely cruel.
He burned and tortured with fire and rod
Until he was known as the Scourge of God,
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Has now been long numbered among the dead,
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A private post, authorised by the Austro-Hungarian government, for the conveyance of mail between certain cities in Serbia, Bulgaria and Roumania along the Danube and the Black Sea, and also from those cities into Austria and Hungary. The service was inaugurated in

1865, during the Russo-Turkish war, and was in operation as late as 1874. At least nine different steamers made regular trips in connection with this service, and a special series of four stamps was issued for the prepayment of the mail carried. The genuine stamps are quite scarce, those so frequently found in collections being nothing better than reprints.

Austrian Charity Issues

By EVERETT KLASS.

The first charity set by Austria shows Francis Joseph, the next one has some warlike scenes; soldiers, cannon, aeroplane; then come three with Karl and Zita in gray-green, magenta, blue; next a set to relieve the hardships some flood sufferers went through. Then a set of fine engravings shows musicians, some without hair: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss and Wolf are there.

Views of famous cities follow: Bergenz, Salzburg, Eisenstadt, Klagenfurt, Innsbruck, Linz, Graz, Melk, Vienna; then after that, a set of strange futurist pictures—wonder what they can be? Then the Nibelungen issue, one of the finest sets we'll see. Last, a set for Michael Hainisch, who was their first president—when we're showing our collection we'll know what they represent.

Junior Dictionary

Native Paper.—Paper of Oriental manufacture, used in the production of the early stamps of Japan and for some of the stamps of the Indian native states of Nepal and Kashmir. The Japanese paper is either wove or laid, and is of a peculiarly tough fibrous nature; while the Indian variety has the feel and appearance of parchment paper.

Nadruk.—The Dutch word for "reprint" and it is found impressed on the backs of most of the reprints of the 1852 issue for the Netherlands.

Name Tablet.—The space provided in "general" plates—such as the "Postage and Revenue" plates employed in printing so many of the British Colonial stamps—for the insertion of the name of the particular Colony requiring supplies from these plates.

Napoletana.—The Italian rendering of "Neapolitan" as shown upon the stamps for that province.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

In this joyous Christmas season
May all stamp collectors feast
On a perforated Turkey
Mounted on some plated Greece.
—Everett Klaas.

To solve that Christmas tree lighting problem, Max Freshwater suggests stringing up a few Edison Bright Spots.

Dear Prof. Gummy: Will the price of Turkey stamps go up around Christmas? —*San Diego Bug.*

Ans.: Yes, to balance the going down of Java stamps. But watch out for cold storage, and underweights, Buggie.

R. E. DUNLOP.

Old Santa is a fine old man,
Old Santa he's a dandy;
But I hope he'll not
Put my gift of stamps
In the same sock with my candy.
—Everett Klaas.

"Just think," I said the other day, "Christmas will soon be here and we can take it easy. Won't that be lovely?"

And just then a heavy postal directory zipped past my ear. Now what ails that postal clerk?

R. E. DUNLOP.

We're the Jumping Bean.
Where is that F. F. Forum?
This question keeps me vexed—
On just what page to find it,
And where it will be next.
—Chet. Hodgson.

(Maybe Santa will put a permanent home in our sock.—R. E. F.)

A BULLY YULETIDE IDEA

Hey, Freddie! You know that Mom usually gives Pop some lace curtains for Christmas, and he gives her something like a box of cigars. I'm going to give them each a set of stamps I want, and if they don't want to start a collection it ain't my fault.

CAP'N A. C. T.

ATTA BOY, ST. NICKIE

If Santa Claus had his own way,
No big bag would he carry,
He'd bring a pack of postage stamps
To each Tom, Dick, and Harry.
—Everett Klaas.

A HOLIDAY THOUGHT

Over in China the missionaries buy babies with used postage stamps, so it is said. I guess we could buy quite a few with the money we put out for used stamps.

—*San Diego Bug.*

If the kid vote cut any ice with the P. O. D. there would be a set of 25 stamps to honor St. Nicholas.

JOY TO THE SICK

Hey, fellers, buy Christmas seals and be a bell ringer!

"Backward, turn backward,
O Time in your flight;
Make me a child again
Just for tonight."

The above was written by a philatelist one Christmas eve when he recalled that he once asked for toys that were too soon broken and cast away when he might have had some stamps that since have gone out of sight.

DEAR SANTA:

Please bring to all U. S. stamps more gum so there won't be so much chewing the rag; to the Office Parrot some wisecrackers, for he thinks he's an owl anyway; to the F. F. F. editor, a sock with a foot in it—a 10 x 10 album slipped through his sock last year; to the F. F. F. Contributors' Gang, one train load of thanks with inverted centers; and you can bring me 50,000 hinges—Capt. "Kidd" Townsend keeps me in duplicates.

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SG

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

BRITISH HONDURAS, 1927-29

By HARRY E. HUBER.

During the third quarter of 1927, fresh printings of the 25c and 50c Nyasaland type, from plate 1, were dispatched to Belize, and in the second quarter of 1928, a second supply of the 2c red, in booklets of 100. The 25c script CA green was first issued Oct. 1, 1924; the 50c on script blue on Nov. 1, 1923, and the 2c red in sheet and booklet form, on December 10, 1926.

In the fourth quarter of 1928, along with another supply of the 50c, was sent out the 1c green, printed in the Nyasaland keyplate design for the first time. The large printing of the 1c DLR-1912, script CA, plate 3, sent out in 1921, and issued Nov. 26, 1921, lasted for more than seven years. The 1c Nyasaland type, script CA, was issued at Belize, Jan. 2, 1929.

The *Crown Agents' Bulletin* for the third quarter of 1929, announced that the 4c gray, in Nyasaland design, had been printed for the first time, and sent to the Colony with a fresh supply of the 50c. These were received at Belize on Sept. 2nd, and the 4c gray issued October 1, 1929. These stamps were typographically printed in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60), with keyplate number 1 twice in the lower margin only, and perforated comb 14.

The 3c orange still continues in the DLR-1912, Postage & Revenue type, plate 2, Roman CA, issued April 16, 1917. The demand for this denomination is small, and it is doubtful if it will ever be requisitioned in the Nyasaland type.

Although the letter rate from British Honduras to Canada and the British West Indies was reduced to 2c (as of May 1, 1926), it remains at 4c (since June 1, 1921) to other parts of the British Empire, and the United States. The foreign letter rate is 5c.

THE J. C. WILLIAMS SALE

There appeared in a recent issue of a bi-weekly stamp paper an erroneous advertisement.

The editor of that paper claims to have mislaid our copy for that edition, and took it upon himself to substitute the announcement referred to above without our knowledge or consent.

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Reliant Stamp Co.
65M Nassau St. New York City

Imperial Reply Coupons, 1926

Towards the end of 1926 Imperial Reply Coupons were placed on sale at Belize, the regulations relative to their sale being made on Nov. 3, 1926. The design portion of the coupon, blue over a yellow network, measures 102 x 70mm, and was printed by Waterlow & Sons, Limited, London, on G v R under Crown watermarked paper, the watermark being sideways with the top of the Crown to the left. The design is Britannia with shield and trident, standing on a rocky shore, facing the sea, on which there is a three masted sailing vessel. At the top in five lines is "Imperial Reply Coupon—(Valid only for exchange within the British Empire) — British Honduras — Selling Price—5 Cents." Circular openings are provided at the left and right for "date stamp of office of issue" and "office of exchange", respectively. At the foot, in six lines, is the information that "This coupon may be exchanged in any part—of the British Empire for a postage stamp—or stamps representing the postage on a single rate letter to a destination within—the Empire. It is valid for six months exclusive—of the month of issue."

Air Mail Service, FAM No. 5, 1929

British Honduras was the only British Colony visited by Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh on his Central American and West Indian Goodwill tour. On December 30, 1927, he arrived at Belize from Guatemala City, and departed on Jan. 1, 1928, for San Salvador. This was the first time that a land plane had ever visited Belize.

Temporary air mail service over FAM 5, between Miami, Fla., and Cristobal, Canal Zone, was formally inaugurated on Feb. 4, and return service on February 10, 1929, by Col. Lindbergh. Although overnight stops were made at Belize, both ways, mails were carried only between the terminal points of Miami and Cristobal.

Delivery of air mail at Belize was inaugurated with the flights from Miami and Cristobal, on May 21, 1929, the rates being 15c from the United States, and 25c from Cristobal.

The first air mail for the north (Habana and Miami) was dispatched from Belize on May 23rd (postmarked May 22nd) and the first for the south (Tela, Managua and Cristobal), on May 24th (postmarked May 23rd). The air charge from Belize is 25c in addition to the regular letter rates, i.e., 4c to the United States, 5c to Cuba, etc.

TWO SUBSTANTIAL LISTS

The Metropolitan Stamp Co., 1482 Broadway, New York City, has just issued a very pretentious price list of 52 pages. It offers a wonderful variety of special sets, beginning with Abyssinia and ending with Wurtemberg. The book is freely illustrated with many half tones, and interested parties may have a specimen copy upon request.

A request may also be made upon the Max F. Bier Co., 91 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., for a specimen of a handsome booklet just at hand. This book also offers postage stamps in sets, but is so much different that collectors will do well to procure a specimen. It seems singular that the same mail should bring these two substantial booklets from these two well-known firms, very much the same in form and arrangement, but totally different in the offerings presented.

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ATLAS STAMP CO. (P. C. Smith) LEXINGTON, MASS.

"WALCOTT" COVERS

In my announcement last week, attention was called to the fact that I had acquired the early Walcott U. S. covers. I have now secured the later issues, which include a magnificent lot as a whole from 1847 to 1869 inclusive. May I state that I have acquired the entire Walcott collection of early United States issues and they are all priced individually, so that one may select the pieces which appeal to him most.

In addition to those mentioned last week, there are such outstanding items as 1851 12c in singles, pairs and strips, 1857 all denominations from 1c to 30c inclusive, including numerous 24c and 30c. Among the 1861, I particularly note two magnificent 90c to China, about twenty-five to thirty of each of the lower denominations, including some very unusual combinations. There is a nice lot of grill varieties, which are unusually scarce. Among the 1869 issue, all values from 1c to 30c are available, including several unusual combinations. Many of the covers are of outstanding attractiveness, which is most unusual in this series.

Right at the present time, my clients are offered one of the finest stocks of covers that I have had in my possession for many months. As they are greatly in demand, and as they are priced at reasonable figures, they are not likely to last long.

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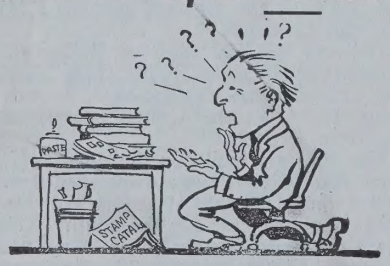

Did you ever have difficulty in locating the country to which a certain stamp belongs because you couldn't read the foreign language on the stamp or because it was so confusingly like several other countries that you didn't stumble onto the right one, or because the occupational surcharge placed it in another country and you didn't just recall which? Sure you have! Every collector who has sorted a bunch of stamps has wasted five minutes here, thirty minutes there, and has become exasperated and put it away to ask a friend where it went, or to wait until he stumbled across it at some future date.

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NATALIE NEWELL [33c
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CROATIAN MILLENARY

By PERCY C. SMITH.

Jugoslavia recently issued three surface printed stamps to commemorate the Millenary of the Croat Kingdom. Each stamp is inscribed with the dates "925-1925", and of different designs. The 50 para, olive-green, pictures the Church of Duvanjsky, 1 dinar, carmine, Kings Tomislav and Alexander I, and 3 dinars, blue, King Tomislav in Coronation chair.

Washington Letter

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.,
Box 2175, Middle City Sta., Phila., Pa.

(U. S. oddities and varieties will be noted in this department. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

New 5c Air Mail Stamp

The Bureau has made up several designs for the inspection of the Postmaster General in connection with the issuing of new 5-cent Air Mail stamp. This includes stamps both horizontal and vertical in design, and include such subjects as an airplane in flight, the beacon light as shown on our present issue, the air mail insignia, such as appeared on the former 8c value, and others. It is expected that one of these designs will receive the approval of the Postmaster General before the middle of December.

1857-61 Issue

An early cover of outstanding interest has just been brought to our attention, namely, one mailed from New York in 1862, bearing a 1857 3c, which had previously been demonetized. The stamp was cancelled, and the postmaster stamped across the cover by means of a single line black handstamp—"Held For Postage." A pair and single copy of the 1c 1861 was then added to pay the postage, and these are tied to the cover with a New York, June 28, 1862, postmark. The cover is addressed to New Canaan, Conn.

Post Office Obstacles

The Information Service of the Post Office Department recently sent out a most interesting news item, calling attention to the fact that United States mail must move no matter what seeming insurmountable obstacles are faced. They state that:

"The Post Office Department has just issued advertisements inviting proposals to carry mail over the star route from Reno Junction to Downieville, California. In reporting to the Department recommending the elimination of the route between Sattley and Sierra City, an inspector called attention to the fact that west of Sattley the elevation in the Sierra Mountains increases two thousand feet within a distance of five miles, and that the snow is very deep during the winter season.

"'During last winter,' the inspector reports, 'it was necessary for the contractor to have at one time thirty head of horses to maintain the service on account of the snow and bad roads on this portion of the route'."

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK ON ORIGINAL COVERS

By R. D. EVERARD.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stamps are deservedly enjoying increasing popularity amongst collectors, owing to their beauty of design, and also to the fact that they belong to the ever popular B. N. A. group.

To start with New Brunswick the 3d stamp is occasionally met with on covers, but is much harder to find than the 3d stamp of Nova Scotia. The 6d and 1/ values are extremely rare on cover, the 1/- of course being the rarer. Condition of course is paramount with these stamps, and as they generally were printed quite close together, stamps with wide margins on all sides are almost unknown, and if also their colour is bright and unimpaired they fetch high prices.

To continue on the "cents" issue (1860). I have often wondered why my friend Mr. Fred Jarrett omitted to price the cents issue of N. S. and N. B. in his splendid B. N. A. book, but perhaps he has done so in his new book. The 1c is desirable on cover, and is hard to locate. The 2c is, in my opinion, the scarcest stamp (on cover) of this issue. I have seen several on made up covers of a later date, but only one genuine cover in the last five years.

The 5c yellow and blue-green is fairly common on covers, but the 5c bronze green (the real shade which appears on the early printings of this stamp) is another proposition altogether. This stamp is undercatalogued and is a distinctly desirable item (on covers).

The 10c value is occasionally met with but is a nice item on cover. The 12½c, like the Canadian 12½c and N. S. 12½c values, is distinctly scarce on cover and much scarcer that the 12½c Canada. Covers with this value genuinely "tied on" are hard to find. They seem to be generally found with a pen cancellation. The 17c is also a very scarce stamp on cover, scarcer than the 12½c. Strips, blocks, and even pairs and combinations of values of these stamps are rarely found.

Nova Scotia "Pence" issues 1851-57. These issues are rather more plentiful than those of New Brunswick owing to the larger number printed, and which were used. Nevertheless these issues are distinctly desirable on original covers. The 3d value is fairly often found on covers, but the 6d and 1/- values are very hard to find. Here again, as in the case of N. B. stamps, condition and colouring plays a large part.

The "cents" issues (1860-63). The 1c is quite scarce on covers. The 2c is scarce, too, but is more often found than the 1c. The 5c value is the commonest of this issue and is, I consider, overcatalogued. It is quite often met with on covers. And now we come to the 8½c value, which I believe to be one of the rarest stamps on cover of all the emissions of this colony. It is quite as rare, if not rarer, than the shilling value. Four covers bearing this value, I believe, were in the "Coolidge" sale of B. N. A. in October-November, 1927. These are the only ones that I know of that have come on the market for a number of years. The writer has hunted this "bird" on cover for a long time, but still "lives in 'opes" of obtaining it. The 12½c value, too, is a very hard item to locate, though not so scarce as the 8½c. Both of these values are, I believe, under-catalogued in used condition, especially the 12½c, though the 8½c has been raised in the last few years, due, I believe, to the efforts of a famous New York dealer. And now with reference to bisected stamps of N. S. and N. B. Practically all values were used to make up rates for which no stamps of the value desired existed, or when there was a temporary shortage of the desired value. There are a number of these "splits" on the market which are bogus and which, while not deceiving an expert, might deceive those not so well informed. Only "splits" that are thoroughly tied on over the cut with the cancellation should be bought. Covers should also show the correct rate of postage. These splits should only be purchased from well-known experts in these items. In conclusion, watch out for apparently superb copies on cover having been removed from cover and repaired and replaced.—*Canadian Philatelist.*

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E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA. [tf

IN SHORT—

MR. HANS LAGERLOEF, New York, is one of the fifteen incorporators of the American Institute of Swedish Arts, Literature and Sciences at Minneapolis, Minn. The name implies the objects of the organization.

UNTIL January 1, 1930, Christmas and other seals and stickers may be used on the reverse side of envelopes in the domestic mail. Ordinarily, letters so labelled are unmailable, but each year during the holiday season, the regulations are suspended.

ROCKFORD, Illinois, is to be a stop on the air mail route between Chicago and the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, if the plans of the post office department are to be approved. In due time, its flying schedule will be announced.

ON July 4, 1930, a statue of Henry Clay will be dedicated at Caracas, Venezuela, the gift of the American Congress. President Hoover has been invited to attend the ceremonies. Commemorative stamp possibilities.

THE *Reimers Monthly Stamp Bulletin,* December-January, contains two interesting articles on Mexico and Hayti, respectively, by R. R. Thiele and A. O. Litt. They loan an added value to this attractive forty page list of the C. D. Reimers Company.

THE use of slugs in stamp vending machines at different post offices is resulting in much loss to the department. There is a penalty against the person who is found guilty of cheating the slot machines of a fine of not more than $5,000 and imprisonment for not more than five years.

THE ½c current type, precancelled in red, used by Appleton in sending out the program of the Appleton, Wis., Philatelic Society exhibit and banquet, certainly fill the eye. Here is "Smiles" from the song book:

"There are stamps that make us happy,
There are stamps that make us sad,
There are stamps that have a rotten straight-edge
That will make a stamp collector mad.
There are stamps that have a secret marking
That the eyes of 'nuts' alone can see;
But the stamps that have the poorest rating
Are the stamps that you give to me."

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Lakehurst-Tokio, Japan, Cover ...15.00
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Los Angeles-Lakehurst, Cover 2.25
Card 1.50
Return to Germany Aug. 31st, Freak Cover, last stamp looks like Precancelled Lakehurst 4.50
Bremen 1st Katapult Flight to N. Y., Card 10.00
To Bremen Aug. 2nd, Cover 2.50
2nd Flight to N. Y. Aug. 20th, blue Cachet, Cover $1.50; Card 1.25
Yellow Cachet, Cover 1.75

ALFRED F. LANGER [33
35 LENOX AVE., GLENBROOK, CONN.

AIR MAIL NEWS

(Continued from page 781)

covers a few weeks ago. He says that it means simply "Railway", and that what I had was a Railway P. O. cancellation—which with the "Correo Aereo" backstamp, gives us an interesting combination!

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A recent bulletin of the U. S. Dept. of Commerce lists a news item under date of Oct. 25 to the effect that the Compagnie Generale Aeropostale had obtained a temporary concession to operate mail and passenger service between Caracas, Venezuela, and Trinidad, and were planning to do so "at the earliest possible date". This may be no good now, but I mention it for those of you who like to try everything.

Unofficial Events and Covers

As for the Armistice Day cachets, a considerable of late decision cachets have recently been announced for Dec. 17, the Wright Anniversary. Notice on several of these arrived too late to be of use to our readers, who might have wished to send covers.***Another bright eyed collector gets one the rest of us didn't see! Edward G. Rogers noticed that, by announcement in the *Postal Bulletin*, a classified station would be established Dec. 1st at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla. He sent in some covers just on the chance, and got them back postmarked in red, "Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Br.", and signed by Rear Admiral Marshall, Commandant. Rather a nice little side line cover, all right.

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Leland C. Metzgar reports a cachet used at Binghamton, N. Y., for an Air Circus, Aug. 3rd; and also an Air Meet at Lake Placid, Sept. 1 and 2, with written cachet.***The promised Roswell, N. Mex., dedication came in on schedule Dec. 4 and 5. Two cachets, by the Lions Club and C. of C., in various color combinations.***Our list of "edibles", swelled by the Alamosa potato last month, was increased by the Bartlett pear used as the design for the cachet of the Placerville, Calif., dedication, Dec. 1—all in magenta.***Chattanooga, Tenn., 1st anniversary cachet was used Dec. 2, which was the actual anniversary of the first local service.***Before I forget it, by the way, Charles Stern mentions an Alamosa cachet in blue, in addition to the other colors previously given.

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The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* mentions a dedication and cachet at Moscow, Iowa, Nov. 10 and 11. I'd be interested in further information.***George Zimmerman says that the first glider mail flight will take place soon, cachet by CAM 30, covers to Mr. Zimmerman, 1747 Wallen Ave., Chicago, Ill. CAM 30 also will have a special Christmas Day cachet, and covers for all cities on the route may be sent at once to J. M. Wulpi, Traffic Mgr., McCurdy Hotel, Evansville, Ind. Shouldn't recommend these as collection items in themselves, but the covers will make excellent Christmas cards!***Cincinnati Airport Show Feb. 8th. Covers to Show, Room 312, Hotel Sinton.***Chattanooga, Tenn., dedication in spring, says C. of C., and they'll provide the cachet.

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C. W. Horn asks, in connection with last week's notice, that all covers for the Atascadero, Calif., dedication be sent as directed, and none to the P. M., who cannot be bothered.***Detroit Lakes, Mich., and Elizabethtown, Tenn., both later next year, and notice in lots of time.***New Castle, Ind., C. of C. will have a cachet for dedication next spring, but do not want covers yet.***Figures on the Athol dedication: Sept. 13—520; 14—323; 15—355; all 15th flown to Boston by Army plane. A very few also mailed from Orange, the other half of this joint dedication, some with the Athol cachet, and a few without.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

CANAL ZONE DESTRUCTION, 1929

By HARRY E. HUBER.

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On October 4th the following quantities of these stamps were burned:

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PERCY C. SMITH, *Editor*,
Lexington, Mass.

(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Algeria.—Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 75c, type A3, has been issued in blue.

Andorra.—Additional information regarding the new pictorial stamps is at hand from M. Galvez. A building in Old Andorra, the capital, is the subject of the vignette of the 2c olive and 30c brown; a tall stone tower, labelled "Casselles", that of the 5c deep carmine and 40c deep blue; the 10c green, 20c violet, and 50c orange depict the Council Chamber Julia de Loria. The Tower of Santa Columbo is pictured on the 15c blue-green and 25c rose, and a group of members of the General Council is portrayed in the design common to the 1p drab, 4p carmine-lake and 10p brown. The Express Delivery stamp of 20c denomination is in red, and all are recess-printed by the National Mint at Madrid, whose imprint they bear.

Brazil.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 300r turquoise blue, in the new air mail series. The picture on this value is the "Pax" of Augusto Severo in the flight of May 12, 1902.

France.—According to information received by *Stamp Collecting* a new Caisse d'Amortissement stamp of 1.50fr+3.50fr face value is about to be issued, recess-printed in lilac with a vignette of the celebrated Belfry of Rheims.

Hayti.—Mr. E. A. Colson submits for our inspection the 1 Gourde, bright blue, air mail stamp same type as the 50c value noted in our recent issue. The stamp was issued November 30th last.

India.—*Stamp Collecting* learns that the subject of the design of the Indian air post stamp is an aeroplane in flight over an Indian river with hills and palm trees in the background. The King's head, similar to that on the regular postage stamp, appears in the upper right-hand corner, and the inscriptions read "Air Mail" at the top and "India Postage" at the foot. The whole in large transverse rectangular oblong.

Mexico.—Copies of the 2c red, design A79 and 5c orange, type A82, watermarked CORREOS MEXICO, rouletted 14½, have been received from Economist Stamp Co.

Netherlands.—Economist Stamp Co. send a copy of the 22½c brown, surcharged with "21" in large red figures. This provisional was issued October 14th.

Salvador. — An issue of four commemorative stamps in connection with the inauguration of a new line of railway linking Salvador with Guatemala is announced by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. The design consists of portraits of the Presidents of the two republics, and the denominations are to be 1, 3, 5 and 10 centavos.

West Australia Centenary. — Illustrated above is the 1½p red, issued September 28th, and which we are advised was of a limited amount.

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WHY?

By C. I. CROWELL.

I have a friend who asks me why stocks go up and then go down, and the best answer I know is, that in a Bull market stocks go up, and in a Bear market stocks go down, all explanations to the contrary. Demand and lack of demand create these conditions, and this principle applies to the market for stamps. Why do some stamps sell at full catalogue and others at less than a third?

Today the collector is faced with the problem of what to collect. The whole wide world is too large an order, so the day of specializing has arrived for the average collector. The same tendency is seen among professional men, and so again the business of accumulating stamps is feeling the influence of the modern trend of business expediency.

To be more specific. What country or group of countries adapt themselves best to furnishing the desired results to the specialist, and the answer is a geographical one, for the Yank sticks to his good old U. S. A., and the Britisher to his Colonials, etc.

However, one complication besets the specialist in U. S., and that is the financial limitation, coupled with condition crankiness carried to the nth degree. It's simply a case of not enough to go around, so if you must, pay thru the nose and more power to you.

Having faced this situation a host of collectors have decided the game is too steep and action too slow, and have abandoned the field to the millionaires, for what's the use of collecting seconds. The New York International Stamp Show brought that point home to thousands. Better one fine copy than a whole set of space fillers in mediocre condition.

There are many ways out of this unpleasant situation, for after all we don't eat postage stamps, and if our appetite for philatelic tid-bits is thwarted in one direction, we can find pleasure and profit in another, and this is precisely what thousands of modern collectors are learning to do.

The proposition simplifies itself to a matter of fancy, and who will say, "Nay", to the collector finding a kick in accumulating North Borneo, or Japan.

The deciding factor among collectors is financial. This type wants to feel that his stamps have a real as well as fancied value, and that this stability is based upon fact. This type would do well to investigate one important consideration. The safest country to specialize in is one whose inhabitants collect their own stamps, so protecting the market. Thus it becomes a game of elimination.

This process of elimination has led thousands outside the British possessions to specialize in British Colonials, for this group lends itself most satisfactorily to the efforts of the specialist. British Colonial stamps have world wide support, based upon home support, and the support of thousands in every part of the civilized world. Also the knowledge that the British government does not dump millions of surplus remainders upon the market, coupled with the fact that these stamps furnish a maximum in variety, historical interest, and artistic workmanship, have forced the stamps of Great Britain and her colonies to their present position of popularity.

All this has been said before in one form or another, but in spite of this general knowledge there is an army of collectors who are floundering, and it's difficult to sustain interest without a definite goal.

It is to these collectors, those without a definite purpose, that these remarks are directed, for no collector no matter how modest his philatelic possessions may be, wants junk on his album pages, and it's the fear of accumulating junk that causes him to flounder.

A little time spent in investigation will reveal the stability of a British Colonial collection, and when once the definite goal is determined the hobby will mean something real and worth while, a recreation beyond the pale of apology.

Our Press Review

By C. A. HOWES, *Editor.*

We have received numbers 2 and 5 (presumably February and May) of a little stamp publication from Budapest, Hungary, entitled *Duna.* As we are unfortunately not acquainted with the Hungarian language we cannot review the paper very satisfactorily, though the first number has a notice in English concerning a stamp exhibition held at Szeged, May 9-12 last. It was under the patronage of the Minister of Education and naturally specialized in collections of Hungarian stamps, though we understand the Union of Hungarian Stamp Societies exhibited the celebrated Fournier Collection of Forgeries, which they have acquired. There was to be a special postmark at the exhibition. There is also a continued article in German on the "Szegedin" surcharges on the Hungarian stamps. The paper also carries an "exchange register" for those desiring correspondents.

The subscription is 35 cents from Frank Stark-Salzer, Eötvös-utca 23/b, Budapest VI, Hungary.

We have another number of the *Philateliste Belge* at hand. Besides two reprinted articles, there is a strong article decrying the present habit of issuing special stamps, particularly for so-called "charity" purposes, as well as for commemoratives issued in restricted numbers. If the latter have a proper occasion and are issued in one or at most a few low values in very large quantities, so that the object of commemoration is brought properly to the attention of the masses, which is the real object, there seems to be no objection to this form. But the "semi-postals", as Scott calls them, issued for all sorts of indifferent objects, from which the government gets the lion's share of the proceeds with the "charity" trailing along behind, and which are largely pure "graft" for the government as they are mostly bought by collectors, and comparatively few for real postal use, are condemned in no uncertain terms. Those who collect these are said to be "throwing their money in the water" as far as being real stamp collectors or philatelists goes. We cannot help agreeing with most of the argument.

Numerous illustrations of counterfeit postmarks of German and French Colonial towns, as well as false surcharges of particular rarity on their stamps, are given to aid the collector in avoiding this pitfall. The recent surcharges on the "Orval" stamps with the demand from the Committee in charge of the rebuilding of *five times* the face value for the set, has raised a storm of protest throughout Belgium, and well it may, as it is simply plain robbery of collectors even though hidden, as they seem to think, by a worthy object in the background. The official charity stamps for 1929-30 are illustrated and are certainly gems of engraving. They show the Cascade of Cos, a promenade at Spa, and views of Ypres, Dinant, Antwerp and Bruges.

Subscription 24 Belgian francs per year from 31 Avenue de Haverskerke, Forest-Brussels, Belgium.

Heinrich Köhler's *Philatelistisches Magazin,* admittedly a house organ, illustrates some wonderful rarities in the October issue. A block of 6 of the Peru first issue 1 peseta rose, containing four of these and two of the error ½ peso in the same sheet, is shown from the Ferrari collection, and also another one even finer that the firm has acquired. Both are used. Another remarkable item illustrated is an entire cover with the rare 12Kr Land Post stamp of Baden—which also contains the original letter. This was to be auctioned. Various other fine items and combinations to make one's mouth water are illustrated in half tone as covers or parts of covers.

Published by Heinrich Köhler, Friedrichstrasse 1661, Berlin, W8, Germany, at 6 gold marks ($1.44.).

From Berne comes the *Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung,* or *Journal Philatelique de Berne* to give it its alternative title, as it is published in both German and French. It is in its 21st year and always is worth reading. The November number has an article on the different postmarks of the city post office of Bremen, of much interest to the collectors of those stamps which so often bear forged cancellations. An interesting account of recent voyages around Switzerland by the "Graf Zeppelin" on which mail was carried is given. There was a post office on board, selling Swiss and German stamps, with a double circle postmark having "Luftschiff" above, "Graf Zeppelin" below and date in center. The mail matter was tied in small packets furnished with a long streamer and dropped at different destinations in Switzerland. It seems that several packets were lost, and one is known to have dropped into the Rhine. The flights recorded occurred on Sept. 26-27-28, and Oct. 2-6. We understand that post cards only were allowed to be mailed at 35 pfennig or 35 centimes at first, and later at 50 pfennig or 75 centimes for Switzerland, and 1 franc outside Switzerland. A most excellent chronicle is a feature of the paper—and it is to be remembered that the Bureau of the Postal Union is not far away at Geneva. The subscription is 3 Swiss francs (60 cents) from Zumstein & Co., Berne, Switzerland.

MEMORIES OF PHILATELIC 'FRISCO

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

In my juvenile days one of the raciest and best of the little stamp magazines came from San Francisco under the alliterative title of "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies." William Sellschopp, who ran it, is still in the land of the living, but went back to Germany a good few years ago. It must have been a wrench to leave a climate where folk could collect stamps for twelve months in the year.

Sellschopp was a philatelist-dealer of the old school and had an instinct for stamps. His paper was heralded as the only publication of its kind on the Pacific Coast, and he had some serious students there to back up his journalistic enterprise. John Luff was then in 'Frisco, having left his lone Californian vineyard, where the stamp germ first attacked him. He was an early contributor, but it was not long before he turned to the East to take charge of the American Agency of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. Mr. Luff, said the journal, on his departure, "has all the qualities that make an individual popular, and possesses an enviable knowledge of philately." And he was the same old John Luff, his popularity undimmed and his knowledge wider and deeper than ever when I saw him in New York on my flying visit in October this year. Perhaps it is wrong of me to quote what was so well said of him 36 years ago.

Other early contributors were Mr. Wm. J. Gardner, long one of the most eminent collectors on the Coast, H. B. Phillips, who was even then, as now, a "fan" on Western franks, W. A. H. Connor, who I am glad to see is still active in the Oakland Philatelic Society; and Eugene Gesvret, the Frenchman who was curiously enough associated with the German Sellschopp in the business, and was, I fancy, the "and Co." of "Wm. Sellschopp & Co."

There were, then, as I believe there are now, two stamp societies in San Francisco, each quite active in holding meetings, and Sellschopp's rival dealers were not lacking in advertising support for "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies." W. F. Greany, E. F. Gambs and George Washburn were the chief among them. Gambs was an old hand who had published a "reliable directory" of 200 American and Canadian stamp dealers away back in 1877. Greany perhaps was as long in the trade, but it is noteworthy that a woman stands out as the most prominent of the early dealers in 'Frisco. Mrs. A. G. Craig ("Mother Craig") was to San Francisco what Miss Fernley was to London, and Madame Nicolas was to Paris.

Among the older S. F. dealers is one I have met at times in Paris, Monsieur Georges Carion, who has long been back in his native France, and who is one of the few Paris dealers who speaks English with facility.

Of the great collectors who came on a little later, I still find it difficult to realise that Henry J. Crocker has passed, and that I shall never experience the thrills he promised me of tandem driving on the golden sands of California. Mr. William Moser, too, has gone, and so has Mr. E. M. Taylor, but each has left a rich legacy of philatelic knowledge.

It must be approaching a quarter century since I saw my friend Edwin Seebohm, the Swede, off to San Francisco; he came through London on his westward trail from the Norselands. He is a man whom it is a joy to know. He is now quite an old-established dealer at the Golden Gate and holds stamp auctions there.

And just down the Coast at Los Angeles, there is Bertram Poole, the colleague of my early days, prospering in the stamp trade, and enjoying to the full the health giving properties of that wonderful climate.

For some years another good friend, the late Donald Piercy, laid a cover for me at the annual dinners of the San Francisco Stamp Society, of which I am proud to be an honorary member. But alas! the chair was never filled, and Donald Piercy, the most persuasive and charming of secretaries, is no more.

It would be worth a king's ransom to be able to "down tools" for a while and go off as a pilgrim to visit a land rich in memories as it is rich in the fruits of the earth.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

ON WITH THE MAIL

The United States mails must move no matter what seeming insurmountable obstacles are faced.

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THE CURRENT TYPE 11c

I believe one of the most interesting stamps issued by our Government in recent years is the current 11c Perf. 11, 1922-26 issue. I have it in singles and blocks of fours, ranging from blue, turquoise blue, several shades of blue-green, chalky blue, green, yellow-green and about six shades of yellowish-green. A bright yellow-green seems to be the rare shade, and is a decided color from the yellowish-greens, which seem to be very common as we find them in almost every Post Office out here on the West Coast.

I am trying to obtain all the information possible regarding this stamp, and would like to know how many printings were made. What plates were used, so as to identify the earliest prints, and any other information that would be of value. There are many collectors who are specializing on this stamp, and I feel sure an article in your paper would be appreciated by many.—L. E. EASTMAN, 4415 Park Boulevard, Oakland, Cal.

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BRAZIL AIR MAIL ISSUE

By PERCY C. SMITH.

Two new air stamps of a set of eight values have been issued, and the other denominations will appear shortly. The 200 reis, rose, pictures the famous flight of Santos Dumont around Eiffel Tower in 1901, while the 500 reis, purple, shows the same pilot in his flight of 1910 in "14 Bis". The other values to appear will be 50r, 300r, 1,000r, 2,000r, 5,000 and 10,000r. Among the future designs for these stamps will be representations of "Pax", "Demoiselle", "14 Bis", "Biplano", and the hydroplane "Johu".

EARLIEST USED PENNY BLACK

Postmarked "Bath, My 2, 1840" and Fetches $250 at Auction

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

Fifty pounds was paid in a London auction room the other day for a stamp that in the ordinary way would have been worth about half as many shillings! The stamp was the one penny black of Great Britain, 1840, which, as all the world knows, was the first ever issued.

Its particular virtue lies, however, in the fact that failing the production of evidence to the contrary it is assumed to be the earliest example known to have been used on a letter, and therefore the first adhesive stamp to pass through the post in the whole world.

The facts are these: A Treasury minute of April 22, 1840, appointed May 6 for the official introduction of the new adhesive postage labels that were in future to be used in prepayment of letters. Three days later a circular instruction notified all postmasters and sub-postmasters of the impending issue, and almost immediately afterwards the despatch of supplies to provincial post offices was commenced.

At Bath the black penny stamps were received about April 30, and it would appear that notwithstanding the official injunction that none was to be sold to the public before the morning of May 6, a local post office official, or someone who had access to the stamps, did in fact remove the very first stamp from the corner of a sheet, carefully and with the aid of scissors, and affix or cause it to be affixed to a missive addressed to an unknown person living in Peckham, London.

Only a fragment of the letter remains, with the stamp still adhering to it, but it shows clearly the Bath postmark of May 2, 1840, the red "PAID" mark in the form of a tombstone dated two days after, partly over the stamp itself, indicating that it was not cancelled until it reached London.

Portions of the address also appear: "ler," the end of a name; "n" followed by "Road," and finally "Peckham" in full, all inscribed in the copper-plate caligraphy of the period. The letters "A-A" in the lower corners of the stamp itself prove its position as being the first of that particular sheet.

Other copies are known used prior to the authorised date, but none so early as May 2, so that there is every reason to regard this item as unique. It once formed part of the important specialised collection of line-engraved issues of Great Britain belonging to Mr. A. E. Dickson, of Preston, Lancashire, and was knocked down at the sale of November 11 to Mr. Charles Nissen, the well-known British stamp expert, for $250.

The variety is quite unorthodox by ordinary philatelic standards, but as to its historical interest there can be no two opinions.—*Bazaar.*

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"BUROPRATTLES"

By E. S. THRESHER.

The fact reported last month that the precancel plate had been made for Butte, Montana, ordinaries when no buros had been ordered, has a counterpart in Buro history. It seems that several years ago we were told that Jamestown, New York, had ordered coils, as I remember it, the 1½c values, which order was later cancelled. The facts of the matter as I am told, are that the precancelling plates were made without any orders for precancelled stamps. The explanation probably lies in a mistake by the booking clerk at the Buro. Wonder if the Beverly Hills coils were in the same class?

If Jamestown would order coils, now, they *might* appear on an old type.

All of which leads me to remark that I cannot help speculating about the possibilities of old types appearing on the new issues, if they, the new buros, come within the next few months. A check of the cities which have used old type buros shows the following facts:

There are 14 cities that have used old type perf. 10 and compound ordinaries from which no new type ordinaries have appeared.

Six cities have used old type perf. 10 ordinaries, but no compound or new type.

Two cities have had the old type compound, but no new type yet.

Seventy cities have used the old type coil, with no new type yet.

Of course those numbers may be reduced even before this appears in print, and will be reduced materially in the near future, but there undoubtedly are some of them that will never appear with the new type.

Is the B-11 or the B-13 to be the standard? I thought that it was to be mostly B-11 until the New Orleans coil bobbed up. Maybe the roll for that had been made some time back.

There are sleepers in the list of buros, not only in blox and pairs, but in singles. Dr. Mitchell has most, if not all of them spotted, but has the true rarity of all of these scarce babies been realized yet? It took several years for the present value of the Libertys to develop. Is it not possible that one or two other items will rank right along with the famous Liberty?—and not all earlies, either.

Why the reluctance of some very enthusiastic buro collectors to go after blox and pairs? The answer I have had from some, was that they did not start soon enough. Granted, but will they ever be any commoner? Do collectors of straight U. S. blox give up because they didn't start soon enough? The block and coil pair end of it is the big fun for me. I boastfully say that I have two perf. 10 blox that Dr. Mitchell hasn't, yet the total of my perf. 10 blox is "not so good." There can be no complete collection of blox and pairs, as there are several items unknown except in single. Think of the late C. A. Carroll picking the only known block of the Oklahoma 1c out of an A. P. S. sales book for only 30c! Wouldn't it be a real thrill to pick a block out of the Lynn 1c perf. 10 out of a mission mixture? Not if you didn't have some other blox to put it with.

The good Dr. Mitchell seems to think that the Grand Rapids, "no period" coils are a poor inking result. I don't agree with him. I have the variety on the 1, 2 and 3c coils, and a strong glass shows no trace of a period.

The 2c I have had some time, two years at least. It was my "single" and I will have to admit that I did not spot the missing period until the existence of that variety was recently published. The 1c I picked off an envelope addressed to me, and received about two weeks ago. It is of the light or yellow-green (reissue) shade. My guess is that it is a plate break.

If it was an "error" it would come once in six stamps and be on all rolls of all denominations. If a plate break, it would come once in forty-eight, on all stamps printed after the break developed. But it would not be in every roll. It would come once in every twelve in the roll in which it was present, and only one roll in four would have it. Judging from its scarcity, I say plate break. Will someone in Grand Rapids who has access to whole coils investigate and let us know?

Does anyone have or know of a *pair* of *any* of the Buro precancelled playing card coils? They would be a pretty good item in pairs.

E. J. Newcomer sends in the following "dope" for "Buroprattles":

Seattle is using, in the new type, 1c and 2c ordinaries, and 1c and 1½c coils. Old type 1c coil seems to be much scarcer than Mitchell's prices would indicate.

Portland, Oregon, is using new types. I have the 8c and suppose others will be along soon.

Spokane is also using Bureaus, but I haven't seen any yet.

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Philately in all its branches has suffered a severe loss in the death of Charles E. Severn, editor of the WEEKLY. This particular number cannot properly describe the great flood of sympathy that has surged in upon the bereaved ones, especially his widow and young son, Charles, a fine boy of 13 years. Mr. Severn's name will live for years in the columns of this publication, and as well in the memory of thousands who have felt the influence of his personality.

As announced last week Mr. Severn passed away very suddenly on Saturday evening, Dec. 14. He was at his home with his family conversing with some friends, who happened in for a friendly call, when the end came suddenly and painlessly. To say that I was astonished by the telegram that announced the sad news is to express my feelings very feebly. I had no premonition that such a thing would happen, having been in frequent correspondence with my associate and knowing nothing of any indisposition. I left at once for Chicago, and Tuesday noon stood by the casket of a loved business companion of more than a quarter century.

I wish that all his friends could have seen him as I saw him. Although stilled in the embrace of death, there was upon his countenance the same genial friendly expression that won him the hearts of men wherever he went. On Sunday and Monday several hundred people called at the Severn home to extend words of sympathy to the widow.

The funeral services were held at 2 P. M., Tuesday, Dec. 17, from his late residence, 1132 Loyola Ave., and a great throng filled the spacious home to overflowing. A second service was held in the chapel at Rose Hill Cemetery, and again the building could not hold the friends who sought to attend. The Chicago Philatelic Society, of which Mr. Severn was a life director and past President, was numerously represented. A beautiful commitment service at the grave followed.

Rev. Charles Thomas Hull, rector of the St. Paul's Church by the Lake, used the Episcopal burial service at the home and cemetery, and followed with the committal. His commanding spiritual personality gave all these services the comforting influence that met the need of the hour. The pall bearers were Judge Joseph L. McCarthy, Edward Driver, Arthur Wallace, Louis Blumenthal, Christian P. Paschen, and William Severin.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. They came from far and near. Among others were noted offerings from Mr. Severn's associates on the WEEKLY, Saul Newbury, The Chicago Philatelic Society, Christian P. Paschen, Judge J. L. McCarthy, The Collectors Club of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wolsieffer, A. H. Bloss, National Air Mail Society, Alfred E. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ades Fowler, 49th Ward Chicago Republican Club, Hamilton Club, E. M. Rosenthal, German Stamp Collectors Club, Dr. Clarence Hennan, Evanston Lodge of Elks, Paul MacGuffin, Lincoln Home Philatelic Society, Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. J. DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Bralow, Howard News Stamp Club, and the Postage Stamp Club of Chicago.

The floral tribute from Saul Newbury was of unusual beauty. It consisted of a floral blanket of roses large enough to cover the casket. Its use in the committal service added much to the impressiveness. The Chicago Philatelic Society sent a floral piece consisting of the Society emblem, and it was a commanding feature. Among the 500 or more who attended the services of the afternoon were many whom we cannot mention, but there were noted Capt. B. B. Lipsner, Supt. Air Mail Service, Col. Frank O. Sebring, Capt. A. C. Townsend, Walter N. Emerson, Dr. C. W. Hennan, Max Golding, B. L. Voorhees, James O. Zalud, James Kirkland, Adolph F. Boehm, Edward M. Rosenthal, Richard M. Cabeen, Charles J. Rose, Thomas C. E. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ades Fowler, Elmer Stuart, N. B. Paulsen, Ernest A. Jacobs, L. Josephson, A. Hippchen, Julius Loeffler, W. H. Gilley, Paul MacGuffin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schleichert, K. A. Wallquist, James S. Hardy, Ivor Johnson, A. Borisch. I am indebted to Mr. Fowler for assistance in the preparation of this article.

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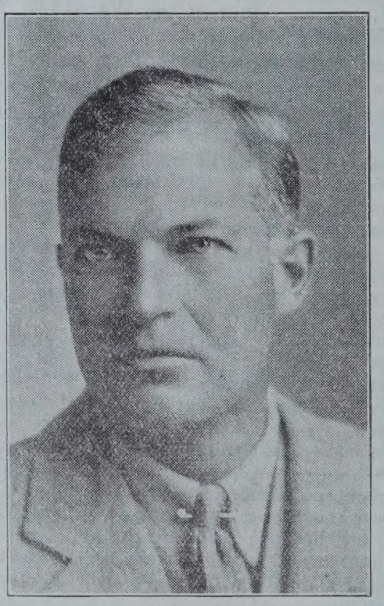
Philadelphia is most fortunate in having within its bounds a number of collectors of national philatelic importance, who possess some of the finest collections of their kind ever gotten together. One of the foremost is Mr. T. Charlton Henry, the possessor of the world's finest collection of British West Indian stamps.

Mr. Henry, who was born in Germantown, started his philatelic activities in his childhood days, and his interest has never waned. Graduating from Princeton in 1909, he studied law, and at the outbreak of the World War entered the American Army, where he received a commission as Major, serving with the 79th Division in France. He is a life member of both the Collectors Club of New York and of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. He received from the Royal Society, the Thomas Keay Tapling Medal for the season of 1927-28, for the best display and monograph during the year. He was one of the judges picked at large from the philatelists of the world for the International Philatelic Exhibition held in New York City in 1926.

In looking over Mr. Henry's several specialized collections, it is difficult to pick out what might be considered the best, in view of the fact that it has been his aim from the first to obtain, not only the rarest but the finest copies possible of all issues. This detail of choiceness applies to blocks, and covers, as well as single specimens, for he would prefer to have his collection in superb condition, rather than have any variety represented by one which might be termed a slightly inferior copy. Mr. Henry is a keen student of the stamps in which he is interested, and is better posted on the issues of the British West Indies than anyone else on this side of the water.

As Trinidad is possibly Mr. Henry's favorite country, we will discuss this collection first. It was upon the lithographed issues and the engraved emissions of Perkins and Bacon that he prepared his monograph for the Royal Society. Of the former issues, the collection contains a horizontal strip of three, with sheet margins on two sides, together with a single copy on the entire cover, of the 1856 third printing in dark blue. There are also numerous singles on the covers, including the earliest known use of the lithographed stamp. As a matter of interest, before this copy was discovered, the English catalog placed the variety at a later date. The engraved issues are worked out in shades, in accordance with their time of issue, the dates being obtained through the accumulation of covers. Mr. Henry has always sought early covers for this very purpose, even where the stamps showed little else than date of use. With the exception of the cover mentioned above, possibly the outstanding piece among the Trinidad, is a magnificent mint block of four of the 1863, 1 shilling bright violet, perforated 13, Scott's No. 47. Another outstanding item is an 1860 cover, showing a pair of the dark bluish-gray lithographs, fifth printing, used in combination with the imperforate engraved shilling indigo. The late issues from this point on are all represented by numerous singles and blocks, including the former in both used and unused condition. Even the rare provisional of 1882 with manuscript surcharge in black is represented by no less than four copies.



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Jamaica is represented by large mint blocks of all of the "pineapple" issues, a pair of the 1919 1 shilling with inverted frame, in mint condition, while the Nevis shows most of the early issues in the blocks, and contains blocks of practically small reconstructed sheets. Quite a few complete sheets are also to be noted. Two pieces of prime importance are magnificent used copies of the 1 shilling on laid paper. It might be of interest to mention in passing that this stamp is not known in mint condition.

The St. Lucia collection includes blocks of twenty of the first issue, with everything from that date on in blocks, singles, and covers.

The St. Vincent collection is one of outstanding importance, including all of the Provisional Issues, which are most difficult to obtain, especially in immaculate condition. There is a block of the 1 shilling slate of 1863, Scott's No. 8a, a mint block of eighteen of Scott's No. 30, ½d on one-half of 6d, mint copies of the 4 pence on 1 shilling, including a copy on cover used on day of issue. Mint blocks and covers of the earlier stamps are well represented.

The Turks Islands collection occupies a volume, consisting of reconstructed sheets of all of the early surcharges, including the rare 2½ pence on 1 shilling. Of several of these, only one or two copies are known. Two superb mint copies of the 1 shilling lilac with full gum are to be found. In the case of the later issues, everything is present in singles, blocks of four and better.

Virgin Islands varieties are complete, including several blocks, showing type varieties, that have only recently been discovered.

Mr. Henry also collects the postage stamps of the United States, and while he does not consider this of outstanding importance, it is, nevertheless, an extremely fine lot of all of our issues, from 1847 to date. Of the early issues, he has singles of everything, and blocks of quite a few varieties. There is a very fine 1851 1c Type I, No. 7R1, on the entire cover, and a strip showing the Type III, No. 99R2. The special prints of 1875 and 1880 are complete with perforations on all four sides. One who has endeavored to get together a set of the hard paper in this condition will appreciate how difficult it is. The late errors are all present, including the 1901 inverts, most of the part-perforates of the twentieth century, and the 24c Air Mail inverted.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, which recently met in Birmingham, selected Mr. Henry as one of two collectors for the year to join the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. This procedure was instituted at the Congress of Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1920, at which time, a number of philatelists throughout the country were selected for the Roll of Honor, and since then, two have been added yearly by the affiliated philatelic societies of Great Britain.

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The annual reports of all officers showed the Society to be in a most flourishing condition, with a membership of 100, and an average attendance of about 40.

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A Hunter & Company with large, fancy embossed design with 1851, 3c, nicely tied with Wells, Fargo, Type I, handstamp, reached $107.50. A Langton & Bros. showing two copies of the same stamp tied with Rocky Hill, Ky., manuscript postmark, and addressed to Nevada City, sold at $105.50. A Singer & Morrow, 10c green on buff, together with a 3c 1851, showing frank of the Feather River Express and red receiving postmark of Longmeadow, Mass., brought $76.50. An 1851 3c tied with Mokelumne Hill, Calif., postmark — Stellar Express, reached $90.00.

The following franks without adhesive stamps brought the prices indicated:

Adams & Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, addressed to Sacramento City, $35.00. The same price was paid for a handstamped Adams & Company, Sacramento, in blue on small cover. A similar cover from San Francisco, and one from Maryville, $27.50 each. An Adams & Company Express, Stockton, handstamped in blue, $48.00. A handstamped Beekman's Express, Jacksonville, O. T., $70.00. A Berford & Company, San Jose, Calif., described as one of the finest and rarest pieces in the sale, on 3c buff, $117.00. A Copley & Company on 10c green envelope, postmarked "Maryville—Paid By Stamps", $67.50. A Wm. T. Gibbs' Express on 3c on white envelope cancelled "Spanish Flat, Cal.", $87.50. A wonderful lot of Greathouse & Slicer went at prices varying from $40.00 to $53.00. A Green's Express from Rocky Hill, Ky., $132.50. Hunter & Company handstamps from $32.50 to $70.00. A Todd's Express brought $47.50.

Covers from Western points brought various prices, depending as much upon the illustration on the cover as on the postmark. "A Mining Scene" with a pair of the 3c 1851 from Placerville, Cal., $59.00. A "Noisy Carrier" on cover showing Seal of the State of California, $44.75. A California propaganda envelope showing bearded miner standing by a wooden sluice with youth holding bag of gold, entitled, "What will you take for a share?", from Tehama, $27.00. An 1857 10c on cover from San Francisco showing illustration of "What Cheer House" on back, $14.75. An 1851 3c from Bottle Hill, Calif., $25.50. A Forest City, Calif., cover with oval double line PAID postmark, $9.75.

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454	10c on ¾c black	.06	476	40c on 90c chalky blue	.35
455	10c on 1c chocolate	.05	477	40c on 1e gray violet	.04
456	10c on 4c green	.03	478	40c on 1.10e yellow brown	.05
457	10c on 4c orange	.03	479	80c on 6c pale rose	.12
458	10c on 5c olive brown	.03	480	80c on 6c chocolate	.06
459	15c on 16c blue	.03	481	80c on 48c rose	.06
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464	15c on 25c gray	.03	485	1.60e on 2e green, Chalky paper	.50
465	15c on 25c salmon pink	.03	486	1.60e on 3.20e gray green	.75
466	16c on 32c deep green	.04	488	10c orange brown	.02
467	40c on 2c orange	.04	489	15c black	.02
468	40c on 2c yellow	.50	490	40c light green	.05
469	40c on 2c chocolate	.04	491	40c chocolate	.04
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Our readers are beginning to come forward with notes and suggestions. Don't be bashful, no one person can make this department a success. If you have something worth telling about, or a query to propound, here is the time and the place to set it forth. If the editor can't answer it, certainly somewhere within the wide circle of this paper's readers there is someone who can.

Mr. R. L. Rich lends confirmation to our recent statement that the old issue stays by some office stocks, by sending a Crowley, La., old 50c in the U-51 handstamped type, inverted. Another choice item of his is Worcester, Mass., current 20c double up. Doubles from Worcester are decidedly out of the ordinary. By the way, Worcester is a popular town for some precancel collectors, its issues are widely sought and all are not easy to find. Some values of the present set in the old type that went out about 1922, are very elusive, for example the 1½, 8 and both positions of the 20c. And, conversely, several values of the old issue in the present type, are not so plentiful, namely, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 30, 50, $1. Another case where old stocks were buried under new ones.

Richard Beck and yours truly recently had an argument over a certain 1c precancelled envelope from Tacoma, he insisting that it is a local typeset, I that it is a government type. Dr. Mitchell acted as arbitrator, and awards the decision to Beck. The deciding factor is the 1921 watermark in the paper, the typeset production is so very nearly like that of the government type that to my poor eyes it did indeed seem that type. However, the Doctor says no government types were used on envelopes with 1921 watermark, so there you are. I have seen several close typeset approximations of the government type, but this takes the cake. Ninety-nine out of one hundred collectors would call it a government type without any hesitation.

Here is a puzzler: Wilfred Betts sends in a Clare, Mich., government type 1c envelope, saying, "I just found out that on two different Saturdays, i.e., November 2 and 9, the Rosebush, Mich., office accepted, postmarked, and mailed 250 of these Clare envelopes for a fellow who has no permit. This may be an every day occurrence, but if so, it's news to me." I think it's news to all of us.

Eben Thresher of Kansas City sends in an interesting bit of news: The Chicago & Alton Railway Company projected sending out a large number of circulars to K. C. residents. The Chicago office sent along 5,000 1c unprecancelled stamps perf. 11 x10½ for that purpose. Since they must be precancelled to go out under the Sec. 435½ ruling, these 5,000 were so treated with the current U-12, three-line city type. The rest of the circulars went out under 1c K. C. Bureaus. All of the 5,000 were perforated C & A. Now here is an item that is just certain to be good, perforated or not. There isn't one chance in 100 that more local type 1c will appear, they wouldn't have done so in this case, but for the company's having sent the 5,000 stamps from headquarters. Thresher thinks perhaps 10 or 20 were saved in the city, probably a liberal estimate. These emergency city type issues from Bureau using cities are mighty good things to be on the lookout for. The moral seems to be, keep your eyes open and *know your stamps.*

Another interesting kind of precancels is the mimeographed kind. Frederick Demers sends in some items from his home town, Waterville, Maine, which uses a mimeograph for precancelling. There are three spacings on their current mimeo, viz., 15, 16½, 17½mm, respectively, and all three are collectible. Regular postage collectors recognize the varying spacings of surcharges, and precancels are municipal surcharges, nothing more.

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The new method of gumming stamps, as explained in this column several weeks back, is meeting with success, and the reports that the Department is receiving are satisfactory. Under the circumstances, just as soon as the Christmas rush is over, all denominations of the rotary press will be produced by the new method. When they are all available, they will be examined carefully in the hopes that distinct differences will be noted, which will enable the specialist to separate the two issues.

At least a half dozen different designs of the new Air Mail stamp have been made by the Bureau, and are being submitted to the Postmaster General for his approval. He will, no doubt, select one showing an airplane in flight, or the air mail insignia, and this variety will be available after January first. As previously announced, it is not the Department's intention of making a first-day issue, but will put it into the general stock, which will be sent throughout the country just as soon as it is available.

Other new things may be expected shortly after the beginning of the new year.

New Issues

Under date of December 12, the Information Service of the Post Office Department addressed a communication to the daily press, stating that the Postmaster General had before him for consideration, no less than seventy-two requests for the issuance of commemorative stamps.

Many of these requests date back several months and have already been refused. The list includes a recommendation for the commemoration of about every event that the United States has participated in since becoming a nation, as well as commemoration of events of small importance to the American nation. For instance, one correspondent desires to commemorate the 2,000th Anniversary of the birth of Virgil. Those who spent nights working on their Virgil will think otherwise, a stamp to commemorate the Opening of the Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, a stamp for the first State Geologist of Michigan, Douglass Houghton, a stamp honoring the Hiding of the Liberty Bell during the Revolution, one for the Oregon Trail, one for the first "Homestead" papers in United States, Beatrice, Nebr., one for the Battle of Rhode Island, another for the Dog-Team Mail between Canada and the United States, a stamp for the Confederate Veterans Encampment, one for Mark Twain—in fact, the list is so long that it takes almost three pages. Possibly one or two stamps mentioned might eventually be issued, but in the case of most suggestions, there appears to be little thought behind the request.

"Around the Horn" Usage

In a recent Chronicle, mention was made of an interesting variety that had been located, showing the "Around the Horn" New York postmark. Dr. S. G. Keller noting the article writes to state that he has been interested in these cancellations for some time, and has so far succeeded in picking up this postmark on the 1851 1c, 3c, 10c and 12c. He has also found the 1857 10c, 12c and 24c. The latter must be unusually scarce. I do not recall seeing this postmark on this denomination.

New Envelopes

Under date of December 14, Mr. F. A. Tilton, Third Assistant Postmaster General, announced changes in prices of stamped envelopes, effective January 1, 1930.

The changes show a slight increase in cost, due to increased cost of manufacturing. There are no changes in price in newspaper wrappers.

The demand for the size 3 envelope has been exceedingly small and this will be discontinued. Extra quality envelopes, which heretofore have been available in white only, may be had after the first of the year in blue and amber, in addition to white. Postmasters are instructed to keep a supply of these three colors on hand to meet a reasonable public demand. They are supposed to have on hand in addition to certain sizes of the colored envelopes, unprinted stocks of the extra quality size 5, 7, 8, and 13 on white. These are to be furnished at the window, unless the purchaser especially desires standard quality envelopes. In this way, the purchaser of odd quantities will receive a much higher grade envelope at no extra cost, for heretofore he has been paying one cent for a single envelope of the standard quality envelope paper.

Beginning with January first, envelopes with the imprint in the corner of the Post Office only, will only be issued in extra quality. In other words, the Department is making every effort to eliminate the use of the standard quality. Return-request envelopes may be obtained at the old figure up until the end of the year.

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Filatelic Oddities

Edited by SEVARD.

Canada is still using the cash register mailing strip instead of stamps on parcels post. We have been propagandists for this for many years, and we hope our postal authorities will adopt them, since there are ten advantages to one disadvantage in using them. It is very funny to relate that we received a bundle of these addressed, "For the person saving Canadian stamps," without street number, city, state or country. Some friend in the Washington post office has us spotted for this philatelic junk.

On top of that, Mr. Robert Briggs, Athol, Mass., sends us a few Canadian covers which are stampless but show a handstamp "4" on them, indicating the postage paid. One cover has a "T" in a circle. From the cancel impression found on each cover, we feel certain that the envelopes were empty when received and were forwarded as possible Postage Due originating in Canada. Have you ever mailed out checks and forgotten to put the checks inside the envelope? Mr. Briggs wants to know if stampless covers are coming back? They always do to me.

Mr. Bob Gallup, Albany, New York, sends us a pretty impression of the new square stamp meter, known as type F henceforth. These meters are becoming quite common now, and we are receiving them from all over. Since these meters lack a city permit number, they should be collected entire. Albany always reminds me of the Sheridan monument there which we dedicated in 1917. The State of New York somehow dedicated us with a carload of hams, which we attached to our train, and when we landed in Weehawken, my battery had hams hanging off the horses' ears, from the rifle sight covers, from the captain's sword. It being a field artillery company rather Jewish in character, our march across 42nd Street down to the Long Island Railroad Station made quite a hit in New York City. Hams to the right of them, hams to the left of them, gefuellte fisch had blundered; was there a man dismayed, was there a gun displayed, New York City wondered.

PROF. A. E. GAMBER, VALLEY CITY, N. DAK., IS RAZZING US AGAIN BY SENDING US A TYPE E METER FROM FARGO, N. DAKOTA. THIS IS FARGO NO. 1, METER 8026, UNIVERSAL CREDIT COMPANY. AHA! FRIEND GAMBER, WE TOLD YOU THOSE HARDING PRECANCELS WERE SPECULATIVE.

Mr. A. E. Clattenburg, Jr., former Cynwyd, Penna., has written us fro his new abode in Ellas or Greece, whe he is Vice-Consul. On the strength this adventure, Mr. Clattenburg a nounces his marriage. To link roman to adventure in historic Greece is t much for our subtle brains. We c only gain them by poring over o stamps and wondering if we should leave the stamps on our seered love mi sives, rather than seal them into tomes hinged beings among which they lose little of the tutoyer of Life.

Mr. Clarence Loescher, Menash Wis., sent us a glorious cover of A pleton's First Anniversary. The cak the candle, the trimmings, all as a c chet, are quite interesting. But deci edly not as a cachet. Its worth more in the fact that a small town ca divulge philately beneficially. Stamp make for friends, and advertising the for the sake of our hobby is no mea venture. What Appleton has don every philatelic society in the wor can do. But it takes initiative to sta anything. Therein lies the benefits the cachet.

Mr. R. D. Everard writes us fro London in hurried excitement over a fin a cover with twelve of Fiji 2c on 1d 18 dated August 26, 1872. The earliest da ing in the handbook is September. W never hesitate to get excited, too, whe ever we make a find, or disprove son well published authority. It's an e perience Harry Konwiser loves, as do v all. If only Mr. Everard will stay aw from the lions at Trafalgar Square. La summer, we went punting at the Serpe tine, and boy, how I can punt? I punt ninety yards until a bobby got me wi a boat hook, and fished an English ge tleman out of the water.

AN INTERNATIONAL STAMP?

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

Amongst the recommendations adopte by the London Postal Congress this ye was one providing for the introducti of an improved type of International R ply Coupon, to be taken into use on Ju 1, 1930, when the new convention com into force. But, so far as can be a certained, no provision has been made f removing several anomalies which exi at present in connexion with the use these by no means perfect attributes international communications.

One of the primary objections to th existing arrangement is that, whereas th coupons can only be exchanged f stamps of equivalent face value to 2½ they are retailed by the post offices different countries at widely varyin prices. For instance, in Australia at o time an International Reply Coupon co 6d to buy, although more recently th cost has been reduced to 4d, as compare with 3d in Great Britain, and somethin less than 2½d in certain continental cou tries. Now that rates for internation postage are more or less stabilised, should be possible for the coupons to b sold in all Postal Union countries f the exact local equivalent of the standar rate upon single letters and to be ex changeable for stamps of the same valu There would seem to be no valid reaso why a 2½d stamp should cost 3d at o post office and twice that amount another.

Nor does the system of exchange wor smoothly, owing to the different inte pretations put upon it by postal official It is not uncommon for a 1½d stamp t be proffered in exchange for an Inte national Reply Coupon emanating fro one of the British Dominions on th grounds that it is the actual postage r quired for a single letter within th Empire.

It is due undoubtedly to these irritatin anachronisms and complications that th public at large does not avail itself mo freely of the facilities apparently ap proved by the International Reply Coupo service. A practical solution of the diff culty suggests itself in the substitution a universal adhesive stamp in lieu of th "Coupon-Réponse International." Th could be printed and issued by the Ber Bureau in the same way as the Repl Coupon, and supplied to the world's po

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TURIN EXHIBITION

The Italian National Philatelic Exhibi-on held recently at Turin was according *Gibbons' Monthly Journal* honorably istinguished by the fact that no special tamp was issued in connection with it. special postmark was, however, used.

So much space was available for ex-ibits that practically all the frames were fixed to the walls, which added greatly the convenience of visitors. The aver-ge philatelic exhibition is like the maze t Hampton Court with closely set stands f frames occupying most of the avail-ble floor space.

Among the rarities shown were Sicily, gr blue, error of colour, used (Dr. hiesa); 80c Parma, used on cover Bona), and complete mint sheet of Par-a, 15c, first issue, showing the *tête êche* (Dr. Diena).

The highest awards went to Messrs. aineri, Chiesa, Bona and Sciarra, the ree former showing Italian States and e last-named, Uruguay.

NFLD. 3c ON 6c INVERTED

Two sheets of the provisional 3c on 6c 929 have been discovered with inverted rcharge. One sheet was used as regu-r postage, but the other was bought up efore it had time to be used. This same tamp has also been seen with the sur-harge in black, but this is a trial print-ng.

FRANK F. WILLS.

BERLIN EXHIBITION

An International Philatelic Exhibition ill be held in Berlin in Sept. next, and e committee in charge has the arrange-ents well in hand. The exhibition will e held in the Zoölogical Gardens and hilatelists who desire information may ddress the office of the exhibition at 79a riedrich St., Berlin, W.8.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

Mineola, N. Y., will organize a stamp lub Jan. 9, at 154 Mineola Blvd. It will e primarily an adult organization, but uniors will be welcome. Nearby col-ectors will take notice.

We are indebted to H. M. Brehm for CAM 9 extension first flight anniver-ary cachet. It is dated Dec. 15, 1929, ith Appleton, Wis., postmark.

CAYMAN IDS. No. 30a

We recently stated upon the authority of Mr. Hermann Focke that Cayman Ids. Scott's No. 30a, 1d on 4d black and red on yellow had no postal standing. Mr. Hans Lagerloef of N. Y. C. wrote us as follows:—

"For your information, wish to say that I have this very stamp with double surcharge, together with the unsurcharged stamp and other stamps on a registered cover addressed to Germany and cancelled in Georgetown, so the stamp certainly must exist. This cover is certainly genuine."

In rebuttal Mr. Focke further writes:—

"In the first place I have not said that the 'stamp does not exist', because that would not be the truth; my contention is that it was never issued nor admitted for the purpose of doing service as a postage stamp, but was intended exclusively to serve as a revenue stamp.

The fact that one copy, placed on a cover with a number of other stamps, escaped the postmaster's attention, and may have been cancelled, does not change the stamp's status, and I can assure you that I have seen several copies, on which the stamp was obliterated with a blue pencil, and the letter subjected to payment of postage due by the addressee.

I happened to be an ardent admirer of Cayman Islands stamps in the period of the various provisionals, was very well acquainted with Mr. Bostwick, and if it should interest you, I shall be glad to submit to you authenticated proof, in print, and substantiated by photographs and official correspondence, to convince you that this stamp should not appear in a catalogue for *postage stamps.*"

This is an interesting contribution to Cayman Ids. postal history.

AIR MAIL ITEMS

—The American Lead Pencil Co. of Hoboken is using a very neat air mail meter permit No. 10089.

—A recent United Press dispatch states that the Pan-American Airways, Inc., have announced that Col. Lindbergh will soon blaze the first flight on a new FAM route. This will be an extension from Paramaribo, down the east coast of South America, via Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and undoubtedly numerous other intermediate points. No other details yet, but this may happen without much advance notice.

—The *Postal Bulletin* of Dec. 17th, appropriately enough the Wright Anniversary, carries long and detailed announcement of a general reduction in rates over the services on FAM's 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, effective Jan. 1. Those who wish rate change covers, or who wish to see this detailed statement, can do so by asking their local postmaster to show this *Bulletin* to them.

DONALD E. DICKASON.

ffices at an agreed discount for retail at ie exact equivalent in national currency f 25 gold centimes. Printed in blue and f bold design, the Postal Union stamp ould be recognised and accepted in pre-ayment of international postage by all ountries signatory to the convention. If eed be the name of the country of origin ould be inserted in a blank space pro-ided for that purpose as a form of ontrol.

The scheme would simplify the sending f reply-paid letters to an enormous ex-ent, as the trouble and annoyance of ex-anging coupons would be entirely elimi-ated, the Universal stamp being affixed y the sender to a self-addressed envelope the first instance. In such case the dhesive stamp would not be exchange-ble or redeemable under any conditions hatsoever. The work of the Interna-onal Postal Clearing House should also e materially reduced by the suggested novation.

An obvious objection to the proposed plan lies in the danger of counterfeiting, but that is more apparent than real, for the simple reason that it is common knowledge that the present Reply Coupons have themselves been imitated on an extensive scale. To the master-forgers who can turn out dangerous facsimiles of bank notes, the reproduction of these indifferently printed billets must be a comparatively simple matter: nor would a trifle like a forged postmark be likely to stand in the way. The surest safeguard against successful counterfeiting of postage stamps (International or otherwise) is provided by the vast army of lynx-eyed philatelists, scattered over the surface of the globe and ever watchful for the slightest deviation in the objects of their study and desire.

In the firm belief therefore that the idea of an International stamp is something more than a Utopian dream we respectfully commend it to the mature consideration of the Powers that Be.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Charlie Severn at rest

Even the skies shed tears as all that was mortal of our editor left its former home on Loyola Ave., Chicago, for its final resting place in Rose Hill Cemetery. No longer will Charlie Severn speak to us through the columns of this paper, but he will continue to be our inspiration so long as we have mind and memory. It is possible that there may be some who will call these lines a preachment. True, they may be, but they will pay tribute to a beautiful personality.

"So live that when thy summons come"

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"Why, Oh Why?"

Such is the cry of anguish sent up by broken hearts. We think of the sundered family ties, the widow left to carry on alone, and conscious of her weakness, a son of 13, just entering in upon young manhood, and so needy of the companionship of "Dad." Quite naturally there surges up in the human breast, "Why, oh why?" How shall one meet such an occasion? There is only one way and that by seeking strength outside of self. We may not go to the same place, and we may not go in the same way, but there are reserves of strength that one can tap in an emergency such as this.

What have I in my closet?

Everyone has a closet for reserve power. It may be full and it may be empty. It all depends upon our own temperament and inclination. When one is facing the eternal verities of life and death, and we tap the resources of the closet shall we find upon the shelves the thing that we need? Will courage be there, or faith, or comfort in prayer, or belief in the hereafter, or remembrance of the goodness of God—if so, we shall not be afraid. No, this is not a sermon, it is a little homily that comes to mind as one thinks of those who mourn and the future seems dark and dismal.

Requiescat in pace

So final public honors were paid the former editor of the WEEKLY, but his name and his service to those who knew him, will be so enshrined in their memory that they will never cease to honor him. Even as he lived in simplicity, so was he laid away. There was no funeral eulogy —he would not have wished it. There was, however, a great outpouring of friends gathered in honor of one whom they loved. If the wide reaches of our mailing list could have responded no church edifice in Chicago would have held the multitude.

WILLARD O. WYLIE.

MR. SEVERN'S ACTIVITIES

It was in 1894 that Mr. Severn first became associated with the WEEKLY. At that time the paper was being published at St. Louis under the editorial management of I. A. Mekeel, who was keen to note the possibilities in the young Chicago philatelist. After serving as Chicago correspondent, he was invited to take the editorship of the WEEKLY, where he has since served with great ability.

With Mr. Severn's interest in philately it was a natural thing for him to become associated in stamp clubs and organizations of various kinds. He became active in the Chicago Philatelic Society, the Society of Philatelic Americans, the American Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society of London, and others too numerous to mention. To cap his activities and in recognition of his service to philately, he was elected to membership in the world Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

Mr. Severn was quite active in politics, taking a keen interest in the success of the Republican party and its candidates. He had served as chairman of local organizations, and had frequently been solicited to accept nominations for various offices, but refrained from doing so.

TRIBUTES OF RESPECT

I have just heard the dreadful news of the death of dear old Charlie Severn. I cannot tell you how grieved I am. We all loved him, and a true gentleman has passed on to his reward. The loss will be very great. My sympathy to you all.

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

It was indeed a great shock to me to hear of the death of our dear old friend Charles E. Severn, whom I have known for more than thirty years, and held in highest esteem. The WEEKLY and the American Philatelic Society have suffered an irreparable loss. His great ability as a writer and a speaker has enabled him to render great and constant service to Philately as scarcely another has been privileged to do. We will surely miss him for a long time to come and mourn his passing as one of our truest friends.

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DONALD E. DICKASON, *Editor*,
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(Coöperators will find their names listed each week. If a reply be necessary, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

The missing covers, intended for the first Argentina northbound flight, finally turned up, postmarked Nov. 29, and reaching here Dec. 12. Nice enough as flown covers, but they surely missed the first trip, all right.***The Mexican Aviation Week covers came through in a hurry. Franked with the new stamps, and bearing the special cachet in violet, they make a fine addition to the collection. First day was Dec. 10. According to advance information, but 5,000 of the 40c stamps were to be issued, but plenty of the 20c. I ordered some of each from the Mexico City P. M., but received only the 20c. However, two of my covers were sent registered with the 40c stamp paying the postage, so I probably have my share.***A clipping from Mexico City dated Nov. 9 tells of the involved route taken by air mail from Mexico to Quintana Roo. Letters are routed via Brownsville, San Antonio, New Orleans, Atlanta, Miami, Havana, and Belize, and from there by boat to the Mexican coast. I'd surely like a registered first tripper, showing all the transit postmarks!

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Effective Dec. 28, the 2 P. M. trip south, and the 10 A. M. trip north on CAM 24, were discontinued for the winter.***Don't forget the reopening of the Miami-Nassau route Jan. 1st.***The Interdepartmental Committee has at least tentatively approved the following new routes: Atlanta-Los Angeles; Louisville-Dallas and Ft. Worth; New York, via Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Cincinnati to St. Louis. Don't send covers yet, however.***Rockford, Ill., is pretty definitely scheduled for route 9 very soon. If your local postmaster hasn't received any notice yet in the *Postal Bulletin*, the Chamber of Commerce will doubtless hold covers for you. ***Same thing goes for Charlotte, N. C., on the authority of Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., contractors for CAM 19.

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Tentative announcement, also, is made of service from Mexico City to Acapulco, to start about the first of the year. Nothing definite, but may be worth the chance. Postage 20c Mexican.***Another crash cover: Billy Buck tells me of a Kansas City Administration Building Dedication cover (Nov. 2), received with a mimeographed sticker, "Damaged in plane crash, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2, 1929. Robt. M. Bryson, P. M." Pilot is believed to have been Chas. Vermilyea. ***We're again getting press reports of a coming speedboat service between Oakland airport and San Francisco. Any of you folks on the coast know anything more about it?

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Roderic S. Leland tells me that the P. M. at Friedrichshafen, Germany, has notified him that the Graf Zeppelin has been put up for the winter, and will make no more flights till spring.***Anna M. Schafer sends a clipping with the first detailed report of plans for the spring polar trip of the Graf. First flight to Tromso, Norway, base. Thence trial flight to Spitzbergen. Third, a flight skirting Spitzbergen, across the Arctic Ocean between Greenland and the pole to Beaufort Sea, thence across Alaska to Fairbanks, where a mast and mooring equipment will be ready. Next flight over the great unexplored area between Alaska and the pole, returning to Alaska. Final flight will be the return to Tromso, via Northern Land and Franz Josef Land. If mail is carried—and it doubtless will be—covers from this trip will rival in interest anything we have had thus far. Can any of our readers in Norway give any of the tentative details of the possibilities from that quarter?

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The Marseilles-Beirut air service is soon to be extended via Baghdad to French Indo-China. Don't send covers unless you have a correspondent, as the French postal officials are usually reluctant to handle mail for collectors on these flights.***A new Southwest Africa service is soon to be inaugurated between Windhoek and Walvis Bay.***A recent non-stop trial air mail carrying flight was made by the Luft Hansa from Berlin to Constantinople and return. Distance each way was covered in a bit over 10 hours!

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The Moncton-Saint John-Quebec-Montreal new trial service opened on schedule Dec. 9, and the usual high class pictorial cachets were supplied by the Canadian P. O.—different ones for point to point service, as usual. Quebec and Montreal used English in the cachet on the

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Johnny's Diary

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND.

(Continued.)

July 16.—We got even with a dealer today who cheated us a lot of times before we knew what stamps were worth. The 7c Navy in that collection had a hole in the middle, and was blotted there, too, so we put a 3c under it and I took Pop's razor and cut out a piece to fit the hole, and we put it in and got it nice and smooth, and then we put it in a butcher book with some other U. S. and pasted them down flat so he couldn't see the backs, and sold them to him for $4.50. We was tickled to death when he didn't catch the 7c. Now we are even with him. We paid the $2.50 we owed on the bycicle deal and have 2 dollars left for another deal. We're goin' to buy this town before we grow up, if we can just keep on.

July 17.—Gee, neither of us got a stamp all day. Willy was goin' to trade Hoxie Clark a half penny Malta for a first issue Gibraltar, when a feller Willy didn't know, came along and told Hoxie don't you do it. Willy wants me to help lick the kid, but I don't see that he did anything to me. Still, it's mean to go back on a pard and I guess I'll help if he needs it.

July 18.—That 2 dollars came in fine today. Jim Williams is going away for a week and came over and said he'd give us our pick of 20 stamps from his book for 15c each. We beat him down to 20 for $2.50, and then soaked him. We got 3 New Zealand revenues used for postage, and 2 Victorias, a 1 shilling Cape, and some old Canada. We divided even on them, and mine list at $6.80. I borrowed half a dollar from Pop to finish paying him for them.

July 19.—Willy got a couple of good ones today, but I didn't get a thing. I guess it's just as well for I wanted a chance to stick in my new ones and fix up things. I took that first set of Samoa out of the book. That dealer out west says they are all right, but I'd rather collect something that ain't so hard to prove. They are pretty and I'll trade 'em off.

July 20.—We went way over to the other side of town today and tackled every kid we met about stamps. Had a scrap with 2 fellers that said we were fresh, and my nose is right sore, but you bet they both feel like funerals. We managed to find some collectors, and did a good deal of trading. I found a 7c grilled in one feller's book and traded him that set of Samoa for it when he said he didn't think much of grills. We struck one feller who said what good was old stamps. After we talked to him he said he would look at his grandmother's stuff and we could buy any stamps he found.

(To be continued.)

Junior Dictionary

Nash Mills.—The paper manufactory of Messrs. Dickinson & Longman at which the well-known "Dickinson" silk thread paper was manufactured. All the paper used in the production of the Mulready envelopes of Great Britain was made at these mills.

Na Skarb Narodowy.—A Polish surcharge which was applied to the "Gen. Gouv. Warschau" set of German Occupation stamps. It means "For the National Funds" (or Treasury) and was made at Wlotzlawek.

Ned. Indie. — Another abbreviated form of "Nederlandsch-indie" as shown upon all the stamps of the Dutch Indies in use from 1870 until 1902.

The Manufacture of Stamps

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

No. 3—Lithography

We have now described the two chief methods of engraving by means of which (1) most of the earliest stamps were produced and (2) most of the modern stamps are printed. The main characteristic of the former is that the lines of the design are cut into the plate (in recess), while in the latter the lines of the design are in relief. We now have to consider another important method that has been fairly extensively used in postage stamp production—that of lithography, or printing from the flat and polished surface of a special kind of limestone. Where this method is used the lines of the design are neither in recess nor relief but are quite level with the printing surface of the limestone so that the "flat" appearance generally ascribed to lithographed stamps is perfectly correct.

The fundamental basis of lithography is the well known scientific fact that grease will not combine with water and the inks used in drawing or transferring a design or for printing are all of a fatty nature.

The limestone used in lithography has to be close grained and free from chalk and other impurities and the better sorts all come from German quarries. To lose as little as possible of the valuable surface suitable for printing, this limestone is quarried with saws. Before leaving the quarries the stones are roughly finished and on reaching the lithographic establishment each stone is ground and polished, great care being exercised that the undersurface is exactly parallel with the printing surface. If the botom surface were left uneven the stone would be liable to crack or break under the pressure applied during the process of printing.

When the stone is ready the design may be drawn direct (in which event it has to be drawn in reverse) or it may be drawn on a specially prepared paper from which it is transferred to the surface of the stone. The latter is the method generally used so far as the production of postage stamps is concerned.

The drawing is made with a special ink in which wax and tallow (both greasy and fatty substances) are important constituents. When ready for transferring, the paper is wetted and laid face downward on the surface of the stone and under pressure the drawing is transferred from the paper to the stone.

A sheet of postage stamps consists of a number of identical copies of the same design so that, as a rule, the impressions are not transferred one at a time—a process at once tedious and presenting difficulties in the way of correct alignment—but in strips or groups usually consisting of from four to ten copies. The original design is transferred to the special paper as many times as are necessary to make up the desired group and this group is re-transferred to the stone as many times as are required. The best and most careful work is done when an engraved die is used for reproducing the design. This is inked with the special greasy composition, impressions taken on the transfer paper, and these are then transferred to the stone. Or an impression from an entire engraved plate may be transferred to a stone in the same manner. But whichever of these several methods is employed, the results are the same—*i.e.*, a design is transferred to a stone with a greasy ink which sinks into the pores of the stone and is perfectly level with its surface. The ink would spread and spoil the design but for the fact that the stone is at once covered with a dilute gummy solution which fills the pores of the surface untouched by the ink. The superfluous gum is washed off after the amount necessary for stopping the pores has dried in.

(To be continued.)

Solomon's Glory

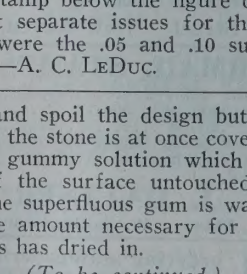
By EVERETT KLAAS.

King Solomon ruled in all his glory
O'er the Hebrew race and so the story
How Balkis, Queen of Sheba, came
To meet this king of world wide tame;
She brought with her much spice and treasure,
Which gave to Solomon keenest pleasure,
But his joy must needs have reached perfection
Had she brought some stamps for his collection.

If the Queen to gain his favor had craved
She should have brought some stamps she'd saved:
Perforates and imperfs, both used and mints,
And blocks of Sheba overprints,
Also a stamp with surcharge inverted,
Then for his favor she need not have flirted;
Instead of dining on wines and nectars,
They'd have traded stamps like other collectors.

Dieu et Mon Droit

This motto appears on the scroll below the shield on the centre of certain of the stamps of Antigua. It forms part of the British Royal coat-of-arms, and is said to have been first used by Richard



Cœur de Lion, in whose time the Royal Arms consisted only of the three lions now shown in the first quarter of the shield. The motto is in French and means "God and my Right."

Comoro Islands

The Comoro Islands consist of a group of four large and a number of smaller islands. They belong to France, and lie to the north of the Mozambique channel between the east coast of Africa and the northwest coast of Madagascar. The four large islands are Great Comoro, Johanna (Anjouan), Mohilla (Moheli), and Mayotte. They have a total area of 760 square miles. They are mountainous and are of volcanic origin. The highest mountain on Great Comoro is still an active volcano. The soil is fertile and produces coffee, cotton, sugar, vanilla, cloves and coconuts. Jewelry, cutlery and coarse clothes are manufactured to some extent. The island of Mayotte was ceded to France in 1842, and a protectorate extended over the remaining ones in 1886. The group is ruled by native sultans who are under the supervision of a French governor.

All of these islands are now a part of the colony of Madagascar, and dependencies, and use the same stamps as in the large island of Madagascar. However, such has not always been the case. Separate stamps for Anjouan were issued in 1892, for Grand Comoro in 1897, for Mayotte in 1892, and for Moheli in 1906. In each case, the stamps were the regular French colonial stamps of the period—the Peace and Commerce type—with the name of each colony inserted at the base of the stamp below the figure of value. The last separate issues for these four islands were the .05 and .10 surcharges of 1912.—A. C. LEDUC.

Filatelic Fun Forum

R. E. FARR, *Editor*,
614 Reserve Av., Hot Springs, Ark.

News Item: "New stamps to have tasty stickum." With this text a N. Y. *World* cartoon recently put six hot ones over on the P. O. D. The Bureau of P. and E. is represented as a chef slinging a batch of taffy stamp backing over a hook. Too bad it's not true. Clipping by kindness of a new FFF scout, Harry Peterson.

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FOR THE UNINITIATED

These F. F. F. cracks are typewritten on a roll of adding machine paper by Mr. Farr. Then Mr. Wylie decides how much he needs, measures it with a tape measure, runs it through a Hoe press, and thus the F. F. F. column is produced.
—Chet. Hodgson.

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Joe: "Gene's found how to get a lot of those rare six cents of '69."
George: "How?"
Joe: "He uses two of the common three cent '69's."
Robt. W. Martin.

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THROUGH A PERISCOPE

The favorite pipe of Cap'n Townsend looks like a Hubbard squash—all warty.

'Tis said that "Barney" Voorhees was called on the other night for a talk at the stamp club, but he had mislaid his cigar and couldn't talk.

I don't know if Paul McGuffin smokes or not, but he will order a loganberry highball on the slightest provocation.

Chet Hodgson's pen gets so hot from writing steadily for the F. F. F. that it would smoke, he says, only it is a fountain pen.

Three of the F. F. F. Contributors' Gang sent me their pictures. Toofus thought they were movie actors.

One of them writes, "Appreciate your dainty remarks about my high forehead. I was born without hair so why be sensitive about it at this late day?"

Another says, "My picture is terrible. But then—so am I."

Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, owns a strip of four $1,000 Future Deliveries. At a tax of 1c on the $100 this strip represents a deal of $40,000,000.

Everett Klaas missed seeing the fleet that went through at the opening of the Ohio River Canal. Unlucky boy. But then Everett lives just above Dam 13.

Know any stamp tittle-tattle? Send it in and I'll be glad to enlarge on it. I thank you.

THE OFFICE PARROT.

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Good Ideas

W. D. Kelly suggests a stamp for "Fallen Arches." How about one for Fall 'n' Doheney?—Everett Klaas.

I'd like to catch all the fellows who train moths to bite their initials in stamps and massacre 'em.—Cap'n Townsend.

A subscriber asks how to prevent mint stamps from sticking to the album page. Wash off the gum, brother.—R. M. Camp.

I hope the new Ohio River stamp will dam this flood of commemoratives. —Chet. Hodgson.

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He had twenty thousand, she heard;
So they were married and soon
They were also divorced
After a brief honeymoon.

For that 20,000, you see,
Was not laid up in a bank;
But it was carefully hinged
In albums according to rank.
—Max Smith.

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"They're putting something over on me," said the South American stamp. When collectors saw that overprint they said the same thing.

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The man gnashed his teeth until the fire flew. He had just made a hole in one. Some golfers would give a week of life just to make a hole in one. But this man gnashed his teeth. His tweezers had slipped and he had just made a hole in one—his best stamp.

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INDIAN GODS ON POSTAGE STAMPS

By S. V. GULVADI, B.A., L.T.

Gods are immortal—the Sanskrit word for god, *amara*, means immortal, deathless. But advanced thought, even centuries before the advent of modern science, had begun to ignore, if not exactly to question, their existence—even in this land of gods galore great thinkers were not wanting who said that even if gods existed their power or influence for good or ill on human life was literally *nil*. And modern rationalism, aided by modern science, has cast them into the melting-pot—the immortals have passed away, unwept, unhonoured, and unsung. But if they have passed away, not so their memory. Some of them have had philatelic immortality bestowed upon them, and it is the purpose of this short paper to draw attention to these.

Taking them in the order in which they appear in that prince of stamp catalogues, the Gibbons Catalogue, first comes Ganesha, the elephant-headed god who figures in the stamps of the Duttia State. Ganesha, or Ganapati, is the eldest son of Mahadeva or Shiva, the chief of the Hindu trinity. For having once seriously angered his father his head was pinched off by the incensed parent; but on the mother Parvati begging with tears that he might be revived, Mahadeva said, "Cut off the head of him who is found sleeping with his head to the north, be he man or beast, and place the head on this body, and the boy shall come back to life and have that head ever after." An elephant was found sleeping in that posture, and thus it came about that Ganesha became elephant-headed. The name literally means lord of the *ganas* or powers of evil, whom he was appointed to hold in check. At every Hindu ceremony he is first invoked and prayed to that he may see to it that no evil spirit interferes and mars the good that is sought. Homage is rendered first to him before any other god, and it is in the fitness of things that he happens to be the first among the Hindu gods appearing in the Gibbons Catalogue! He is generally represented squatting, with his favourite carrier, the mouse, by his side (though in the Duttia stamps the mouse is *non est*), holding in one of his four hands (all the chief gods are four-armed, though only two-footed) a piece of one of his tusks which he had intended to hurl at Chandra or the moon-god for having laughed at his queer appearance but desisted at the humble entreaty of the offending god, who made due *amende honorable*.

Next in order comes Surya, the sun-god, who rides in his seven-steed chariot in the stamps of the Jaipur State. The Jaipur princes are *suryavamshis*, tracing their descent from the sun-god; it is therefore appropriate that the figure of their traditional ancestor should adorn the stamps of the State. Surya in his chariot is said to be driving round and round the mountain of Meru (not identified), thereby causing day and night. In the summer heat the steeds go slow, hence the days are longer; in the cool nights they make up by galloping faster! (Perhaps in winter the extreme cold of the midnight numbs their feet and they rest awhile, thus lengthening the night.) The seven steeds apparently represent the seven colours of the rainbow. The sun, as a flaming orb, also adorns the centres of the first stamps of Jammu and Kashmir (Types 1 to 3), the princes of Jammu also being *suryavamshis*, claiming to be descendants of the sun-god. The orb, reduced in size, was later shifted to the top (Types 4 to 11); still later four orbs, much smaller and almost starlike, were placed in the four corners of the low denominations (Types 12 to 15 and 18), and larger ones were placed in the corners of the higher denominations (Types

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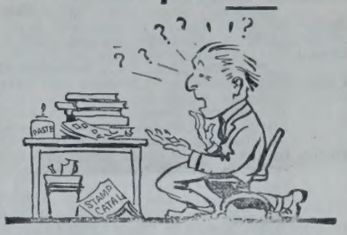

Did you ever have difficulty in locating the country to which a certain stamp belongs because you couldn't read the foreign language on the stamp or because it was so confusingly like several other countries that you didn't stumble onto the right one, or because the occupational surcharge placed it in another country and you didn't just recall which? Sure you have! Every collector who has sorted a bunch of stamps has wasted five minutes here, thirty minutes there, and has become exasperated and put it away to ask a friend where it went, or to wait until he stumbled across it at some future date.

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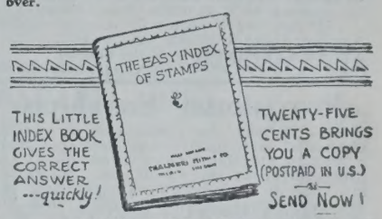
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16 and 17). In Type 19 the orbs are like those in the last, but the stamps of Type 19 were never in use.

Next comes Mahadeva, whose figure forms the central design of the current stamps of Nepal (Type 3). Mahadeva is, as said above, the chief of the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahadeva. The name literally means the great god—he is the god of gods:

"Whom all three worlds obey,
And all the gods of all the worlds
To Him do always pray."

He is generally represented, as in the Nepal stamps, sitting in deep meditation on Mount Kailas (Everest) among the peaks of the Himalayas (=snow-abodes, being ever snow-clad). In one hand he holds his dreaded trident, and in another an antelope. He is not a hunter, neither an antelope-fancier; this antelope has an interesting history. Brahma, as the creator-god, was the father of Saraswati, whom he afterwards married. Mahadeva upbraided him for this incestuous alliance and as a punishment pinched off one of his five heads (the top one)—and since then Brahma has only four heads. The pinched head, however, stuck to Mahadeva's hand and could not be removed, try how he might! (The guilt of murder cannot be washed off—cf., Lady Macbeth washing her hands.) What can't be cured must be endured—and so Mahadeva by his will-power changed the shape of the gruesome thing, and it became an antelope! Round his neck is Mahashesha, or the great cobra, whose spread hood is seen beside his right ear; and in his *shikha,* or knotted tuft of hair, is Ganga, the goddess from whose mouth proceeds the sacred stream of the Ganges, which curiously enough is shown in the stamp as flowing up and across the mountains! Why are Ganga and Mahashesha there? Well, at the churning of the ocean by the gods and titans to extract *amrita,* or the immortality-and-youth-giving nectar, when one of the early products, *halahala,* or poison of poisons, appeared, none could bear its presence, for even from a distance it burnt into the bodies of the gods and titans assembled; Mahadeva, who always had to find a way out whenever the gods were in a quandary, offered to swallow the poison—and swallow he did, but retained it in his throat, not allowing it to go down further; and to cool his burning throat he twined round his neck the great cobra, and also placed in his *shikha* the goddess Ganga so that the ice-cold head-waters of the stream might have further cooling effect.

These are the only Hindu gods to be seen in the stamps of Indian States. The French, however, have honoured another, viz. Brahma, the four-headed creator-god. He appears in the central design of the French Indian stamps of 1914, and later dates, seated on a swan; the swan, however, is not his proper *vahana,* or carrier, but that of his wife Saraswati, and to a Hindu it looks incongruous to see Brahma seated on a swan. Three of his heads are seen in the stamps; the fourth is occulted, being dorsal. It was reserved for a European (and reputedly Christian) nation to immortalise a Hindu god whom no Hindu State had cared thus to honour!

The remaining member of the Hindu trinity, Vishnu, who is most popular in his incarnations of Rama and Krishna, has not yet been chosen for this philatelic honour. But he may yet be! —*Gibbons' Stamp Monthly.*

PRECANCELLED STAMPS

(Continued from page 793)

Alvin Krause of Milwaukee, whose Wisconsin collection is the peer of them all, and deservedly so, sends in some unusual items: Madison U-2, ½c double, one normal, one inverted; Delavan, U-1, old $1 double, one normal, one inverted; Appleton U-12. 20c double, one up, one down; Racine U-1, 50c double, one up, one down; Green Bay U-5, 10c normal double; Marshfield U-3, 1c normal double. Notice that these are all electro doubles, and all from Wisconsin. Now you begin to see why his specialized Wisconsin collection is so widely recognized as the best. To top it off he submits Jersey City U-1, old 8c perf. 10, double, one normal, one inverted, and St. Louis type III, 2c 1912, inverted double.

C. C. Fisher sends in some Tennessee items new to me: Madison, U-82; Martin, U-75; both new towns. Columbia is another new Tennessee town, using the U-75 handstamp. Clarksville is still another one, its type is U-73.

Other new ones are: Wilmette, Ill. U-75; Harvey, Iowa, U-82; Dover, Delaware, U-82; Fitchburg, Mass., see appended cut for this town's striking new type. This is the first time I have seen this type, but there is another one very

FITCHBURG
MASS.

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much like it, but smaller caps, now in use at Akron, Ohio, and West New York, N. J. At first I thought this is a typeset production, but now it appears to be a brand new venture in electro making. Certainly it is welcome, it is to be hoped that many cities will receive samples of these two new types.

A correspondent asks if stamps precancelled in any color but the regulation black ink have more value. If they are electro productions, yes, if handstamp productions, not ordinarily, the various colored ink pads are so near the clerk's hands when he precancels, that almost any color may be used. But where the overprint is printed, the chances are very much against such a thing's happening, to say nothing of the Department's rulings against anything but regulation black. However, once in a while an office turns out one or more colored ink productions. Bangor, Maine, used red ink on five values of the current set a few years ago, but the practice was very quickly stopped. Danvers, Mass., did the same on two or three. Seattle recently turned out the 1c compound and the 12c in a decidedly bluish shade. These colored ink electros are worth hunting for. About the only city I can think of offhand that has used colored inks to any extent is South Manchester, Conn. I don't know if they have a dispensation or a deaf ear for departmental rulings, but purple and green inks have been used to a considerable extent there. The former color is the commoner, both are very striking. In a way it is too bad that colored inks are not allowed, in another way it is a good thing for the hobby.

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SPECIALISM OR GENERALISM

By Fred. J. Melville.

"The world is my parish," quoth the eminent John Wesley, and the most distinguished philatelists have been those who, instead of restricting themselves to the stamps of a particular country took the whole world into their sphere of philatelic interest.

It is, however, a common plaint with the philatelist of today that it is impossible to secure a complete set of the postage stamps of the world. The impossibility of the ideal or absolutely complete collection is certain, and on this account many have restricted themselves to the accumulation and study of the stamps of a particular country or group of countries. This form of collecting is termed "specialism" in contrast to the other school of collecting, "generalism," in which are comprised the stamps of all countries.

Unhappily for the social element at the meetings of philatelic societies, specialism has dwindled the attendances and dulled the liveliness that once was a feature at these assemblies. The members who attend are mostly specialists having little or no interest outside their own limited sphere. They are in fact ill roasted eggs "all on the one side." The learned lecturer who takes three-quarters of an hour to read a purely technical paper on the stamps of the first issues of Jhalawar cannot hope to succeed in entertaining the enthusiasts who know no interest outside the stamps of the Dominican Republic or perhaps Bangkok.

To compile a really fine specialised collection of the stamps of one country requires far more philatelic knowledge than to form an interesting and much larger general collection. The specialist, by taking into account the most minute points of difference in his specimens, provides for himself a task as difficult, if not more so, than that of the general collector. Many a would-be specialist has found the long, wearisome hunt for the slightest variations in types and perforations too heavy a tax upon his energies and his purse. He is glad to return to the wider field of generalism as he acknowledges with Mandrake, "This glass is too big, take it away, I'll drink out of the bottle."

The chief objection to the general collector is that he almost necessarily becomes a smatterer, knowing a little of everything yet learned in nothing. As a pastime pure and simple, however, the general collector has the advantage over the specialist in that he may roam whither he will in his philatelic studies and may "Let observation with extensive view
Survey mankind from China to Peru."

The collector is often in doubt as to which is the better of these two schools of philatelic study. He has perhaps been a "generalist" for some time, and begins to think he should specialise. But there are so many countries to select from that it is difficult to decide upon one. In this matter no advice can be given; each collector must determine for himself which country he thinks possesses the greatest fascination or interest for him, and act accordingly. If he takes no interest in any particular country then he may as well give up the idea of specialising in the stamps of one nation. Possibly the remarks of Socrates on the selection of a wife would be applicable to the would-be specialist without a notion of any particular country to choose for specialism. "Whether he should choose one or not, he would repent it."

For the beginner in stamp collecting, however, there is but one course to pursue. Everyone should start with a general collection. To become a successful philatelist this is absolutely necessary. The early stages of general collecting form the apprenticeship through which every collector must go if he wishes to become a master craftsman. In the making of the general collection he will acquire very considerable knowledge of the world's stamps, which will stand him in excellent stead when he begins to specialise. Without this groundwork the beginner who launches straightway into specialism will encounter numerous obstacles with which he will be quite unable to cope. After struggling with them for a few weeks or perhaps months, he will lay aside the stamp album and will ever afterwards regard collecting as an inexplicable and inane pastime.

Experience has, however, shown that the one who forms a small general collection is better fitted to make a successful specialist. Such philatelists are the mainstay of the popularity of the hobby, for with them "to be once a collector is to be always a collector."

Used or Unused Stamps? A matter of considerable importance in starting a collection is to decide whether it shall contain used or unused postage stamps or both. Some collectors take only one kind, while others take every stamp that they can get whether used or unused.

As a rule unused stamps are better than used ones in point of value. In only a few cases can unused stamps be procured from dealers at a less sum than used specimens cost. Then the unused stamp is the more perfect for studying the type, the paper, perforation, and the gum. To many the unused stamp appeals because it is not likely to be worth less than its face value and it looks better in the album than the used specimen. Neither of these considerations, however, need carry any weight with the real student of stamps.

Used stamps are, on the whole, much cheaper than unused ones, and many collectors pin their faith to them on account of their having actually done duty through the post. If all stamp collectors had accepted only stamps that had been passed through the post, there would be no speculative or unnecessary commemorative issues created solely for making profit on their sale to collectors. The collector of used stamps should always see that he selects lightly, though clearly, postmarked copies. Some philatelists like to have only stamps on which they can plainly distinguish the postmark, and certainly if the postmark is to be considered part of the used stamp the more perfectly defined it is the better. A smudgy obliteration can have no interest for anyone.

The Expense of Philately. The point is constantly being raised that stamp collecting is a hobby that entails great expense. This very belief has precluded thousands from the knowledge of the great joys of the philatelist in the pursuit of his pastime. Nothing can be more unjust to the hobby, or more distant from the truth. It is true that no one without the wealth of a Carnegie or a Vanderbilt or a Ferrary can attain to anything approaching perfect completeness in a collection of the postage stamps of the world. But the philatelist's pleasure is gained in the determined effort to get together the best and most representative collection that he can in his especial and individual circumstances. The infinity of stamp collecting is its greatest advantage over many another hobby.

The primary object in collecting anything is to secure a complete set of the articles in question. In the case of stamps this is impossible. It is an aim which no philatelist can reach absolutely. But from the endeavour to approach it he can derive incalculable pleasure. The expense of the hobby can therefore be governed by the circumstances of the collector. A small general album is to its humble owner as fascinating as an accumulation of great rarity is to the millionaire collector, who has a secretary to amass his specimens and to arrange them when procured.

The most interesting stamps are the stamps of no great pretentions to rarity or exclusiveness. The only interest attaching to great rarities is that there is perhaps only a single specimen known, and that therefore only one man (he who can afford to pay the highest price) may enjoy the privilege of possessing it. This does not affect the universal pleasure that may be derived from stamps. The fact that one man alone possesses a particular stamp does not preclude the ordinary collector from enjoying the charms of the hobby, which consist not in the exclusive possession of a certain stamp, but in the bringing together of a number, more or less great, of specimens to form a representative collection of the world's postage stamps. The man who spends large sums of money on getting together simply a big collection may not be so true a philatelist as he who, with less means, forms a carefully selected and judiciously arranged one. Indeed, the case of the philatelist is analogous to that of the cook as described by the steward of Molière's miser: "There is no difficulty," said he, "in giving a fine dinner with plenty of money. The really great cook is he who can set out a banquet with no money at all."

The Season for Philately. Stamp collecting is essentially an indoor pastime for the great majority of its disciples. True, there are some enthusiasts who, having their time in their own hands, devote much of that time to travels abroad in search of "fresh fields and pastures new," where they can discover the gems and novelties of the philatelic world. But to stamp collectors generally it is

"When dark December glooms the day
And take our autumn joys away."

that the chief delight in the album of stampic treasures is to be found. Philately's great season is winter, when the brilliance of the summer's sun no longer charms one out from his domestic shell, when the photographer can no more secure good pictures, and the motorist's iron steed is hibernating in the remoteness of a cellar.

But although the active work of the stamp collector is chiefly performed during the winter months, the enthusiast cannot allow himself to be entirely dead to his hobby during the months of summer. The garden amateur's greatest joy is doubtless to see the results of his labour in the time of sunshine; but his hobby keeps him busy for months before the effects of his efforts become apparent. It is so even with the philatelist.

Naturally enough, salable stamps do not procure such high prices in the summer time as they do when in winter thousands of eager eyes are constantly scanning auction catalogues, bargain lists, and club sheets in search of their particular requirements. Thus it happens that the collector who purchases specimens judiciously in the "close season" adds to his collection at a cost much less than the collector who buries his album in summer and brings it out again only when poularity and enthusiasm are both tending to raise prices to their highest point.

The collector who decides to make stamp collecting his winter hobby should, therefore, not scorn bargains that may crop up during the season that he devotes to any outdoor sport. He need not give his albums any attention whatever, but, if he procures stamps cheaply during summer, his pleasure will be heightened in the winter when he comes to arrange his summer acquisitions in his albums.—*A B C of Stamp Collecting.*

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I have known women who collected postage stamps, and who were enthusiastic about it, but I have always thought they were like bearded ladies or crowing hens. They found themselves with an urge for collecting stamps, and they could not resist the urge, so they collected stamps, but undoubtedly their female friends thought there must be something queer about them. Women are not natural stamp collectors, as men are.

On the other hand, I believe, almost no wives can think with pleasure of their husbands' stamp collections. It seems to me that most wives hate their husbands' stamp collections and would be glad to have them burned or stolen. This is rather queer, when you come to think of it. Wives often take real pride and pleasure in their husbands' collections of old furniture, oil paintings and Chinese jade. Yet, if they do not actually groan out loud when they see their husbands take up a postage stamp catalogue, they do groan mentally. Why is it that wives detest their husbands' stamp collecting fads?

I have given this considerable thought, because I am like a great many men and do not like to do anything that makes my wife groan, even mentally. On the other hand, I have a stamp-collecting mania that is so strong, and which gives me so much pleasure and satisfaction, that I cannot give it up. Why do so many men—even important men, and strong, wholesome men—have this actual mania for collecting postage stamps, and keep at it even when they are aware that it makes their wives a little unhappy, if not very unhappy?

An answer to this seems to be nestled in the way in which I began collecting stamps the second time over twenty years ago, never to stop again. I had collected stamps when I was a boy, in the usual boyish way, buying from one-cent approval sheets. Presently I got into High School, left High School to go to work, wanted to be an author, worked hard all day and wrote at night. When I was 27 I came to New York, and the next year I was married. I began the publication of a trade magazine with a friend, and in 1906, when I was 36, I had my first really successful story published as a book, which brought me what was, for me, quite a little money.

For 26 years, then, I had been too busy to play much. When I was 10 years old, and collecting stamps, I never had enough money to buy what stamps I needed to complete even one set, let alone one country. This left me with an incompleted desire, which hung about somewhere in the back of my mind, I suppose. I had never had an opportunity to play with stamps as completely as I desired.

When my book was published and I saw I could make a good enough living by writing — and had a good sum of money in hand—I took my wife and little daughter and went to Paris. We spent seven months there, and my small daughter was put in a kindergarten near by where we had an apartment. She was so small that one or another of us always took her to school and went for her, a short walk up Boulevard Raspail. It rained every day. One day, walking home down the Boulevard Raspail with my daughter, I saw a postage stamp on the walk. The rain had loosened it from the envelope, and the stamp lay face down. I stooped and picked it up, and it was a Swiss stamp. I put it in my memorandum book, and put the book in my pocket, and from that moment I was a postage stamp collector again.

My wife and I were collecting cameos in Paris, and she was even more enthusiastic about cameos than I was. She is still interested in them. But I know she does not care at all for my postage stamps, and I often think she hates them. In this she is like all other wives, and I do not blame her or them—but I keep on collecting. What is the answer to all this?

The answer is that all men, no matter how sedate and mature and grandfatherly they may become, have still a lot of boy in them. They reach a time when they have a little leisure and up from the hidden places comes the boyishness—and a good thing, too! It keeps them young to have something boyish to play with. It is the same normal urge that sets the oldest dog leaping now and then. But a girl was never a boy. Girls, even the little tots, have in them a seed of nature that is to find its finest development in motherhood. The future of the girl is to be a mother, and all her natural instincts are toward motherhood. While the boy plays with his stamps the girl plays with dolls. The doll instinct in girls is the motherhood instinct; the collecting instinct in boys is the beginning of the "provider" instinct—getting things.

When the boy grows to manhood he thinks of things that gave him pleasure. He remembers how much he enjoyed stamps but how he was handicapped by lack of means and lack of knowledge, and he wants to try it again, and he finds it is as fascinating as ever. But his wife never did care for stamps—she was caring for dolls—and she is a little jealous of this return of her husband to a period when she did not know him. He is going back to a happiness that was before her day. She feels toward his stamps much as she would feel toward some girl her husband knew in the days before he knew her who is now his wife. I might almost say she feels exactly the same. It is a form of jealousy. Your wife is jealous of your stamps because they are something you liked before you met her. You are bringing an old sweetheart into your home.

I will let someone else tell you how to make all this nice and satisfactory and pleasing to your wife and mine. One way, I have sometimes thought, would be to give your wife twice as much money as you spend on stamps; when you spend a dollar on stamps, give your wife two dollars. That might work. It would tell her that you care at least twice as much for her as for the old stamp sweetheart. But I don't know. I doubt if anyone has yet found an entirely satisfactory way to bring an old sweetheart into the home. I am afraid we boys will just have to be boys, and play with our own playthings, and—now that we understand why our wives are not keen for our stamps—perhaps we need not worry about it. It is merely the difference between male human nature and female human nature. With the ladies it is "Once a woman, always a woman," and with us it is "Once a boy, always something of a boy."

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front of the cover, and French in a similar one on the back, or vice versa, and a few with the same language on both sides have been reported.***The Edmonton-Aklavik covers have not arrived as I write this, but they have lots farther to go. Additional flights on this route are to take place approximately Jan. 21 and March 25th, and should certainly be collectible.***Miss J. Sutherland, Stamp Vendor, Post Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and A. A. M. S. No. 926, says that she will be pleased to fill orders for current Canadian air or regular issues at face. She asks that remittance be sent by money order, and allowance made for return postage on self addressed envelope which should accompany your order.

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Baltimore Aircraft Show covers apparently came in in good order. Good cachet, different colors daily, Dec. 9-14.*** Several have reported covers from Hollister, Calif., Dec. 7, either with a cachet, or simply typed, "Dedication of Turner Field, May 11, 1929." The unanimity of covers mailed on this date makes it look like a postponed affair, after covers had been marked for the original day but I'd like authentic information.***Belleville, Kans., dedicated Dec. 14, neat cachet in red.***Add Portland, Ore., to the list of cities from which we have Armistice Day cachets. About 250 mailed, magenta and blue compound.***Portland also used a Dec. 17th cachet, but the letter telling me of it was evidently delayed, reaching here only a few days before that date. The Swan type cachet was used—applied by Multnomah Stamp Co. and Robt. W. Meinhoff, Jr.

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Seem to have missed mentioning the dedication at Springfield, Ore., Oct. 6—264 mailed, cachet by P. M.***Extension cities on CAM 9 celebrated an anniversary Dec. 15th, and we find cachets from Neenah, Menasha, and Appleton, all with a cachet worded for Appleton; colors blue or magenta.***I am corrected on the New Haven, Conn., "dedication" written up a while ago. This was simply a ground breaking ceremony, though reported in many press articles as a dedication. The big event will follow some time in the future.***Lawrence, Kans., also reported as a dedication, now turns out to have been a meet only, the dedication having been postponed till spring, when the C. of C. will apply a cachet.

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Mark off Detroit Lakes, Minn., Bristol, Conn., Petersburg, Va., and Valdosta, Ga., as not planning anything special.*** Auburn, Me., C. of C. expresses regret for having pulled the wrong one in returning covers in the mail, but says they will announce it fully when they are ready to dedicate next year.***Natchitoches, La., C. of C. will have a cachet for dedication within 2 or 3 months, and asks that covers be sent along at any time.*** Abilene, Tex., postpones till spring, but will hold covers.***Elizabethtown, Tenn., returns covers, and asks that they be sent in after June 1st.***Paris, Tex., C. of C. will have a dedicatory cachet quite soon. ***International Balloon Races go to Cleveland next year, in October.***Sacramento, Cal., will dedicate in the spring. C. of C. hasn't decided on a cachet yet.

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Selvy A. Davis tells me that the Goodyear blimp en route to winter quarters in Florida carried unofficially 7 letters from Alabama to Florida.***Medford, Ore., 1st flight from the new airport, Oct. 2, mailed 15,000 letters! Formal dedication takes place next July 3, 4 and 5.***Roswell, N. Mex., figures: Dec. 4—2,235; 5th—1,229. Mr. R. L. Eberhard states that a number of unaddressed covers were received for the special mailing, so if you have missed any of yours, you might write him.

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Lots of news this week, thanks to the following contributors: Robert Rübsamen, Allen P. Harding, Clarence A. Johnson, Anna M. Schafer, H. Nelson Rolfe, *Selvy A. Davis, Geo. Nowobilski, Roderic S. Leland, *Charles Stern, Multnomah Stamp Co., Miss J. Sutherland, A. C. Roessler, Albert Winter, ***Clarence A. Loescher, *H. M. Brehm, *Earl Thomas, Kingdom and Kingdom, *Robt. W. Meinhoff, Billy Buck, Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., Paul Hoeber, Jr., and R. L. Eberhard. I'm always glad to welcome the old reliables, but it is also a special pleasure to write in this list several new names, as I do each week. In answer to several inquiries recently received, the * before a name acknowledges with thanks a cover received from that particular person.

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(Information in regard to new issues and varieties will be welcome. If reply be necessary, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Curacao. — *Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* informs us that the remaining stocks of the Air Post provisionals were burnt in October, and the following table shows the numbers printed and destroyed:

Numbers printed:—9,800 of 50 cents, 14,800 of 1 gulden, 7,800 of 2 gulden.

Numbers burnt:—220 of 50 cents, 5,296 of 1 gulden, and 193 of 2 gulden.

Cyprus.—We are advised that the 4 and 12 piastres stamps are unobtainable and no more are to be issued, as these two denominations are to be dispensed with.

Guatemala.—Mr. John G. Kuespert reports that the air mail provisional surcharged "Servicio Postal Aereo. De Q 003" on 2.50 pesos should have been listed under Guatemala and not Nicaragua as previously reported.

New issues have been received from countries noted below and are reported by Mr. R. Roberts of London:

Andorra.—A line engraved set printed by the Fabrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, no watermark, perf. 14. There are five different types, the peseta values depict the representatives of the Council General, 10, 20 and 50c, S. Julia de Loria; 15 and 25c, Santa Caloma; 2c and 30c, La. Vall and 5c and 40c S. Juan de Caselles. Colors are 2c sage green, 5c claret, 10c green, 15c slate blue, 20c violet, 25c carmine, 30c sepia, 40c deep blue, 50c orange, 1P grey, 4P lilac rose, 10P brown.

China.—The 1½c violet, 8c deep orange, 10c deep blue and 13c yellow-brown have been re-engraved by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and are on sale at the local Post Offices.

Newfoundland.—6c blue, Dickinson print has appeared. The new plate shows a thick line of shading added on the inside of each of the Doric columns, and the thick line of shading in the words "Six Cents" which extends to the right end of the tablet has disappeared. No watermark, perf. 14.

Portugal.—Camoens set in six values has been overprinted "Porte franco 1930" in red. The values are 40c purple, 50c vermilion, 96c carmine, 1E60c indigo, 3E blue on blue, and 20E purple on lilac.

Switzerland.—New pictorial set Pro-Juventute, no watermark, perf. 11 x 11½, 5+5c purple and orange, 10+5c russet brown and sky blue, 20+5c red-brown and bright blue, and 30+10c indigo. The stamps are of photogravure process.

Union of South Africa.—"OFFICIAL" and "OFFISIEEL" reading down without stop. The surcharge is on the current local print Union stamps.

Whitfield King & Co. send for note the following:

Albania.—AZ stamps of 1927 additionally surcharged "Mbr. Shqiptare" with old value blocked out in black, 1q on 50q grey-green, 5q on 25q blue, and 15q on 10q carmine.

Costa Rica.—The 40c green Telegraph stamp has been surcharged "CORREOS—13—CENTIMOS" in three lines in black.

Mexico.—Air Post stamp of 20c denomination has been issued in sepia.

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"VARIETIES"

A TALE OF THE RANGE IN WHICH THERE IS A TINGE OF PHILATELY

By EDWIN B. HILL, Ysleta, Tex.

Jimmy O'., true to promise, was at the ranche to greet us. He looked us over, and then the old whimsical smile broke over his face.

"Home again! Interesting trip, you had, I believe?"

Bill grinned as he hung one leg over the door.

"Jimmy O'., it sure was one grand trip. We rode an' rode, an' then we spent two-three days explorin' a cliff dwelling. Ole Timer, here, wouldn't let me write my name on the wall,—said, by heck! it wasn't any autygraft album,—that there wall there. So yuh see, Jimmy O'., posterity loses."

Jimmy O'. looked hard at Bill, who launched forth in a minute description of the ruins which put me to shame. Seemingly, he knew every last feature of the ruin,—describing the rooms accurately, even to the marks of the children's hands on the south wall. I said nothing. Jimmy O'. turned toward the bunkhouse.

"But how under heaven do you know all this, Bill?" I asked, round-eyed.

"Me? Oh, I made one trip up there to look it over and Hank's sister told me the rest. Here you're drug in again. Maybe the sheriff ambles along, later on, and asks questions. That's what I'd call an alibi,—you backin' up my play."

Considering the facts in the case, I saw I was in for some perjury.

Bill immediately got busy looking things over. I parked the flivver under the shed, where they had been parked for years—not this particular flivver, but numerous sisters that had come and gone the way of ancientry. Then I prowled, looking for the old landmarks. All was familiar, after the lapse of years, even to the ruins of a saddle in the mesquite tree. I looked it over. Then a voice aroused me.

"Yep. Same saddle. Ole Poncho 'lowed he'd outgrown it, an' he proceeded to hang it there fifteen-twenty year ago—mebbe thirty. 'Taint much of a saddle, an' it never was."

I turned. There was old Bill, unchanged through the years. I nearly fell upon him,—it was so good to see another familiar face. Twenty years! He had aged none, while I "showed signs," as he expressed it.

Then we talked and talked, renewing old memories of men on and off the range. Bill, it was disclosed, was a sort of man-of-all-work. He could ride when he pleased, aiding the cowboys in a pinch, but his chief job was keeping the equipment up and ready for use, and acting as a secondary cook. In this he was expert. The other duties were assumed.

When dinner was over, and the cookshack cleared of the debris, I ambled over. Old Bill was reading a book, his spectacles on the end of his nose, his face buried in the page. I eyed him curiously. Old Bill looked up. A grin spread over his face as he waved me to a vacant chair.

"This here book here, which same cost me a dollar and a dime, explains how you can be young at seventy. And this here one here"—old Bill fished up a companion from his war-bag—"tells yuh how to live to be a hundred. Heck! What's the use o' bein' a hundred er two when you've seen it all years afore? Now listen t' what yuh got t' drink:

Old Bill studied the page, then he read aloud:

"'Water is essential to life. Do not drink boiled water, it contains lime. Get water from a spring and drink at least two or three quarts a day.'"

"Now what d'ye think o' that? Fine an' *grande!* But listen to this one."

Here Bill swapped books, thumbed the pages, and began:

"'Water is necessary to life. Do not drink spring water unless it has been boiled', 'et cetery an' so on. Now what d'yuh think o' that? An' yuh mustn't not eat sugar er drink coffee er cooked things er meat—'cept chicken. Think o' that! Chicken! An' biled water—'specially when ye're out on the range an' you've lost yer matches—an' the calves is bawlin' an' their ma's is shore on the peck—an' the dust chokes yuh. An' do yuh pause to bile water,—right then when yuh got a thirst somethin' fierce? Yuh do not! Yuh thank Gawd yuh got a canteen! An' if yuh meet up with one o' them drug-store cowboys strayed from off a dude ranche, an' near dyin' o' thirst, havin' not tied his horse t' th' groun', do yuh stop t' bile water? No, sir! Yuh feed it to him slow an' small. No time t' waste a-bilin'!"

Old Bill chuckled.

"I sure get a fine kick out o' these here discards here,—an' the boys joke about it an' kid me an' think I take it serious. Me? I'm seventy years young, a chap says what rode the range with me three-four months. He wasn't much of a cowboy, an' he knew it. But I tell yuh what—he sure had got a gran' c'lection! It's over in the bunk-house now. He's off somewheres—six-seven day's ride—comes in when he feels the hunch. Kind-a belongs three-four ranches."

As I started toward the bunk-house, Bill called after me:

"Top-shelf—left—as yuh go in."

I read the titles of the volumes on the lower shelves. There was of course "The Virginian"—worn nearly round from much reading; "Arizona Nights," another classic of the range; Will James's books, O. Henry, and perhaps two-score more in various conditions of decrepitude. Old Bill had worked over them and patched their raggedness into semblance of originality. He had built a case for them out of Arbuckle coffee boxes, the lettering showing through the stain. It was a nice bit of cabinet-making, materials considered. And then the "modern stuff!" Four volumes of ruins over which the cowboys chuckled and grew hilarious. They quoted and found meanings where none existed. And after an evening's dissipation and discussion, one would solemnly assure another,—

"The trees sway up!" with the answering assurance,—"Where swims the bloody sun!" It was all too funny for words. The resultant profanity was the sole distinguishable feature of the explanatory high-brow conversation. All this came, however, in days to follow.

"It shore 's plum' scand'lous,—this bunch o' stuff misnamed liter'toor," declared old Bill, who had followed later. Bill then dragged down a volume I had passed, opened it, and looked at me quizzically:

"This here—er—whatever his name is—shore can ladle out langwidge understood by th' e-lect. That lets me out graceful like an' otherwise. Lissen t' this":

Old Bill then proceeded to read from a sadly battered and tattered copy of a nameless ruin a series of descriptions which used up a lot of misplaced words, twisted and distorted into meanings wholly outside the pale Modern. We who continue to use language of older vintage eschew it.

"Yes, sir. One o' the boys goes t' town an' totes back them there four books there—I ain't mended 'em yet—some with the leaves gone, fer which favor we're trooly grateful. But they's enough o' the stuff left t' bring gray hairs in sorrer to th' grave—not havin' any. Yes, sir. That there cowboy 'lows he paid two bits fer them there four of 'em. He shore got stang that time!"

There was a step outside.

"Here he is now—him bein' the lit'ry light o' this here ranche."

It was a youngish cowboy who had just ridden in. He nodded to me, and then turned to old Bill:

"Yuh kin git eddicated down to that there stuff, Bill,—shore yuh kin,—but why spend yer young life experimentin'? Stick to th' classics!"

"Meanin'?"

"Stamps—stamps an' the WEEKLY,—the c'lecter's Bible!"

Then he picked up his forgotten quirt, forked his horse, and rode away, while old Bill fumbled amongst the files to find the next to the last number of the WEEKLY, its successor not having been recovered from Jimmy O's. effects.

"I got a fine c'lection, too, but mine's mainly varieties—different issues, maybe, but sure an interestin' study."

Bill continued his search, his back toward me.

"Come around this evenin' an' I'll show 'em to yuh."

Then, having recovered the next-to-the-last issue, Bill drifted, and I continued to look over the ruins.

Just before sundown young Bill rode in. We talked, and then I asked him of old Bill's collection.

"Like to see it? Come over here." Bill grinned.

We peeped out of the door. There was old Bill, issuing forth from the cookshack, a tin pan in one hand and a spoon in the other. He tapped the tin. From all directions came a coterie of cats—cats everywhere! I had never seen so many cats at one time. The animals swarmed around him, rubbing against his legs. Then he scattered scraps of meat, and the c'lection proceeded to get busy.

I stepped into the open.

"Fine collection you have, Bill. Rare varieties, I take it. What's the name of that sorrel over there?"

"That there one there 's named Delilah, an' this here one here 's name's Samson. An' that one's named fer Bill, an' this one fer Jimmy O'. That one—I ain't sure whether it's Joseph er Josephine. Then there's George Washin'ton an' all the presidents I recollec'—an' Abigail an' Mary an' Martha. An' that there one over there rubbin' agin yer laig I ain't rightly called yet."

Bill studied awhile. Then he grinned.

"B'jinks, Ole Timer,—yes, sir,—I'll name 'im after you-all!"

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